

## NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 5 JANUARY 2024

# MEMBERS' INFORMATION

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# NEWS AND INFORMATION

## AGENDA & REPORTS

### PUBLISHED WEEK COMMENCING

1 January 2024

Baldock and District Area Forum – 15 January 2024

Cabinet – 16 January 2024

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING

8 January 2024

Overview and Scrutiny - 9 January 2024

### CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS WEEK COMMENCING

1 January 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	

### VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS WEEK COMMENCING

1 January 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	

### OTHER EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING

1 January 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	

## Community & Partnerships Executive Member briefing – December 2023

### Community & Licensing

#### Community Safety

- The ASB injunction that was due to be heard on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 was adjourned, due to no judge being available, until 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The interim injunction was extended until that date. This injunction has contributed to the drop in ASB cases reported to police.
- NHC CSP have been able to secure in excess of 50 vouchers for the HollieGuard app. This is an app that promotes women's safety and usually costs £80 annually. The vouchers have been issued to North Herts college students, who are taking the Uniform protective services course. They have been instrumental in helping the CSP to run pro-active campaigns re women's safety (hotel and taxi test purchasing) as well as knife test purchases. It is hoped that they will promote the use of the app to other students/friends.
- The 'soft' launch of the North Herts women's safety charter was held on the 21 November. Good attendance from local licensees. Guest speakers were well received.

### Democratic Services

#### Committee Services

- Recruitment regarding the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer role - the job has been offered and awaiting HR process to accept formally.
- There were no applicants shortlisted for interview regarding the Scrutiny Officer role, which is now being re-advertised on the Council website and via the Essex County Council job board, to widen the reach of potential applicants. Deadline for applications - midday on Monday 15 January 2024.
- Arranged and held extraordinary meetings of both O&S and Cabinet in December to consider, mainly, the Waste and Recycling Contract and Leisure Contract.
- Supported Licensing through a Sub-Committee hearing on Friday 8 December.
- Continuing to prepare and promote the Chair's Civic Event and Awards on 1 March 2024. Tickets are on sale and raffle prizes being sought from local businesses.
- Working on plans for the new Civic Year, including Members Induction programme and calendar.

#### Electoral Services

- Concluded the annual canvass and published the revised register of

electors for 2023-2024. Final completion rate was 97.3%.

- Following the register publication, the team is now working on the distribution of the register to the various entitled recipients, including elected members, credit reference agencies and entitled government bodies.
- The May 2024 elections have been built within our Electoral Management System and booking polling station venues and contacting staff regarding their availability to work at the elections has begun. Stock checks have been undertaken to identify any gaps in equipment which need to be addressed, plans are being finalised for room/space requirements at DCO and Royal Mail postal voting licences for the new district wards have been set up.
- The AEA Eastern region branch meeting was held last week, which included updates from DLUHC and the Electoral Commission, as well as a training session on cross boundary election arrangements which was useful with one eye on the impending UK Parliamentary General Election. To this end, we have also recently met with Central Bedfordshire council to discuss cross boundary arrangements because the new parliamentary constituency boundaries require us to work alongside them for the first time at the next election.
- We have also attended training on the implementation on the latest measures of the Elections Act 2022 – namely the changes to the overseas electors' franchise. These changes will see the removal of the 15-year rule which currently exists and will go live from January 2024.
- Finally, BID ballots for Royston (30 Nov) and Hitchin and Letchworth (7 Dec) have closed and the results have been declared.

### Policy & Community Services

Throughout November, we have been busy coordinating various partnership networks and events and the provision of ongoing Community and Member support.

#### Policy, Community & Partnerships

- Ongoing facilitation of Area Forum meetings and councillor's surgeries.
- Ongoing support of Needham House asylum seekers and support group.
- Attended various groups and networking opportunities including Youth Action Network and HCC

- Annual Voluntary and Community Sector conference, various school visits with Councillors and Ward Walks, attendance at the Interfaith Forum AGM, Holocaust Memorial Day preparation with NH Interfaith forum.
- Ongoing work to provide updates on the Climate Hive Engagement page – including Green Careers week and the use of thermal imaging cameras.
- Assessment of Community Investment Fun applications
- Successful support of the Remembrance Sunday event in Letchworth Garden City. Officers worked in partnership with the Letchworth BID and Royal British Legion and other groups to make sure the roads were closed, and the event proceeded without incident.
- Support of Youth Democracy Day in the Council Chamber.
- Resources support of Baldock Eco-fest.
- Policy participation at the Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership – presentation of countywide Bio-diversity action plan and facilitation at workshop – the event was filmed by Channel 4.

#### Community Wellbeing

- The Healthy Hub drop-ins are now scheduled to the end of the year. Further information can be found [HERE](#)
- Ongoing Cooking with Carers course running with Herts Carers this week in Knebworth funded by HSF4.
- Delivering food education class in Baldock for adults with learning disabilities.
- Healthy Hub delivering various family activities in Hitchin, Knebworth, Letchworth and Royston in November.
- Ongoing support of NHS health checks provided by Health Improvement Team, taking place in the CSC at DCO. Uptake is good and all appointments are fully booked.

#### Safeguarding

- On-going Safeguarding Team Leader recruitment.
- Revised internal Corporate Safeguarding monthly update held to update and share good practice from HSAB/HSCP with all Designated Safeguarding council officers.

## Council Activity

### **Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 (HUG2)**

Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 is live and details can be found on our webpage. [Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](#) Residents can sign up via the HUG website or by calling the Energy Saving Trust. Further mailouts will follow to target areas as well as posters directed to stakeholders.

### **Solar Together**

The second round of Solar Together has now closed for registrations as has the window for accepting offer recommendations. North Herts received a total of 897 registrations and 185 households have accepted their solar pv recommendation. The price achieved for the average 14-panel system within this scheme is 34% cheaper than the typical market price for an equivalent system. [Solar Together | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Climate Hive Engagements**

The Climate Hive now has 325 subscribers and we continue to update users with the latest climate activity such as the HUG2 launch, COP28 and use of Thermal Imaging Cameras. We encourage staff to take a look at the [Hive](#) and post their climate tips.

### **Exec Member Sustainability Q&A**

We are running a Q&A opportunity throughout January for residents to ask the Exec Member for Environment, Cllr Steve Jarvis, sustainability-related questions. Questions can be submitted via the Climate Hive or by emailing [environmentpanel@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:environmentpanel@north-herts.gov.uk). Questions will be reviewed and put to Cllr Jarvis for responses. Look out for the answers on the Hive.

### **Biodiversity Duty**

We have undertaken an initial review of actions we can take to enhance and conserve biodiversity as per the government requirement for January. For more information look for 'Biodiversity' on our climate change page. [Climate change | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](#)

*For queries or comments, please contact the Policy & Strategy Team at [environmentpanel@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:environmentpanel@north-herts.gov.uk)*

## **Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS)**

Heat decarbonisation plans have been created for our three leisure sites. We have utilised these plans to submit an application to the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme for works to decarbonise our leisure facilities. We will find out the outcome of our application by mid-March. We have been notified our application is currently being assessed. Consultants have also conducted site visits of the leisure facilities to determine more details of construction, should we be successful.

## **EV Charging Funding**

Negotiations are near finalisation with the provider for charge points as part of ORCS (On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme), installations are due to be complete by Autumn. We have identified potential sites for use of LEVI (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) for when funds are made available.

## **Solar for Business**

A discussion paper on Solar for Business is due to go to leadership in January, with updates to follow.

## **COP28 round up**

Following COP28 in Dubai in Dec 2024 we have compiled a round-up of key decisions, discussions and actions arising from the conference and posted this on the Climate Hive. [COP28 Highlights](#)

## **Community Investment Fund**

The Community Investment Fund is now closed. Applications have been reviewed and will go to the panel on 18<sup>th</sup> January for consideration.

## Headlines

### **LEP Retrofit skills**

Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is currently undertaking research, funded by Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), to shape the county's Retrofit Skills Plan, and invites the input of industry, academia and local government and anyone involved in retrofit to complete the survey to help shape how the funding is spent. [Take the survey.](#)

## Ofgem regional energy planning roles

Ofgem has announced it will create regional energy planning roles across Great Britain to improve local energy planning to speed up the transition to net zero. Regional Energy Strategic Planners (RESPs) will work with organisations at local levels including local government and gas and electricity networks. [Ofgem green lights regional energy planning roles to speed up net zero transition | Ofgem](#)

## Warm Spaces Toolkit

The government has released a cold weather advice toolkit for local organisations to develop or help improve warm spaces in their local area over winter. [Warm spaces in England: an evidence review and toolkit for local organisations - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

## Clean Air Night

Clean Air Night is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Take a look at [CleanAirNight](#) for more information.

## Sustainability Tips

### Sustainable Christmas?

How did you make your Christmas more sustainable? Did you try something new that you'll continue next year? The discussion page is still open to share your tips over on the [Climate Hive](#).

### Veganuary

Make an impact on your carbon footprint by reducing your dairy and meat intake this month with Veganuary. [Veganuary 2024 | Home | The Go Vegan 31 Day Challenge](#)

### Thermal Imaging Cameras

Find out more about thermal imaging and how you can loan a camera, save money on your energy bills and reduce your carbon emissions. Head to the North Herts Climate Hive. [North Herts Council: North Herts Climate Hive: Thermal Imaging Cameras \(civilspace.io\)](#)



## Plastic Free & Sustainable Period Products

Reusable period products save waste, reduce plastic and cost less. Fact! There are lots of options to choose from and are better for you and the planet but saving money and reducing waste. Hertfordshire Residents can apply for a 15% discount on the purchase of reusable period pads, pants and cups. Residents can apply here [Herts Sustainable Periods | Hertfordshire County Council](#) .



## HEAT Energy App

The HEAT Herts Energy Advice Tool, an energy saving app continues to be available for residents to download and use. The app is designed to take residents through their home and fill in a survey to identify how they can reduce their energy usage in order to save money on bills and help the environment.

The app is available for both Android and iOS users:

[Download the HEAT app for Apple devices](#)

[Download the HEAT app for Android devices](#)





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**RIPA QUARTERLY UPDATE  
4th QUARTER 2023  
(LEGAL & COMMUNITY)**

# **MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE**

## **RIPA Quarterly Update**

Members may recall that it was considered that quarterly reports should be made to Overview and Scrutiny Committee, even though RIPA is not currently being used, as this provided a useful mechanism to ensure that the issue of RIPA remained in the consciousness of Members (and Officers).

Due to the continued non-use of RIPA, it was felt by some members that this method of reporting was not the best use of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's time, and following advice from the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office, the Council shall now be reporting on the issue of RIPA via quarterly inclusion in MIS.

There have been no further RIPA authorisations since the last MIS note in September 2023. There are currently no ongoing RIPA authorisations.

It is important that the Council continues to operate in accordance with RIPA to ensure that it is able to effectively manage its reputational risk whilst also exercising its legitimate evidence gathering powers in connection with enforcement activity.

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**LEGAL & COMMUNITY  
COMMITTEE & MEMBER SERVICES**

# MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

## **An Introduction to Scrutiny for Councillors**

**19 January 2024 2pm-3.30pm – Virtual Workshop**

As part of its series of events for councillors, the LGA will be delivering a virtual event on the topic of scrutiny on 19 January 2024. The event will provide useful insight and practical assistance into being an effective scrutineer. An experienced member peer will share useful information and insight and the session will cover:

- The scrutiny context
- Leadership role
- Chairing
- Questioning techniques
- The critical friend balancing act

Confirmed speakers:

- Cllr Victoria Cusworth, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
- Helen Jenkins, Head of Leadership, Local Government Association

The course is recommended for Councillors who are new to overview and scrutiny or Councillors who have an interest in the overview and scrutiny function of a Council.

**Bookings can be made at this link [here](#).**

For further information please contact:

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01462 474655  
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## RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted <i>[if applicable]</i>	
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**SERVICE DIRECTORATE:** PLACE

**1. DECISION TAKEN**

1.1 To approve to hold a Muddy Monsters Herts & Beds youth cycling event using Butts Close, Hitchin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 between 09.00 hrs and 14.00 hrs.

**2. DECISION TAKER**

2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

**3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:**

3.1 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

**4. REASON FOR DECISION**

4.1 To support the organisers to provide an annual event for the whole community.

**5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 The organisers have approached North Herts Council to host this event. No other locations have currently been considered for this event.

**6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)**

6.1 Consultation has been undertaken with colleagues in the Safety Advisory Group.

**7. FORWARD PLAN**

7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

**8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

8.1 The organisers have approached NHC for approval to use this location for their event.

**9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The authority has an obligation to ensure that the public open spaces it maintains are at a standard that are safe for everyone to use. Additionally, the authority has an obligation to ensure that any environmentally sensitive environment is not damaged due to actions or intentions of others.

**10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no financial risks as this opportunity is generating income.

**11. RISK IMPLICATIONS**



11.1 There are no risk implications. However, risk assessments have been considered to endeavour that this is a safe event.

**12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

12.2 Central Government and national groups have expressed the continued importance of public Green Space in the health and well-being of communities. From April 2013 local authorities at county level are required to take on the statutory duty to improve the health of their communities as required by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and with it, to acquire many of the public health services currently the responsibility of the NHS. The use of open spaces, parks, playgrounds and relevant leisure facilities are promoted in terms of reducing the impact of obesity on long term health, the importance in the management of wellbeing and in aiding relaxation, as well as sensory' enjoyment.

**13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS**

13.1 The event is open to everyone.

**14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

14.1 There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this event.

**15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

15.1 This item of work is contained within the Place Directorate existing work programs.

**16. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

16.1 None

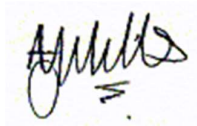
**17. APPENDICES**

17.1 None

**NOTIFICATION DATE - 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Signature of Executive Member Consulted .....Not Applicable.....**

**Date .....3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**



**Signature of Decision Taker .....**

**Please Note: that *unless urgency provisions apply* EXECUTIVE decisions cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days have elapsed after the decision has been taken to allow for scrutiny call-in.**

**Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

**EAST TEAM**

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
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**Barkway Parish Council**

23/02887/S73	Savills (UK) LtdMs Ms Lynette Swinburne Unex House, St John's Street, Peterborough , PE1 5DD, United Kingdom	Land Between Bush Wood and Rokey Wood, High St, Reed
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**Letchworth Garden City**

23/02665/NCS	Mr Surey Mr Surey 29 Wellesley Avenue, Iver, SL0 9BP	41 Lordship Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2BJ  Mr Mandeep Parmar  Single storey rear extension with the following dimension: Length as measured from rear wall of original dwelling - 6 metres
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23/02929/TCA	Paul McKenna Broadway, One Garden City, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3BF, United Kingdom	Land Rear Of 46 Ridge Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1PN  Paul McKenna  T1 Ash - Crown reduction of up to 3m removal of large broken branches and major deadwood.
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**Reed Parish Council**

23/02927/TCA	Mrs Alison Harrison Glebe House Church Lane, Reed, SG8 8AL, United Kingdom	Glebe House Church Lane Reed Hertfordshire SG8 8AL  Mrs Alison Harrison  T1, T3 Sycamore, T2 Ash - Fell to ground level.
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**Wallington**

23/02827/S73	Norman Mole Associates Mr Norman Mole 9 Westfield Road, Henlow, SG16 6BN, United Kingdom	15 The Street Wallington Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6SW  Mr. & Mrs. Rob Tucker  Variation of Condition 2 (Revised plans) of planning permission reference 23/00723/FPH granted on 15.05.2023.
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**WEST TEAM**

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
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**Codicote Parish Council**

23/02334/FPH Mr Peter McMahon 191 High Street  
191 High Street, Codicote, Hitchin, Codicote  
Hertfordshire, SG4 8UD Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG4 8UD

Mr Peter McMahon

Insertion of front and rear dormer windows to facilitate loft conversion into habitable accommodation.

#### **Graveley Parish Council**

23/02906/S73 Hancock Town Planning Mr Joel Chesfield Downs Golf Club  
Hancock Jacks Hill  
Hancock Town Planning Ltd, Hope Graveley  
Cottage, The Green, Claverdon, Hitchin  
CV35 8LL, United Kingdom Hertfordshire  
SG4 7EQ

Mr Mark Warne

Variation of condition 2 (revised plans) of planning permission 23/00420/FP granted 18.04.2023 for single storey extension to east elevation to provide indoor swimming pool and spa.

#### **Hitchin**

23/02814/FPH Miss Georgia Hayes Home 52 Browning Drive  
Extension Team Hitchin  
4 Brand Street, Hitchin, SG5 1HX, Hertfordshire  
United Kingdom SG4 0QR

Billing

Two storey front extension and single storey side and rear extensions following demolition of existing front porch and detached garage. Installation of fence to side boundary.

23/02952/TCA Martin Firth 20 The Chilterns  
20 The Chilterns, Hitchin, Hitchin  
Hertfordshire, SG4 9PP, United Hertfordshire  
Kingdom SG4 9PP

Martin Firth

Plum - Remove

#### **Ickleford Parish Council**

23/02889/FPH Your Plans UK Mr Harrison Eales 3 Longmeadow Drive  
Suite A2, Stevenage, Stevenage, Ickleford  
SG1 3UN Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG5 3TJ

Mr and Mrs Martin and Jess Hall

Extensions and alterations to existing attached side garage to facilitate conversion of garage to garden room/bedroom/store with first floor extension above. Alterations to fenestration and external rendering

#### **Knebworth Parish Council**

**NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
PLANNING CONTROL  
COUNCIL OFFICES, GERON ROAD, LETCHWORTH, HERTS SG6 3JF**

**LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 05/01/2024  
DEADLINE FOR COUNCILLORS' CALL IN: 25/01/2024**

23/02873/LBC	Donald Insall Associates Mrs Karen Teideman-Barrett Milton Hall, Ely Road, Cambridge, CB24 6WZ, United Kingdom	Knebworth House, Knebworth Park Old Knebworth
23/02892/FPH	Wyvern Partnership Mr Craig Whittaker 101 The Courtyard, Radway Green Business Centre, Crewe, CW2 5PR, SG3 6NS United Kingdom	1 Oakfields Road Knebworth Hertfordshire Mrs Amy Surrey  First floor rear extensions including juliet balcony and single storey side extension following demolition of existing garage. Insertion of two rear rooflights, external cladding and alterations to fenestration
23/02912/S73	Hertford Planning Service Hertford Planning Service Westgate House, 37-41 Castle Street, Hertford, SG14 1HH, United Kingdom	7 Gun Road Gardens Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6ED  Mr & Ms M & H Pearcey & Bryceland  Variation of conditions 2 and 3 (revised plans/materials) of planning permission 23/02200/FPH granted 17/11/2023 for Part two storey and part single storey front extension and single storey side extension. Replacement and alterations to fenestration and external rendering.

(Including Withdrawn decisions)

**EAST TEAM**

<b>Application No:</b> 22/00514/FP	<b>Location:</b> Radwell House Radwell Lane Radwell Hertfordshire SG7 5ES  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Geoff Godschalk Radwell House Limited <b>Description:</b> External alterations to provide 4 residential units (formerly 5 units) including retention of 3no. leaded light dormer windows to Garden View. Retention of external alterations to facilitate conversion of existing attached garage block to 1 no. residential unit (Vine Cottage). Retention of rebuilt external steps with handrails and balustrades. Demolition of outbuildings and garages and erection of replacement 3-bay carport and cycle store. Erection of detached 5-bay carport, internal access road and landscaping (as amended by drawing nos. IHL/RH/RH02 Rev G; - RH09 Rev C, - RH10 Rev A; - CP03 Rev B and - CP04 Rev B received on 08/12/2022 and by drawing nos. IHL/RH/L01 Rev G; - CP06 Rev A and - PW04 Rev A received on 18/05/2023 and swept path analysis, temporary turning area and bird and bat box details received 04.09.2023)	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/12/2023
<b>Application No:</b> 22/02492/LBC	<b>Location:</b> Radwell House Radwell Lane Radwell Hertfordshire SG7 5ES  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Matt Henderson C/O Ian Hale Planning and Design <b>Description:</b> Internal and external alterations to provide 4 residential units (formerly 5 units) including retention of 3no. leaded light dormer windows to Garden View. Retention of rebuilt external steps with handrails and balustrades. Retention of internal and external alterations to facilitate conversion of existing attached garage block to 1 no. residential unit (Vine Cottage). Demolition of outbuildings and garages and erection of replacement 3-bay carport and cycle store (as amended by drawing nos. IHL/RH/RH02 Rev G; - RH09 Rev C, - RH10 Rev A; - CP03 Rev B and - CP04 Rev B received on 08/12/2022 and by drawing nos. IHL/RH/L01 Rev G; - CP06 Rev A and - PW04 Rev A received on 18/05/2023).	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/12/2023
<b>Application No:</b> 23/01620/DOC	<b>Location:</b> 5 Kneesworth Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5AA  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Pinchers of Power Ltd <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by Condition 6A (Archaeological WSI) of planning permission 21/02432/FP granted on 14.04.2022.	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 02/01/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02628/FPH	<b>Location:</b> Willow Lodge 73 Broadway Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3PQ  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Ravenscroft <b>Description:</b> Part two storey, part single storey rear extension and first floor side extension.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/12/2023
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02691/LDCE	<b>Location:</b> 56 Melbourn Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7DF  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr M Haynes <b>Description:</b> Use of building as a single dwelling house (Use Class C3).	<b>Decision:</b>  Withdrawn <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/12/2023
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02830/NMA	<b>Location:</b> Valentine House Partridge Hill Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QZ  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr David Cook <b>Description:</b> Change of floor level of consented garage to accommodate gradient of driveway; lowering of floor slab on northern flank of garage; repositioning of pedestrian access door to centre of eastern elevation (as a non-material amendment to planning permission reference 23/01201/FPH granted on 12.07.2023).	<b>Decision:</b>  Agreed <b>Decision Date:</b> 02/01/2024

**WEST TEAM**

<b>Application No:</b> 22/00958/DOC	<b>Location:</b> Springfields Bury End Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QB <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Alan Hack <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by Condition 3- Conservation Style Roof Lights (relating to planning permission 21/02414/FPH granted 08.11.2021).	<b>Decision:</b> Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 02/01/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 22/02731/FP	<b>Location:</b> Greenfields Cattery 1 Willian Road Great Wymondley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7ET <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Jack Nethercott Prime Oak <b>Description:</b> Erection of two storey detached building to provide three bay garage including storage space and office above.	<b>Appeal Decision:</b> Appeal Dismissed <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/12/2023
<b>Application No:</b> 23/00956/DOC	<b>Location:</b> Site Of Former Wyevale Codicote Garden Centre High Street Codicote Hertfordshire SG4 8XA <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Athreya Chengad Taylor Wimpey North Thames <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by Condition 27- Materials (relating to planning permission 19/01448/FP granted 30.01.2023)	<b>Decision:</b> Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/12/2023
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02089/FP	<b>Location:</b> 3 Brand Street Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1LP <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Owain Rhys Syched Ltd <b>Description:</b> Change of use to beer tasting (Sui Generis) and off-licence (Use Class E)	<b>Decision:</b> Withdrawn <b>Decision Date:</b> 21/12/2023
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02563/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 2 Blackmore Way Blackmore End St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 8LJ <b>Applicant Name:</b> Frank Richmond <b>Description:</b> Erection of detached double garage and widening of existing vehicular access	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/12/2023
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02576/FPH	<b>Location:</b> The Almonds 8A High Street Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3PS <b>Applicant Name:</b> Rob Potts <b>Description:</b> Single storey front extension	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 02/01/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02615/FPH	<b>Location:</b> Badgers Mount Lilley Bottom Road Whitwell Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8JP <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr & Mrs Barber <b>Description:</b> Erection of single storey side extension and retention of rear and side extensions (revision of previously approved planning permission 17/02204/1HH granted 31.10.2017).	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 02/01/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02676/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 3 Fountain Row Ninesprings Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9NR <b>Applicant Name:</b> Shabana Asghar <b>Description:</b> Creation of driveway and installation of vehicular crossover	<b>Decision:</b> Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 02/01/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02770/TCA	<b>Location:</b> Calebs Cottage Stevenage Road St Ippolyts Hertfordshire SG4 7PE <b>Applicant Name:</b> Blaksley <b>Description:</b> T1 Oak - Pollard by 5m	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 02/01/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02816/TCA	<b>Location:</b> 22 Wymondley Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9PN <b>Applicant Name:</b> Ms Deb Hedley <b>Description:</b> Oak - Cut back the overhang into the gardens up to 2.5m to viable growth and remove deadwood.	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 02/01/2024

**WEST TEAM**

**Application No:**  
23/02879/ADJ

**Location:** Land At Oakleigh Farm 83 Codicote Road Welwyn Hertfordshire  
AL6 9TY

**Applicant Name:** Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

**Description:** Erection of seven detached dwellings with associated detached garages, parking and amenity areas and upgrading to the existing access road following demolition of existing buildings

NORTH HERTS DISTRICT COUNCIL: ADJACENT AUTHORITY :  
CONSULTEE ONLY

**Decision:**

No Objection  
**Decision Date:**  
02/01/2024

# PRESS RELEASE

**PR 3823**

**UNDER EMBARGO 10:00 03 January 2024**

## **Everyone Active wins contract to manage council-owned leisure facilities**

North Herts Council has entered a ten-year partnership with Sport and Leisure Management (SLM) trading under the brand name Everyone Active.

The company already operate leisure facilities in the surrounding areas of Stevenage, East Hertfordshire, and Central Bedfordshire.

Everyone Active will take over the management of North Herts Leisure Centre in Letchworth, Archers gym in Hitchin, the Hitchin Swimming Centre, Royston Leisure Centre, Fearnhill Sports Centre and the outdoor pools in Hitchin and Letchworth. They will take over from Stevenage Leisure Limited who have managed the facilities for the last 14 years in Royston and Hitchin, and 10 years in Letchworth.

The contract, which starts on Monday 1 April 2024, was awarded after a competitive procurement process.

Leisure centre staff who work for SLL will be transferred to Everyone Active. The decision to partner with Everyone Active was approved by Cabinet at its December meeting.

Councillor Steve Jarvis, North Herts Council's Executive Member for Leisure, said: "The process for awarding the management contract for our leisure facilities was rigorous and exhaustive.

"We were determined to get the best possible deal for our residents, and I believe we have done that with our comprehensive partnership with Everyone Active. During the course of our partnership, there will be some exciting improvements to look forward to, not least the building of a gym extension at Royston Leisure Centre.

We would like to thank SLL for their hard work over the last 14 years and their continuous efforts to improve our facilities."



Cllr Mick Debenham, North Herts Council's Deputy Executive Member for Leisure added: "In deciding on the contract award, we evaluated the cost and quality aspects of the bids, alongside the social value which they will bring. Everyone Active offered the most financially advantageous bid and also excelled in terms of quality of service and innovation.

"We look forward to working with them to further enhance our leisure facilities which are among our most important community assets and greatly valued by our residents."

Everyone Active has partnerships with more than 60 local authorities across England, managing in excess of 230 leisure centres and cultural facilities.

Duncan Jefford, regional director at Everyone Active, said: "We are delighted to officially begin our partnership with North Herts Council soon and are looking forward to many successful years ahead.

"The fantastic centres within this contract are so important for health and wellbeing in local communities and, with plenty of exciting developments in the pipeline, we are incredibly privileged to be chosen to manage them.

"We look forward to creating a close, impactful relationship with the council in the coming years, alongside helping as many people as possible to get active."

Everyone Active will contact existing members of the leisure centres from mid March 2024. All memberships will automatically transfer over to Everyone Active and customers will not have to re-join.

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**About Everyone Active**

Everyone Active is the trading name for Sports Leisure Management Ltd (SLM), which operates leisure facilities in partnership with local councils across England.

SLM is the longest-established leisure operator in the UK, having formed in 1987. At the time, it managed just one leisure centre in the Midlands, whereas today it has grown to operate more than 230 leisure facilities and cultural services across the country in partnership with over 60 local authorities.

Its influence reaches as far as Sunderland in the north to Chichester in the south, and Mid Suffolk in the east to Plymouth in the south west. SLM's growth is due to its ability to deliver well-managed leisure facilities and activity services that offer great value for money. Its aim is to increase local people's participation in sports and leisure activities by advocating that all adults achieve a minimum of 30 minutes exercise five times per week.

[www.everyoneactive.com](http://www.everyoneactive.com)

# PRESS RELEASE

**PR 3822**

**02 January 2024**

## **Calling all local poets ahead of Holocaust Memorial Day**

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place internationally every year on 27 January, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. It gives us the space to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, the millions of other people killed by the Nazi persecution of other groups, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur.

Ahead of this year's memorial, we're inviting local people to submit poems of a maximum of 200 words, inspired by this year's theme – Fragility of Freedom – by **14 January**.

The writer of the winning poem will receive a £10 gift voucher for Bow Books in Royston and be invited to read their poem, or nominate someone to read it on their behalf, at our event on **Friday 26 January**.

Cllr Alistair Willoughby, Executive Member for Community & Partnerships, said: "Holocaust Memorial Day provides an opportunity to remember everyone affected by the Holocaust and other terrible acts of genocide, and learn from the past – and as we're all too aware, sadly learn from the present as well."

Cllr Dominic Griffiths, deputy Executive Member for Community & Partnerships, added: "Freedom is fragile and it cannot be taken for granted. Everyone should have the freedom of expression, to be who they are, love who they want, and practise the faith they choose."

Providing more information on this year's theme, the [Holocaust Memorial Day Trust \(HMDT\)](#), a charity established and funded by the UK Government to promote and support Holocaust Memorial Day in the UK, said: "Freedom means different things to different people. What is clear is that in every genocide that has taken place, those who are targeted for persecution have had their freedom restricted and removed, before many of them are murdered. This is often a subtle, slow process."

If you would like to submit a poem, please email us by 14 January: [community@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:community@north-herts.gov.uk)

If you would like to attend our HMD event in person, please email us as above by 21 January. Alternatively, you can watch the live stream of the event on 26 January on our [YouTube channel](#) from 1pm.

**ENDS**

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