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Appendix 3 Baseline Data

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Economy

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources	
1 Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth										
Gross Value Added £ per head	The estimated GVA per head in NHDC in 2004 was £15,229*	1995	11,989			No target identified	Annual average growth (%) 1995 – 2001		Noting the difficulties with small area estimates, the GVA per head in NHDC appears lower than the county average, but above the regional average.	http://www.dtistats.net/sd/bci/bciregionseast.htm Source: Regional Accounts, ONS http://enquire.hertscc.gov.uk/lea/lea6final.pdf Hertfordshire Local Economy Assessment 2004
	*This estimate should be treated with caution because of methodological difficulties making local area estimates.	1996	12,903	10,443	10,996		UK 5.0			
		1997	14,327	10,961	11,625		England 5.1			
		1998	15,732	11,726	12,375		EoE 4.9			
		1999	16,540	12,698	13,691		Herts 7.6			
		2000	17,696	13,340	14,260					
		2001	18,578	13,909	14,781					
New (VAT registered) businesses surviving 3 years (percentage)		1993	65.1	63.6	62.1	No target identified	No clear trends are identifiable from these data.		The percentage of VAT registered businesses in Herts. surviving for 3+ years was slightly above both regional and national averages.	http://www.dtistats.net/sd/bci/bciregionseast.htm Source: Small Business Service, DTI
		1994	65.1	64.2	62.5					
		1995	68.8	67.1	65.3					
		1996	70.1	68.5	66.0					
		1997	69.7	69.8	67.4					
		1998	67.9	68.8	66.3					
				68.1	66.5					

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
		1999 68.2							
Employment rate Percentage of people of working age in employment (Residence-based)	1999 76.5 2000 79.0 2001 80.4 2002 80.2 2003 82.0	79.6 81.8 80.4 80.3 81.0	77.6 79.1 79.0	74.0 74.4 74.6	No target identified	No clear trend data available. LFS estimates 28,000 employed people in N. Herts in 2001. (Note that National figures refer to GB rather than England.)		The employment rates in the district and county are similar and significantly above the national average.	http://www.dtistats.net/sd/bci/bciregionseast.htm Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics (Note that 1999 figures are not ONS estimates and that 2001 figures are not consistent with Census totals)
Unemployed benefit claimants (rate) (Annual figures year ending March 31st)	2000 1.6 2001 1.2 2002 1.0 2003 1.3 2004 1.5	1.5 1.2 1.1 1.4 1.4	2.3 1.9 1.7 1.8 1.8	3.3 2.8 2.5 2.5	No target identified			The claimant rate in N Herts. is approximately the county average which is lower than both regional and national averages.	http://www.dtistats.net/sd/bci/bciregionseast.htm Source: Labour Market Division, ONS
Investment in businesses (£m annual average 1998-2002)			Mfg 1322 Service 4680 Other 852 Total 6854	13920 48726 8443 71089	No target identified	No clear trends are identifiable for regional or national figures over the period.		Investment in the Eastern region represented about 10% of total investment for England, of which about 20% was foreign and 19% went into manufacturing industries.	http://www.dtistats.net/sd/bci/bciregionseast.htm Source: Figures for the years 1998 to 2002 were derived from the Annual Business Inquiry (ABI), ONS
Employment	1998	495,646	2,188,185	21,158,389	No target	Nationally there was a rise of			http://www.dtistats.net/sd/bci/bciregionseast.htm

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Employee jobs – workplace based	49,197				identified	approximately 5% in the total number of jobs over the period 1998-2002. There about 50,000 jobs in N Herts. with no clear trend over the period			m Source: Annual Business Inquiry (Note that year-on-year variations for small areas should be treated with caution as they may not be statistically significant because of the sample size)	
	1999	473,030	2,147,063	21,602,111						
		46,389	494,041	2,241,651						21,914,852
	2000	48,788	502,267	2,271,254						22,057,115
	2001	51,361	487,617	2,277,763						22,175,255
2002	49,820									
Employee jobs by sector	2003 North Herts EoE GB Number (%) (%) (%)				No target identified			There are slightly more jobs in manufacturing and construction than the national average and a lower proportion of service jobs, most notably in the public sector.	http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/Imp/la/2038431797/report.aspx Source: annual business inquiry employee analysis (2003)	
Total employee jobs				49,998						
				-						
				-						
Full-time				33,369						
		66.7								
		66.7								
		68.1								
Part-time				16,629						
		33.3								
		33.3								
		31.9								
Manufacturing				7,532						
		15.1								
		12.8								
		12.6								
Construction				2,650						

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		5.3 5.1 4.4							
	Services			39,334					
		78.7 80.2 81.4							
	Distribution, hotels & restaurants			13,836					
		27.7 26.2 24.7							
	Transport & communications			1,508					
		3.0 6.2 6.0							
	Finance, IT, other business activities			11,249					
		22.5 19.8 19.8							
	Public admin, education & health			8,310					
		16.6 22.9 25.8							
	Other services			4,431					
		8.9 5.1 5.2							
	Tourism-related			3,286					
		6.6 7.8 8.1							
Employment by occupation (residents)	Percentages				No target identified			Over half of residents of the district in employment work as managers or professionals,	http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/2038431797/report.aspx Source: local area labour force survey (Mar 2003-Feb 2004)
		North Herts EoE GB							
	Soc 2000 major group 1-3								

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			50.7					Significantly above the national average of 40%. A lower proportion work in administration and skilled trades than the national average and a higher proportion work in services. Less than 15% work in low skilled occupations compared to the national average of almost 20%.	
			40.8						
			40.5						
1 Managers and senior officials			19.1						
			16.2						
			14.6						
2 Professional occupations			15.6						
			11.5						
			12.1						
3 Associate professional & technical			15.9						
			13.0						
			13.8						
Soc 2000 major group 4-5			17.3						
			25.6						
			24.4						
4 Administrative & secretarial			10.8						
			13.6						
			13.0						
5 Skilled trades occupations			6.5						
			12.0						
			11.4						
Soc 2000 major group 6-7			17.3						
			15.3						
			15.5						
6 Personal service occupations			8.6						
			7.5						
			7.5						
7 Sales and customer service occs			8.7						
			7.7						
			8.0						
Soc 2000 major group 8-9			14.8						
			18.3						

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			19.6						
			4.3 7.1 7.7						
			10.5 11.2 11.8						
	8 Process plant & machine operatives								
	9 Elementary occupations								
% of economically active population with NVQ3 or higher qualifications	2000 49.5	50.2	43.0	44.2				A skilled workforce is a key requirement for attracting and supporting innovative businesses. N Herts residents of working age have qualification well above national and regional averages, and amongst the highest of any district in the country.	http://www.dtistats.net/sd/bci/bciregionseast.htm Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics
	2001 53.6	50.3	43.4	44.4					
Average weekly earnings by place of work	2000 339	398	349	361		Nationally, the annual rise in earnings was over 4% over this period. The figure for N Herts appears to be slightly lower, but this is probably not statistically significant. (Note that estimates of annual earnings are slightly higher than suggested by weekly earnings due to surveying effects.)		Jobs in N Herts are significantly lower paid than the national average, whilst those in the county as a whole are above average. This points to the need to improve the quality of employment within the District.	http://www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=13101 Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) (Note that year-on-year variations for small areas should be treated with caution as they may not be statistically significant because of the sample size)
	2001 362	416	366	382					
	2002 383	421	377	400					
	2003 384	441	396	412					
	2004 393	489	410	427					
Average weekly earnings by place of residence	2002 458	481	411	401		The data are not sufficiently robust to identify clear trends over this period. They suggest that the rate of increase in N Herts. has been below the national average, but differences are		Average earnings by residents of the District are below the Herts. average but significantly above the national average. The	http://www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=13101 Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) (Note that year-on-year variations for small areas should be treated with caution as they may not be statistically significant because of the sample
	2003 463	505	429	415					
	2004	519	447	429					

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	473					not statistically significant. (See note on annual earnings above)		disparity between average earnings by workplace and residence suggests that a significant number of people are commuting out of District to obtain higher paid employment.	size)
Average house prices by house type	1996 82,391	95,838 107,129	71,771 78,930	73,117 80,599		Average house prices in N Herts are 20% above the national average and increased slightly more over the period 1996-2004.		* Flat includes maisonettes.	http://www.odpm.gov.uk/stellent/groups/odpm_control/documents/contentservertemplate/odpm_index.hcst?n=1575&l=3 Source: Land Registry http://www.landreg.gov.uk/
	1997 91,093	121,910	86,794	87,778					
	1998 105,368	134,324 158,559	95,700 110,372	98,385 110,589					
	1999 112,099	173,202	124,616	121,769					
	2000 136,799	201,519	149,299	141,108					
	2001 148,289	227,179 243,347	172,257 190,218	159,357 181,330					
	2002 169,028								
	2003 201,956								
	2004 218,768								
	1 st Q 2005								
	D'ached 445,192								
	Semi 227,826								
	Terrace 177,898								
	Flat* 137,303								

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
	Average 220,884								
Average house price to earnings ratio	10.7 (2004)	9.6	8.9	8.2		Over the period 2000 to 2004 house prices in the District increased significantly more than average earnings with the price/earnings ratio increasing from 7.8 to 10.7		The price/earnings ratio for N Herts is one of the highest for any district in the UK.	Calculated from above data.

Land Use and Development Patterns

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
2(a) Minimise the development of greenfield land and other land with high environmental and amenity value									
Proportion of new homes built on previously developed land		1993	63		53			The proportion of new homes built on brownfield sites in NHDC is significantly below the county and slightly below regional and national averages.	http://www.odpm.gov.uk/stellent/groups/odpm_planning/documents/page/odpm_plan_032255.pdf NHDC Housing Monitoring Report 2004-05
		1994	69		51				
		1995	67	52	54				
		1996	73	56	54				
	% built on brownfield sites	1997	86	56	53				
	2001/2 25.0	1998	78	53	55				
	2002/3 50.8	1999	80	54	56				
	2003/4 57.6	2000	65	58	58				
	2004/5 53.6	2001	74	58	60				
		2002	84	57	64				
		2003			65				
		Average	76		61				

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Stock of previously developed land.	36 hectares of which 16 hectares identified as suitable for housing.		7,930 hectares	65,760 hectares				The National Land Use Database identifies 36 hectares of previously developed land (PDL) in North Hertfordshire, of which 16 hectares has been identified as potential sites for housing. However this figure is only a proportion of the total amount of PDL in the District, as only sites over 0.25 hectares are included.	http://www.odpm.gov.uk/stellent/groups/odpm_planning/documents/downloadable/odpm_plan_030372.pdf Previously-Developed Land that may be available for Development in 2003 Source: National Landuse Database.
Loss of greenfield land to residential development	hectares 2001/2 6.19 2002/3 21.32 2003/4 3.68 2004/5 15.37								Source: NHDC
Area of Green belt	N Herts 1997 14,060 2003 14,060		London and SE 600,320 600,470	England 1,652,300 1,671,600				37% GB	http://www.odpm.gov.uk/stellent/groups/odpm_planning/documents/page/odpm_plan_031125.hcsp
Number of vacant	2.35% (2002 based on survey of 1000			3.4% (April 202) 3.9% (EHCS 1996)		No trend data available			North Hertfordshire Empty Homes Strategy 2004-2007 (Oct 2004).

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properties	properties) of which 0.37% (approx 200) were long-term vacant.								
Density of new housing development		1993 25			Target range 30-50			The drop in density for the most recent year appears to be due to the large number of replacement dwellings and conversions in rural areas in 2004-5.	http://www.odpm.gov.uk/stellent/groups/odpm_planning/documents/page/odpm_plan_032255.pdf NHDC Housing Monitoring Reports
		1994 25	24	26					
		1995 24	23	24					
		1996 24	22	24					
	Average density per hectare	1996 24	22	25					
	2001/2 23.2		22	25					
	2002/3 27.4	1997 22	22	25					
	2003/4 43.7		22	25					
	2004/5 24.5	1998 24	22	25					
			22	25					
		1999 24	25	27					
			28	33					
		2000 24							
		2001 24							

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
		2002 27							
		2003							
		Average 25							

2(b) Provide access to green spaces

Amount of open space per 1000 population	Under investigation.								
Number of sports pitches per 1000 population	There was a total of 128.06 hectares of pitch space in NHDC (2003). This exceeded the minimum Sports Council standard of 1.2 hectares per 1000 residents. However, there was a 11% shortfall against the Sports Council standard of 1.6 hectares of outdoor play space per 1000 residents.							The main shortfall in provision is for Baldock which had 37% shortfall in outdoor play space and was the only town to have a shortfall (16%) in pitch space.	Pavilions, Playing Fields and Sports Pitches Strategy NHDC 2005 -2010
Provide opportunities for people to come into contact with and appreciate wildlife and wild places	Rights of way in NHDC								Source: Hertfordshire CC
	No.								
	Length km								
	Footpaths	811 447							
	Bridleways	43 151							

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
Roads used as public paths		19 19							
Bridleway open to all traffic		42 46							

2(c) Deliver more sustainable location patterns and reduce the use of motor vehicles

Distance traveled to work (percentage people between 16 and 74 by distance range)	2001					There was a 10% reduction in the number of people resident in Herts travelling less than 5km to work between 1991 and 2001. The proportion travelling 5 to 10 km remained constant, whilst those travelling more than 10 km increased by around 10%.		Increases in the proportion of Herts workers travelling further to work suggests that county is increasingly becoming a dormitory for commuting with fewer local jobs.	http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/ Source: Census 2001, ONS
	From home	18							
	<2km	26	16	16	14				
	2<5km	15	20	22	20				
	5<10km	16	17	18	20				
	10<20km	13	15	15	18				
	20<30km	5	7	7	5				
	30<40km	3	3	2	2				
	40<60km	2	3	3	3				
	60km<	3							
Mode of travel to work	2001	% people between 16 and 74			Local targets 2021	There was a 3% drop in the number of people travelling to work by car between 1991 and 2001, and 1% and 2% reductions in bus use and walking respectively. Other modes remained constant, but there was a 4% increase in people working from home, suggesting this was the main factor reducing car use.			http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/ Source: Census 2001, ONS
		N Herts	Herts	EoE	England				
People who work mainly from home		10	9			66%	63.5%		

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Underground, Metro, Light Rail or Tram		9							
		9							
		0							
		2							
Train		1							
		3							
		8							
		9							
Bus, Mini Bus or Coach		6							
		4							
		2							
		3							
Motorcycle, Scooter or Moped		4							
		8							
		1							
		1							
Driving a Car or Van		1							
		1							
		60							
		59							
Passenger in a Car or Van		59							
		55							
		5							
		5							
Taxi or Minicab		6							
		6							
		0							
		1							
Bicycle		0							
		1							
		0							
		1							
On foot		2							
		2							
		4							
		3							
On foot		10							
		9							
		9							
		10							

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
Stansted					55				
					58				
					64				
					48				
					54				
					63				
					75				
					82				
					102				
					132				
					144				
					151				
					152				
					169				
	All UK					1,181			
					1,200				
					1,251				
					1,317				
					1,385				
					1,476				
					1,556				
					1,635				
					1,666				
					1,657				
				1,695					
Terminal passengers (arrivals or departures)									
All					Millions				
Luton					1.8				
					1.8				
					1.8				
					2.5				
					3.2				
					4.2				
					5.2				
					6.1				
					6.6				
					6.5				
				6.8					
				7.5					
Stansted					2.6				
					3.3				

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
					3.9				
					4.8				
					5.4				
					6.8				
					9.5				
					11.8				
					13.6				
					16.0				
					18.7				
	All UK				100.1				
					109.2				
					115.4				
					120.6				
					130.7				
					142.1				
					150.9				
					161.3				
					162.1				
					167.6				
					176.9				
	Domestic								
	Luton				0.2				
					0.1				
					0.1				
					0.5				
					0.7				
					0.9				
					1.3				
					1.7				
					1.8				
					1.7				
					1.7				
	Stansted				0.3				
					0.5				
					0.8				
					1.0				
					1.2				
					1.2				
					1.5				
					1.4				
					2.0				
					2.5				
					2.7				

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
	All UK				12.1 12.9 14.0 15.2 16.0 16.7 17.5 18.6 19.2 21.0 22.6				
Levels of traffic on main roads	<p>2003</p> <p>Million vkm per day</p> <p>All Ex mway /trunk</p> <p>4.1 3.0</p> <p>Traffic concentration vkm/day x 1000 per km²</p> <p>All Ex mt</p> <p>NHerts 11</p> <p>County 18</p>	<p>Average daily vehicle flows by road class '000 vehicles per day 2003</p> <p>Roads Urban Rural</p> <p>Mways N/A</p> <p>94.5</p> <p>A</p> <p>19.3 22.7</p> <p>B</p> <p>11.2 8.1</p> <p>8 C</p> <p>8.9 7.6</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Average daily vehicle road class Thousand vehicles</p> <p>Motorway</p> <p>82.8</p> <p>Rural main</p> <p>17.8</p> <p>Urban main</p> <p>18.1</p> <p>Rural minor</p> <p>1.2</p> <p>Urban minor</p> <p>2.6</p> <p>Total</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>flows by 2003 Per day</p> <p>78.0</p> <p>13.7</p> <p>20.7</p> <p>1.0</p> <p>2.4</p> <p>3.9</p>		<p>Figure 1.4 Historical Trends of County Traffic Flow by Road Class</p> <p>Traffic in Herts grew 64% between 1980 and 2003, peaking in 1999 since when it has stabilised and reduced slightly.</p>		<p>Data on vehicle movements are published in different forms for different areas which make direct comparisons difficult. Although N Herts, together with E Herts and St Albans, have the highest traffic levels in Herts, allowing for the area of the District, traffic concentrations are the lowest in the county. Because of the settlement patterns in the district and county vehicle movements on rural roads tend to be higher than average.</p>	<p>http://www.dft.gov.uk/stellent/groups/dft_control/documents/contentservertemplate/dft_index.html?n=12589&l=4</p> <p>Regional Transport Statistics, DfT, Nov 2004</p> <p>Source: National Travel Survey</p> <p>http://www.hertsdirect.org/infobase/docs/pdfstore/ttdr03.pdf</p> <p>Hertfordshire's Traffic & Transport Data Report 2003</p>
Road freight movements	<p>There was a 1% reduction of HGV flows in N. Herts between 2002 and 2003 and a 0.7% reduction in flows on roads excluding motorways and trunk roads.</p>	<p>AAWD HGV flows Herts</p> <p>2002 2003</p> <p>M'w/T</p> <p>8520 8540</p> <p>Prin.</p> <p>1160 1140</p> <p>B</p> <p>350 360</p> <p>C</p> <p>200 215</p> <p>HGV MVKm/d Herts</p>	<p>Road freight by origin Million tonnes</p> <p>1993</p> <p>170</p> <p>1994</p> <p>169</p> <p>1995</p> <p>177</p> <p>1996</p> <p>168</p>	<p>Road freight by origin Million tonnes</p> <p>1993</p> <p>1277</p> <p>1994</p> <p>1346</p> <p>1995</p> <p>1352</p> <p>1996</p> <p>1369</p>		<p>Flow counts for 2002 and 2003 suggest that the volume of HGV traffic remained reasonably stable across the District and County over those years. Regional data shows an increase of 17% in the tonnage of road freight originating in East of England between 1993 and 2003 compared with a 4% rise for England as a whole. In 2003 63% of the road freight tonnage originating in EoE was transported within the Region, with the majority of the remainder going to London, SE and E. Midlands.</p>		<p>http://www.dft.gov.uk/stellent/groups/dft_control/documents/contentservertemplate/dft_index.html?n=12589&l=4</p> <p>Regional Transport Statistics, DfT, Nov 2004</p> <p>Source: National Travel Survey</p> <p>http://www.hertsdirect.org/infobase/docs/pdfstore/ttdr03.pdf</p> <p>Hertfordshire's Traffic & Transport Data Report 2003</p> <p>Note that data for District and County are based on average daily flows, whereas Regional and National data are based on estimates of annual total freight lifted.</p>	

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
		2002 2003	1997	1997	1380				
		M'w/T 1.38 1.38	186	186					
		Prin. 0.72 0.69	1998	1998	1379				
		B 0.10 0.10	182	182					
		C 0.16 0.18	1999	1999	1323				
			181	181					
			2000	2000	1347				
			179	179					
			2001	2001	1345				
			186	186					
			2002	2002	1390				
			187	187					
			2003	2003	1404				
			198	198					

Environmental Protection

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources									
3(a) Protect and enhance biodiversity																		
Populations of wild birds	Available data do not allow consistent estimates of bird populations at District level.	<p>Skylark (representing farmland) showed a 13% increase in numbers in Herts between 1999-2000. Nationally there was a 20% decline over the period 1994-2003, with a similar decline in the Eastern Region.</p> <p>Song Thrush (representing woodlands and mixed farmland) showed an 18% increase 1999-2000. Regionally the species declined by 19% 1994-2003 despite an increase of 15% nationally over the same period.</p>	<p>Regionally the indicator for farmland birds declined by 10% over the period 1994 to 2003. Of the 19 species recorded 12 showed population declines whilst 4 species showed increases</p> <p>Regionally the indicator for woodland birds increased by 3% over the period 1994 to 2003. Of the 26 species recorded 7 showed population declines whilst 13 species showed increases.</p>	<p>Nationally the indicator for farmland birds declined by 5% over the period 1994 to 2003. Of the 19 species recorded 7 showed population declines whilst 8 species showed increases.</p> <p>Nationally the indicator for woodland birds declined by 4% over the period 1994 to 2003. Of the 33 species recorded 11 showed population declines whilst 15 species showed increases.</p>		<p>Chart 4.32 - Farmland species: 1994 – 2003</p> <p>Chart 4.34 - Woodland species: 1994 – 2003</p>		<p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/statistics/wildlife/research/download/wdbrds200503.pdf</p> <p>Source: Wild bird indicators for the English regions: 1994 – 2003 (Defra, March 2005)</p> <p>http://www.hertsdirect.org/infobase/docs/pdfstore/qo14.pdf</p> <p>Quality of Life Report 2004, (HEF, 2005)</p>										
Number and extent of designated and other sites	Identified County Wildlife Sites, of all categories, account for about 6.5% of the District and, within this, those areas with some form of statutory nature conservation protection, excepting AONB, occupy only 652.6 Ha or 1.7%.	<p>In 2002 it was estimated that 11% of Herts represented important wildlife habitats.</p> <p>Designated and other sites in Herts:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>No</th> <th>Area(ha) %*</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ramsar</td> <td>1 372</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SAC</td> <td>1 0.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Woodland</td> <td>1 336</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Cty WS</td> <td>2295.7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No	Area(ha) %*	Ramsar	1 372	SAC	1 0.23	Woodland	1 336	Total Cty WS	2295.7					<p>Data for N. Herts shows estimates of the areas of different habitat types identified in the District, together with the area of each identified as County Wildlife Sites. The County data shows the areas of various designations together with the proportion of the total area of the county each represents.</p>	<p>NHDC Biological Action Plan (Draft Discussion Document)</p> <p>The State of Biodiversity in 1992-2002 (HEF, 2003?)</p>
No	Area(ha) %*																	
Ramsar	1 372																	
SAC	1 0.23																	
Woodland	1 336																	
Total Cty WS	2295.7																	

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
	1286.3	0.21							
	Grassland	SSSI							
	4559.5	43							
	602.9	2,211							
	Tall Herb & Scrub	1.4							
	195.3	1941 Wildlife Sites							
	192.3	17,215							
	Wetlands	10.67							
	47.36	National Nature Reserves							
	40.86	1							
	Cty WS – County Wildlife Sites are termed 1941 Wildlife Sites in the County BAP.	238							
		0.15							
		Local Nature Reserves							
		23							
		799							
		0.49							
		HMWT Nature Reserves							
		42							
		661							
		0.41							
		Woodland Trust Sites							
		7							
		460							
		0.29							
		Butterfly Conservation							
		1							
		1.5							
		0.001							
		* % of total area of Herts. Note that some sites are included in more than one category.							
% of SSSIs in	The SSSIs in N Herts	Currently, of the		Since 1999, the				The condition of	http://www.english-

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
good condition	extend to approximately 300 ha. Only 6% by area are assessed as favourable/recovering. 82% are assessed as unfavourable declining and 12% are unfavourable with no change. (2005 based on assessment over the period 2001-2004)	1876 ha of SSSIs in Hertfordshire (excluding Ashridge), 68% are regarded as being in favourable/recovering condition, the remainder being generally unfavourable. No sites have been partly or wholly destroyed		number of SSSIs in the UK has increased by 2 per cent, from 6,625 to 6,782 in 2003. The total area of land designated as SSSIs has risen from 2,263 thousand hectares in 1999 to 2,427 thousand hectares in 2003, an increase of 7 per cent. Based on information available as at March 2003, just over half (57%) of English SSSIs were assessed as being in a "favourable/recovering" condition.				SSSIs in N Herts is very poor compared to county and national averages. This appears to be primarily due to the lack of satisfactory management of several of the larger woodland and grassland sites in the District. At the county level, the condition of SSSI is above the national average.	nature.org.uk/special/sssi/reportAction.cfm?Report=sdr113&Category=C&Reference=1021 http://www.hertsdirect.org/infobase/docs/pdfstore/qo4.pdf Source: Quality of Life Report 2004, (HEF, 2005) http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/sustainable/quality04/main/04s06.htm Source: Quality of life counts: 2004
Implementation of BAP	See local BAP							No data at present but should become available in future as a result of monitoring BAP objectives.	NHDC Biological Action Plan (Draft Discussion Document) Some additional information on current workplan available from Agenda for Biodiversity Cabinet Meeting 25 th July 2005.
Extent/populations of important BAP habitats and species	See local BAP							The NH BAP provides extensive estimates of habitats present in the District, together with counts of species of UK priority and conservation concern (noting the lack of sufficient data to fully evaluate these). It is impractical to summarise these data as a single indicator.	NHDC Biological Action Plan (Draft Discussion Document)
3(b) Protect and enhance landscapes									
Area of ancient semi-natural	The total area of woodland in NH is 2296 Ha representing	Total of 12,612 Ha of woodland representing 7.7% of	Total of 115,256 Ha of woodland representing 6 % of	Approximately 7% of England is covered by woodland of which					NHDC Biological Action Plan (Draft Discussion Document)

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woodland (ASNW)	approx. 6% of total area of the District. Of which 1226 Ha covering 3.3% of the District is ASNW. Most extant larger ancient semi-natural woods of the district, covering some 634 Ha or 1.6% are designated as County Wildlife Sites	county area.	Regional area.	about 40% is ASNW.					http://www.defra.gov.uk/erdp/docs/eastchapter/east12/wildlife.htm
% of land designated for particular quality or amenity value	Under investigation								
3(c) Conserve and, where appropriate, enhance the historic environment									
Number and extent of conservation areas	41 conservation areas with a total area of 1198.19 hectares. (June 2005)	There is no valid basis for comparative data.							Source: NHDC
Grade I and II* buildings at risk	There are currently 3 buildings in N Herts on the at risk register. One of these is Grade I and two are Grade II*	There are currently 8 buildings in Herts on the at risk register. One of these is Grade I and 7 are Grade II* (includes N Herts)	There are currently 124 buildings in EoE on the at risk register.	Nationally 3.6% of Grade I and II* were considered at risk in 2003.		Nationally the proportion of Grade I and II* considered at risk dropped from 3.8% in 1999 to 3.6% in 2003. Over this period the number at risk in the EoE increased slightly but the Region still has the lowest proportion of buildings at risk.		The EoE has the lowest percentage (2%) of buildings at risk of any English region and only 3 buildings are at risk within N Herts.	http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.1424 Source: English Heritage – Buildings at Risk Register
Number of ancient monuments destroyed or at risk	Currently 1 ancient monument at risk in N Herts. This is included in the building at risk register.	The only ancient monument currently at risk in Herts is the one in N Herts.	Currently 38 ancient monuments at risk in EoE.						http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.1424 Source: English Heritage – Buildings at Risk Register
3(d) Reduce pollution from any source									
Rivers in good or fair quality	EA monitors the various rivers and streams in the District – for which detailed data are available, but not collated as indices of	For period 2001-03 approximately 62% of county rivers were classified as good and 95% as good or fair by chemical standards.	Year Good Good/ Fair Biological 1990	In 2002, 94 per cent of English rivers were of good or fair chemical quality, compared with 89 per cent in 1998.					http://www.hertsdirect.org/infobase/docs/pdfstore/qol4.pdf Source: Quality of Life Report 2004, (HEF, 2005)

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	quality at a district level. Under further investigation.		45 92 1995 65 98 2000 81 99 Chemical 1990 21 82 1995 40 87 1997 26 80 1998 24 80 1999 28 84 2000 46 93						
Air quality – number of days per year any parameter exceeds its Nation Standard	There are no monitoring sites in N Herts conforming to the standards required for this indicator. However, the monitoring within district suggests conditions similar to the county figures.	No. of exceedences 2003 Rural 54 Urban backgrnd 46.5 Urban roadside 25.25				No clear trends can be identified from available data. There are significant differences year on year due primarily to differing weather conditions.		The dominant pollutant causing most exceedences is ozone which tends not to be localised and is highly sensitive to weather conditions.	Herts. and Beds. Air Pollution Monitoring Network Annual Report, 2003
Number of Air Quality Management Areas	The Council has completed the first round of the air quality review and								Herts. and Beds. Air Pollution Monitoring Network Annual Report, 2003

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	assessment process did not declare any Air Quality Management Areas.								

Climate Change

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
4(a) Reduce greenhouse gas emissions									
Output of greenhouse gas and particularly CO ₂			11 million tonnes carbon (2001)	114 million tonnes of carbon (2001)					http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/indicators/regional/index.htm Regional quality of life counts: 2003 Source: NETCEN
CO ₂ emissions per capita (Kg C)			2,000 kg carbon per capita per year. (2001)	2,300 kg carbon per capita per year. (2001)					http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/indicators/regional/index.htm Regional quality of life counts: 2003 Source: NETCEN
Energy use per household	Under investigation							It is difficult to obtain data on household energy use because the privatised utilities treat these data as commercially confidential.	
% of energy from renewable sources			0.45% (600 GWh)	<2%					http://www.sustainability-east.com/assets/Renewables%20Report.pdf
Road freight movements								See Objective 2 (b)	
4(b) Improve the District's ability to adapt to climate change									
Area at risk from flooding	Investigating mapping at local level							EA flood risk maps indicate that only land immediately around rivers and streams are at risk in the District.	

A Just Society

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
5(a) Share benefits of prosperity fairly									
Index of multiple deprivation	Percentage of SOAs by quintiles of SOAs in England (2004) Most deprived < 20% 20%-40% 40%-60% 60%-80% >80% Least deprived		Percentage of SOAs in the most and least deprived 20% of SOAs in England Most deprived <20% >80% Least deprived					Super Output Areas (SOA) are sub-ward areas, with average populations of around 1500. There are 32,482 in England and 79 in NHDC. Index of multiple deprivation (IMD) is a measure of deprivation based on 7 different domains of deprivation. IMD data is usually presented in rank order. Data indicate that NHDC has much lower deprivation than national and regional averages. No SOAs are in the most deprived quintile, and 43% of SOAs fall into the least deprived quintile. Although data indicate that deprivation is not a significant issue in the District as a whole, LDF policies should be monitored to ensure that they do not have a negative impact on the more deprived areas. The most deprived SOAs are concentrated in Letchworth and Hitchin.	
Percentage of People Claiming the Jobseeker's Allowance Benefit for a Year or More			1999 2000 2001 2002	24.5 22.1 19.2 16.1 15.2 12.4	No target identified				http://www.dtistats.net/sd/bci/bciregionseast.htm Source: Labour Market Division, ONS

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
			2003 12.3						
			2004 13.2						
% of children living in low-income households (below 60% of contemporary median)			<p>2002-3</p> <p>Before HC* 14</p> <p>After HC 23</p> <p>*housing costs</p>	20 29					http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/indicators/regional/2003/h04.htm Regional Quality of Life Counts 2003 Source: DWP

5(b) Provide access to services and facilities for all

Access to services	Banks and Building Societies							These data are estimated on the basis of 'crows flying' distances from GIS maps and so may not reflect true access distances. Despite the rural nature of much of the district over 90% of the population are within 4kms of most services with the exception of Job Centres.	http://www.countryside.gov.uk/LAR/Landscape/RandE/dataHub/rural_services_series_dataarea/RS2004data.asp Source: The Countryside Agency, 2001
	0-2kms	79%							
	2-4kms	11%							
	4-6kms	8%							
	6-8kms	2%							
	Cash Machines								
0-2kms	90%								
2-4kms	7%								

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
	4-6kms 3%								
	Doctors Surgeries								
	0-2kms 85%								
	2-4kms 12%								
	4-6kms 3%								
	Job Centres								
	0-2kms 52%								
	2-4kms 18%								
	4-6kms 11%								
	6-8kms 2%								
	8-10kms 3%								
	14-16kms 3%								
	16-18kms 10%								
	18-20kms 1%								
	Libraries								
	0-2kms 74%								
	2-4kms 15%								

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
	4-6kms 9%								
	6-8kms 2%								
	Petrol Stations								
	0-2kms 90%								
	2-4kms 7%								
	4-6kms 3%								
	Post Offices								
	0-2kms 96%								
	2-4kms 4%								
	Primary Schools								
	0-2kms 98%								
	2-4kms 2%								
	Secondary Schools								
	0-2kms 72%								
	2-4kms 19%								
	4-6kms 6%								
	6-8kms 3%								

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
	Supermarkets								
	0-2kms 83%								
	2-4kms 7%								
	4-6kms 8%								
	6-8kms 2%								
Access to services (rural areas)	See above.								
5(c) Promote community cohesion									
No indicators identified	Under investigation								
5(d) Increase access to decent and affordable housing									
Homelessness	160 households were accepted as in priority need in 2003/04					An annual average of approximately 170 households were accepted as in priority need over the past 6 years. This figure peaked at 210 for 2002/03 but has since drop to 160 for 2003/04.			North Herts Homeless Strategy
Number of new affordable homes	No. 2001/2 0 2002/3 12 2003/4 4 2004/5 77								Source: NHDC
% of new homes that	%	17% (2001)			47%				Source: NHDC http://www.hertsdirect.org/yrccouncil/hcc/env/yo

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
are affordable	2001/2 0 2002/3 1.7 2003/4 0.8 2004/5 17.1								u/raiseaware/quallife/qol/housing/
Proportion of housing unfit or lacking appropriate insulation	6% of homes were statutorily unfit in 2003		28% (2001)	33% (2001)					http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/indicators/regional/2003/h04.htm Regional Quality of Life Counts 2003 Source: ODPM

5(e) Reduce crime rates and fear of crime

Recorded crime by type per 1,000 of population	N Herts Herts EoE E & W	Recorded crime by type per 100,000 of population	Figures for recorded crime in N Herts are significantly below county, regional and national averages for all classes of crime.
Vehicle and other theft		EoE Eng Vehicle	http://www.crimestatistics.org.uk/output/page1.asp Source: Home Office http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/indicators/regional/2003/h04.htm Regional Quality of Life Counts 2003 Source: Home Office
Apr-Jun 2003	7.8 9.1 9.3 11.3	1990 1936 2517	
Jul-Sep 2003	9.2 9.0 9.1 11.0	2002/3 1482 1885	
Oct-Dec 2003	7.7 9.0 8.8 10.4	Change -23% -25%	
Jan-Mar 2004	6.5 9.5	Burglary 1990	

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
Burglary				8.5			591		
				10.3			1073		
						2002/3			
							515		
							859		
						Change			
							-13%		
							-20%		
	Apr-Jun 2003								
					2.1				
Robbery				2.9					
				3.0					
				4.2		1990			
							29		
	Jul-Sep 2003						75		
					3.0				
					3.2				
					3.0	2002/3			
					4.0			91	
								217	
Oct-Dec 2003					Change				
				3.0			215%		
				3.0			189%		
				2.8					
				3.7					
Jan-Mar 2004									
				2.9					
				3.2					
				2.9					
				3.7					
Robbery									
Apr-Jun 2003									
				0.2					
				0.2					
				0.2					
				0.5					
Jul-Sep 2003									
				0.2					
				0.2					
				0.2					
				0.5					
Oct-Dec 2003									
				0.2					

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
					0.2				
					0.2				
					0.5				
Jan-Mar 2004									
					0.3				
					0.2				
					0.2				
					0.5				
Violence against the person									
Apr-Jun 2003									
					2.0				
					2.5				
					3.7				
					4.4				
Jul-Sep 2003									
					2.5				
					2.9				
					3.9				
					4.8				
Oct-Dec 2003									
					2.4				
					3.0				
					3.7				
					4.5				
Jan-Mar 2004									
					2.8				
					3.5				
					3.8				
					4.5				
All crime									
Apr-Jun 2003									
					18.2				
					21.7				
					23.7				
					29.0				
Jul-Sep 2003									
					21.0				

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
				22.1 23.1 28.3					
	Oct-Dec 2003			20.8 22.9 22.9 27.6					
	Jan-Mar 2004			20.3 25.1 23.4 27.8					
Number of alcohol-related crimes and incidents of anti-social behaviour	100 arrests for drunkenness in 2003/04 143 cases of violence against the person, 96 driving and 113 other offences. where alcohol was considered a factor	No data located	No data located	No data located				The report notes that the recording of alcohol-related crimes is very unreliable.	Crime and Disorder Audit Report for NHDC Dec 2004.
Fear of crime	Fear of crime survey responses % of respondents worried or very worried about: Burglary 65% Theft from vehicle: 55%	County-wide figure on the same basis for theft from vehicle was 52%							Crime and Disorder Audit Report for NHDC Dec 2004.
5(f) Improve conditions and services that engender good health and reduce health inequalities									
General level of health (self-stated)	2001 Health %								ONS Neighbourhood Statistics.
	Good	72.1	73.1	70.4	68.8				
	Fairly good	21.2	20.3	22.0	22.2				
	Not good	6.7	6.6	7.6	9.0				
Life expectancy by ward	Males								http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/indicators/regional/2003/h04.htm Regional Quality of Life Counts 2003

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
			75.0	73.7					Source: ONS http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=8841&Pos=1&ColRank=1&Rank=272
1991-3	75.5			74.4					
			75.7	75.1					
1994-6	76.0			76.0					
			76.3	2.3					
1997-9	76.3		77.0						
2000-2	76.8		2.0						
				79.1					
Change	1.3			79.6					
				80.0					
				80.6					
Females			80.1	1.5					
			80.4						
1991-3	79.5		80.8						
1994-6	80.2		81.4						
			1.3						

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
	1997-9 80.0								
	2000-2 80.7								
	Change 1.2								
Access to healthcare facilities	See access to services								
Number of households effected by ambient noise	London Luton Airport received 147 complaints from 63 residents of NHDC in 2003.	The total number of complaints to Luton London Airport in 2003 was 680 from 338 complainants which related to a total of 1522 events of noise from aircraft.				There was a drop in total aircraft noise complaints in recent years from a maximum of 1,342 in 2001.		Noise complaints received by NHDC do not show any pattern of ambient noise problems. Aircraft noise seems to be the primary ambient noise issue for residents of NHDC.	http://www.luton.gov.uk/internet/Transport_and_streets/Public_transport/Air_services/London%20Luton%20airport%20annual%20monitoring%20report
Deaths and serious injuries in road accidents	<p><i>Road accident casualties North Herts</i></p> <p>Fatal Serious Slight Total</p>		<p><i>Road accident casualties Hertfordshire</i></p> <p>Fatal Serious Slight Total</p>			No clear trends are identifiable from available data.		The rate of accidents per 1000 population is lower for N Herts than the county as a whole.	Hertfordshire Highways 01707 356223
	1995	4 102 419 525	1995	45 1003 5454 6502					
	1996	10 91 512 613	1996	58 1099 5657 6814					
	1997	8 87 509 604	1997	58 1053 5660 6771					
	1998	9 119 591 719	1998	57 1103 5857 7077					
	1999		1999						

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
		8 99 507 614			53 895 5754 6702				
	2000		2000						
		7 66 577 650			54 858 6287 7199				
	2001		2001						
		6 99 517 622			49 845 5679 6573				
	2002		2002						
		11 57 580 648			58 756 5819 6633				
	2003		2003						
		5 58 576 639			38 650 5514 6202				
	2004		2004						
		9 75 529 613			51 640 5483 6174				

5(g) Increase participation in education and life-long learning

Percentage of population by age band and educational qualification	Insufficient data available to implement at present.								
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5(h) Maintain and improve culture, leisure and recreational activities that are available to all

No indicators identified	Under investigation								
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Resource Use and Waste

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
6(a) Use natural resources efficiently; reuse, use recycled where possible									
Consumption/recycling of aggregates	No data currently available								
Construction and demolition waste going to landfill	No data currently available								
Number of dwellings created by re-use of existing buildings (conversion or change of use)	No. 2001/2 11 2002/3 23 2003/4 40 2004/5 56								Source: NHDC
Number of buildings designed to sustainability principles	Under investigation								
Average household water use per capita	Litres/person/day Anglian Three Valleys 99/00 150 170 00/01 155 175			2003/04 average estimate for all unmetered users across all supply companies was 158 l/p/d.				NHDC is covered by 2 supply companies. Anglian supplies most of the District with Three Valleys supplying predominantly rural areas in the south. Anglian consumption is approximately the national average, whereas 3 Valleys are the highest for any supplier being	Data from Three Valleys report <i>Serving the community, protecting the environment 2004</i> . http://www.ofwat.gov.uk/aptrix/ofwat/publish.nsf/AttachmentsByTitle/leakage_03-04.pdf/\$FILE/leakage_03-04.pdf Security of supply, leakage and efficient use of water 2003 – 2004, Ofwat Dec 2004 Note that companies make estimates for their whole supply areas and cannot break this down to smaller areas.

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
	01/02 150 181 02/03 159 178 03/04 163 191							approximately 20% above average.	
Margin between water supply resources and projected demand	No local data are available, nor would these be particularly meaningful given the extensive distribution network used to maintain security of supply. North Herts spans both the Anglian and Thames EA Regions.		In 1997 0.95 cubic km of water was abstracted in the Anglian Region. This represented 23% of the estimated Annual Internal renewable water resources of 4.14 cubic km. Figures for Thames Region were 1.82 cubic km representing 59% of AIRWR of 3.09 cubic km.	For England and Wales the annual extraction rate in 1997 was 15.26 cubic km representing 22% of AIRWR of 68.17 cubic km.		No trend data available.		The percentage extraction rate of 23% for Anglian Region was slightly above the national average of 22%, but the rate for Thames Region at 59% was more than double the National average. This is one of the highest rates in Europe.	Water Resources for the Future – A strategy for Anglian Region, EA, March 2001
State of groundwater resources	NHDC lies on the Ivel Chalk aquifer. This has a significant surplus above the currently licensed abstraction rate, but see comments.							Comments on the Ivel Chalk aquifer: 'Increases in abstraction from the Chalk are not acceptable despite the water balance showing a surplus. The surplus is viewed with caution because firstly, there is a large volume of effluent and it may not be wise to plan to rely on such high effluent flows in future and secondly, this unit overlaps with Thames Region which may rely on groundwater resources in this unit.'	Water Resources for the Future – A strategy for Anglian Region, EA, March 2001
6(b) Reduce waste									
Annual per capita	Waste per Capita (kg)		1998/9 491	482		Per capita household waste produced in N Herts is			http://www.hertsdirect.org/infobase/docs/pdfstore/gol4.pdf

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
production of household waste	2002/03	534	2002/3	520	521	approximately the national average, but recent trend data suggests that it is falling in the District whereas the national trend is a continuing rise.			Source: Quality of Life Report 2004, (HEF, 2005)
	2003/04	524							
	Waste per household (kg)								
	2000/01	1271							
	2002/03	1227							
	2003/04	1205							
Percentage of household waste recycled or composted	1998-99	8	1996/97	9.3	7.5	HHC target is to increase average recycling to more than 30% by 2005/6 which is above the national target of 25%			http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/statistics/index.htm Source: Municipal Waste Management Survey, Published August 2004 http://www.hertsdirect.org/infobase/docs/pdfstore/gol4.pdf Source: Quality of Life Report 2004, (HEF, 2005)
	1999-00	10	1997/98	10.5	8.2				
	2000-01	9	1998/99	11.9	9.0				
	2001-02	10	1999/00	14.1	10.3				
	2002-03	11	2000/01	15.2	11.2				
	2003/04	17.7	2001/02	17.3	12.5				
			2002/03	19.4	14.5				
Percentage of waste landfilled		77% (2000/01) 71% (2003/04)						It is estimated that current Herts. landfill options will be exhausted by 2008.	Source: Hertfordshire Waste Strategy

Town Centres

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
7 Promote sustainable urban living									
Vacant units in main town centres	2004 2005 Hitchin 10 9 Letchworth 21 26 Baldock 8 6 Royston 13 16								Source: NHDC
Percentage of new retail (A1) in town centers versus out-of-town	% of new retail in town centres 2001/2 97.0 2002/3 23.5 2003/4 95.0 2004/5 100.0								Source: NHDC
% of all dwellings completed which are	% of new dwellings in town centres 2001/2								Source: NHDC

Indicator	North Herts	Herts	East of England	National	Targets	Trends	Status	Comments	Data sources
within town centres		45.3							
	2002/3	36.1							
	2003/4	23.4							
	2004/5	16.0							