

## NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2024

# MEMBERS' INFORMATION

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# NEWS AND INFORMATION

## AGENDA & REPORTS

### PUBLISHED WEEK COMMENCING

4 MARCH 2024

Cabinet Sub Committee (Local Authority Trading Companies' Shareholder) – 19 March 2024  
Cabinet – 19 March 2024  
Cabinet Panel on the Environment – 20 March 2024  
Planning Control Committee – 21 March 2024

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING

11 MARCH 2024

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 12 March 2024  
Joint Staff Consultative Committee – 13 March 2024  
Finance, Audit and Risk Committee – 13 March 2024

### UPCOMING CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS

FROM FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2024

Date	Event	Location
Tuesday 12 March 2024	Stevenage World Forum and Mayor's Charity Concert	Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage

### UPCOMING VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS

FOR FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	

### UPCOMING OTHER EVENTS

FROM FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2024

Date	Event	Location
Monday 11 March 2024	Baldock and District Area Forum	Virtual
Thursday 14 March 2024	Southern Rural Area Forum	Virtual

Directorate: Legal & Community

# MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

***Pre-Election Restricted Period (PERP)  
District, and Police & Crime Commissioners Elections  
(22 March - 2 May 2023)***

## **Pre-Election Restricted Period – PLEASE READ**

As Councillors are aware in the run up to an election certain statutory restrictions apply as to what the Council (and its employees) can do, to ensure political neutrality is maintained during the **Pre-Election Restricted Period** ('PERP').

We currently have the all-out District elections/ Police & Crime Commissioner election this May, and PERP for the **District starts on Friday 22 March and continues until close of poll on Thursday 2 May 2024.**

*Councillors should note, however, that the Police & Crime Commissioner Notice of election will be published on **15 March** and we will also have a heightened awareness/sensitivity around the candidates standing in that election and publicity.*

If a Councillor or Officer is unsure as to whether PERP affects anything, or if they have a general concern, they should err on the side of caution.

Guidance on PERP can be found below. *I am happy to clarify any aspects of this guidance or to deal with any questions Councillors or Officers may have.*

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## **Pre-Election Restricted Period**

### **GUIDANCE FOR COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS**

#### **What is PERP and WHEN?**

PERP runs from the date on which the Notice of Election is published until the close of Poll on the day of the election (inclusive).

During the periods mentioned above, there are restrictions that apply to the way in which the Council operates, including use of Council resources and to the publicity it can issue. PERP is sometimes also referred to under the old terminology of purdah, but the two terms have the same meaning.

## **Why does PERP impose restrictions?**

The purpose of PERP is to ensure that the Council remains neutral in the elections and does not appear to be supporting any particular political party or candidate in the elections. There are also some statutory restrictions. Some of these apply all the time but have more significance immediately before elections.

The main statutory provisions are sections 2 and 4 of the Local Government Act 1986 which prohibits the Council from issuing any material which wholly or in part appears to support a political party. Section 4 of the Act makes it clear that a council must have regard to the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity. The Code of Recommended Practice is based around seven principles to ensure that all communications activity:

- is lawful
- is cost effective
- is objective
- is even-handed
- is appropriate
- has regard to equality and diversity
- is issued with care during periods of heightened sensitivity.

Publicity is defined as “**any communication in whatever form addressed to the public**” (or a section of the public) and includes press releases, magazines, newsletters and other publications, information on the Council’s website and consultations. It also includes social media which may broadly be defined as any external communication channel by which can be accessed by a large number of people (e.g. X [formerly Twitter], Facebook etc.).

## **Practical Guidance**

The following is intended to provide practical guidance to Councillors and Officers on what can and cannot be done during PERP.

The guidance deals with the issues most likely to arise, but it cannot cover everything. The guiding principle is whether a proposed course of action may cause the Council to be perceived as favouring a particular political party or candidate in the elections.

The Council’s business should continue as normal during PERP subject to this guiding principle, and the following restrictions:

1. No press releases, or other publicity, should be issued quoting any Councillor.
2. Council publications should not refer to or identify Councillors by name or contain statements or quotes from Councillors.
3. Quotes in press releases and other publicity should be from the Service Director for the Service concerned.
4. Press releases, other publicity, Officer quotes and statements must be neutral in tone, avoid controversy, be factual and avoid association with any political party or candidate in the elections, or with the policy or programme of any political party or candidate. This also applies to any displays or exhibitions on Council premises or which the Council is promoting or sponsoring, whether or not the material which is the subject of the exhibition or display has been produced by or on behalf of the Council.
5. Councillor contact details and Councillor information will remain on the Council’s website.

6. The Leader or relevant Executive Member may comment on emergency situations or where there is a genuine need for a Councillor response to an important event outside the Council's control.
7. Councillors may continue with their everyday constituency work, including correspondence from constituents. *However, Councillors are advised not to use Council resources, such as their North Herts Council email address/or telephone number on election material or political tweets or blogs.*
8. Officers should continue to keep Councillors informed on matters relating to their ward or portfolio as normal. Councillors should use such information only for the purposes of their role as a Councillor and not for any purpose connected with the elections.
9. New policies or initiatives should not be announced or commenced during PERP, unless these are unavoidable or clearly not politically controversial. If this is necessary, any new policies or initiatives that are announced or commenced should be presented neutrally and not be associated with any political party or candidate.
10. The Council should not commence any consultations during PERP unless they are unavoidable or required by law, in which case they should be presented neutrally and not associated with any political party or candidate.
11. Officers should not arrange events to highlight a Council service, to celebrate completion of or commencement of a new initiative during PERP.
12. Officers should not hold or attend meetings with candidates in the elections or with prominent political figures unless these are part of normal business and clearly not contentious. If Officers have any concerns about holding or attending any meeting involving a candidate in the elections or a political figure, they should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer.
13. PERP restrictions apply to the Council, to publicity issued by or on behalf of the Council and to the use of Council resources and facilities. *They do not prevent Councillors from contacting the press themselves, making political statements, organising photo shoots or engaging in political activity generally on their own behalf.* However, they must not use Council resources or facilities to do so.
14. PERP does not prevent Officers from providing factual responses to requests for information (e.g. how someone can register to vote).
15. PERP does not apply to the media who do not have to adapt their coverage or refrain from asking candidates or Councillors for political comment.

# **Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone North Herts**

**01/01/2024** to **01/02/2024**

## Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2024 to 01/02/2024

### Category Summary

#### **Zone: Baldock**

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Anti-Social Behaviour	Drunken Behaviour	2
Assault	ABH	1
Other		1
Police Request		1

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Baldock: 5**

#### **Zone: Hitchin**

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Alarm Activation	Intruder Alarm	3
Anti-Social Behaviour	Disorder	7
Assault	ABH	2
Concern for Welfare	Mental Health	2
Criminal Damage		1
Domestic	Assault	1
Drug Related		1
Environmental	Wind Damage	2
Other		1
Post Event Viewing	Download For Police	17
Suspicious Activity		2
Theft	Shoplifting	2
Traffic Incident	RTC	1
Vehicle	No Insurance	2
Weapon	Firearms	5

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Hitchin: 49**

#### **Zone: Knebworth**

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Concern for Welfare	Mental Health	1
Deceased	Sudden Death	1
Weapon	Knife	1

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Knebworth: 3**

#### **Zone: Letchworth**

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Anti Social Behaviour	Drunken Behaviour	7
Concern for Welfare	Missing Persons	6
Domestic	Assault	1
		1

## Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2024 to 01/02/2024

Post Event Viewing	Download For Police	4
Suspicious Activity		4
Traffic Incident	RTC	1
Vehicle		1
Weapon	Knife	5

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Letchworth: 30**

### Zone: Royston

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Alarm Activation	Personal Attack	1
Anti-Social Behaviour	Affray	2
Post Event Viewing	Download For Authority	1

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Royston: 4**

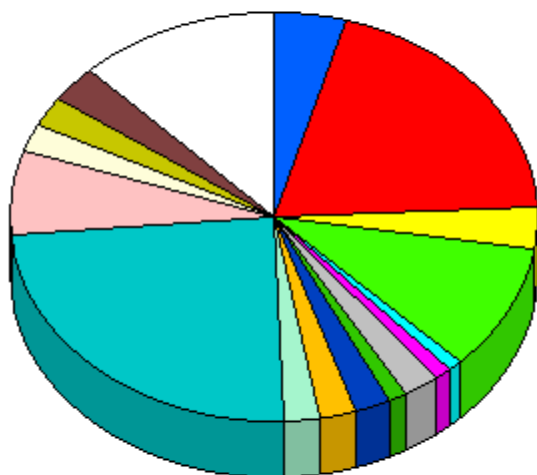
**Total No. of Incidents : 91**



# Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

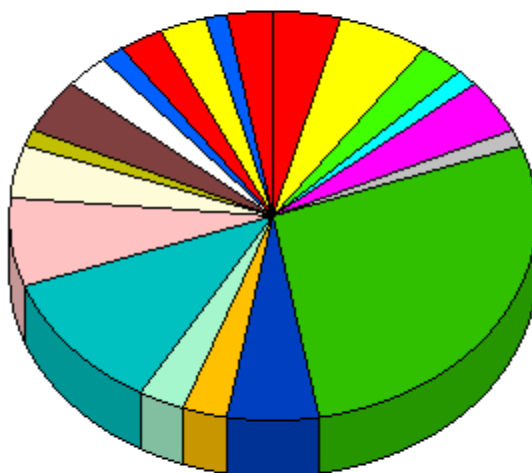
01/01/2024 to 01/02/2024

## No. of Incidents by Category



Alarm Activation	4.4%
Anti Social Behaviour	19.8%
Assault	3.3%
Concern for Welfare	9.9%
Criminal Damage	1.1%
Deceased	1.1%
Domestic	2.2%
Drug Related	1.1%
Enviromental	2.2%
Other	2.2%
Police Request	2.2%
Post Event Viewing	24.2%
Suspicious Activity	6.6%
Theft	2.2%
Traffic Incident	2.2%
Vehicle	3.3%
Weapon	12.1%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## No. of Incidents by Sub Category



	0.0%
ABH	4.2%
Affray	5.6%
Assualt	2.8%
Begging	1.4%
Disorder	4.2%
Download For Authority	1.4%
Download For Police	27.8%
Drunken Behaviour	5.6%
Firearms	2.8%
Intruder Alarm	2.8%
Knife	11.1%
Mental Health	6.9%
Missing Persons	4.2%
No Insurance	1.4%
Nuisance	4.2%
Personal Attack	2.8%
Public Order	1.4%
RTC	2.8%
Shoplifting	2.8%
Sudden Death	1.4%
Wind Damage	2.8%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2024 to 01/02/2024

## Call Source Summary

### Zone: Baldock

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Controller	2
Police Airwaves	2
Police Control	1

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Baldock: 5**

### Zone: Hitchin

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Controller	5
Police Airwaves	21
Police Control	2
Post Event Viewing	17
Town Link	4

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Hitchin: 49**

### Zone: Knebworth

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Police Airwaves	2
Police Control	1

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Knebworth: 3**

### Zone: Letchworth

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Controller	5
Police Airwaves	18
Police Control	3
Post Event Viewing	4

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Letchworth: 30**

### Zone: Royston

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Police Airwaves	2
Police Control	1
Post Event Viewing	1

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Royston: 4**



## Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2024 to 01/02/2024

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Total No. of Incidents :	91
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## Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2024 to 01/02/2024

### No. of Incidents by Call Source



Controller	13.2%
Police Airwaves	49.5%
Police Control	8.8%
Post Event Viewing	24.2%
Town Link	4.4%
Total:	100.0%

# Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2024 to 01/02/2024

## Camera Summary

### Zone: Baldock

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00803	High Street Junc	3
00804	High Street Junc	3

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Baldock: 5**

### Zone: Hitchin

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00300	Bancroft North	7
00301	Bancroft Park Car	2
00302	Bancroft Middle	8
00303	Bancroft	17
00304	Brand Street	17
00305	Market Place	19
00306	Market Place Sun	12
00307	Hermitage Road	12
00308	Woodside Car Park	1
00309	Churchyard South	11
00310	Churchyard North	4
00311	Sun Street	5
00312	Bucklesbury	2
00313	Biggen Lane Car	3
00314	Queen Street	6
00315	Portmill Lane Car	4
00316	Station Approach	3
00317	Nightingale Road	3
00822	Westmill John	1
03028	RV Westmill	1

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Hitchin: 49**

### Zone: Knebworth

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00850	Station Road Junc	3
00851	London Road	3

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Knebworth: 3**

### Zone: Letchworth

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00401	Eastcheap Car Park	10
00402	Broadway Hotel	8
00403	Station Place	12
00404	Station Road West	11

## Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2024 to 01/02/2024

00406	Station Road East	5
00407	The Wynd	5
00408	Leys Avenue	7
00409	Leys Square	9
00410	Eastcheap Middle	10
00411	Broadway Gardens	11
00412	Broadway South	3
00413	Gernon Road	4
00414	Howard Park Car Pa	5
00415	Norton Way South	5
00417	Leys Avenue Top	15
00418	Leys Avenue	9
00419	Leys Avenue	6
00820	Grange Estate	1
03002	RV Brampton Park	1
03006	Lampost 3 Redhill	1

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Letchworth: 30**

### Zone: Royston

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00810	Lower King Street	2
00811	Lower High Street	1
00812	Upper High Street	2
00814	Market Hill	1
00815	Fish Hill Opp NU	1
00818	Subway West	1
00819	Subway East	1
03003	RV Priory Park	1

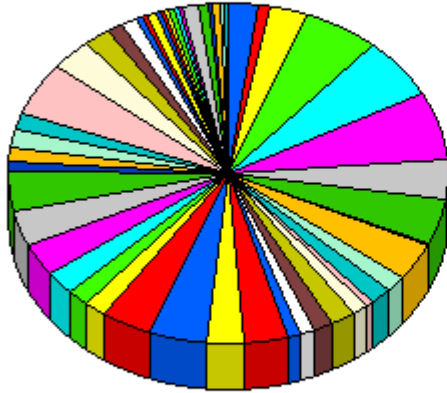
**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Royston: 4**

**Total No. of Incidents : 90**

# Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2024 to 01/02/2024

## No. of Incidents by Camera



0300	Bancroft North	2.3%
00301	Bancroft Park Car Park	0.7%
00302	Bancroft Middle	2.7%
00303	Bancroft Hermitage Rd	5.7%
00304	Brand Street	5.7%
00305	Market Place High St	6.4%
00306	Market Place Sun St	4.0%
00307	Hermitage Road	4.0%
00308	Woodside Car Park	0.3%
00309	Churchyard South	3.7%
00310	Churchyard North	1.3%
00311	Sun Street	1.7%
00312	Bucklesbury	0.7%
00313	Biggen Lane Car Park	1.0%
00314	Queen Street	2.0%
00315	Portmill Lane Car Park	1.3%
00316	Station Approach	1.0%
00317	Nightingale Road	1.0%
00401	Eastcheap Car Park	3.4%
00402	Broadway Hotel	2.7%
00403	Station Place	4.0%
00404	Station Road West	3.7%
Total:		100.0%

# **Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone North Herts**

**01/02/2024** to **01/03/2024**



# Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/02/2024 to 01/03/2024

## Category Summary

### Zone: Baldock

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Concern for Welfare	Mental Health	1
Police Request		1
Post Event Viewing	Download For Police	1

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Baldock: 3**

### Zone: Hitchin

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
_TEST		1
Alarm Activation	Intruder Alarm	2
Anti Social Behaviour	Drunken Behaviour	18
Assault		5
Breach	Court Order	1
Burglary		1
Concern for Welfare	Mental Health	1
Criminal Damage		1
Domestic	Assault	3
Other		1
Police Request	Warrant or Wanted	2
Post Event Viewing	Download For Police	15
Traffic Incident	RTC	4
Vehicle	DUI	1
Weapon	Knife	3

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Hitchin: 59**

### Zone: Knebworth

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Traffic Incident	RTC	1

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Knebworth: 1**

### Zone: Letchworth

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Anti Social Behaviour	Begging	5
Concern for Welfare		3
Deception/Fraud	Banking Protocol	1
Drug Related		1
Police Request		1
Post Event Viewing	Download For Police	5
Theft	Shoplifting	2



## Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/02/2024 to 01/03/2024

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Traffic Incident	RTC	1
Weapon	Firearms	2

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**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Letchworth: 21**

### Zone: Royston

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Anti-Social Behaviour	Drunken Behaviour	1
Other		1
Post Event Viewing	Download For Police	1

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**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Royston: 3**

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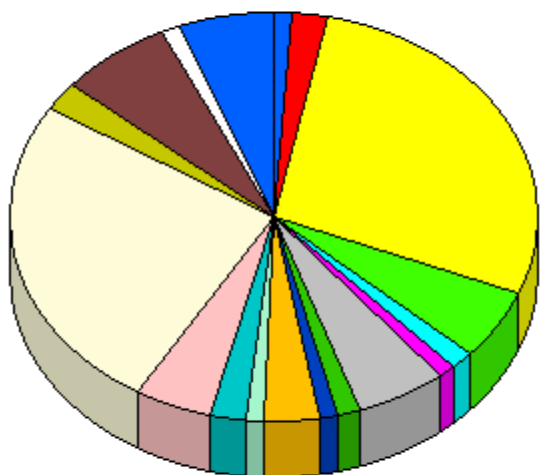
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# Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

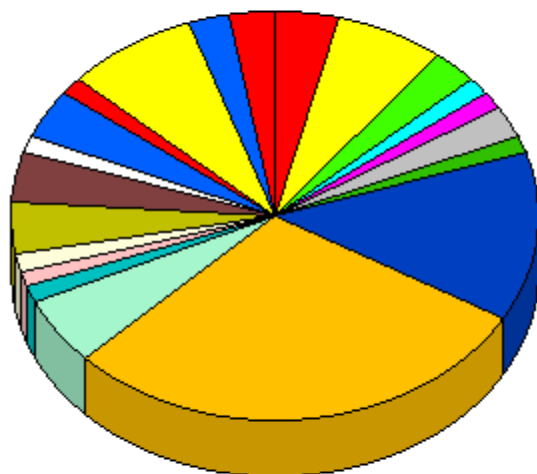
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## No. of Incidents by Category



_TEST	1.1%
Alarm Activation	2.3%
Anti Social Behaviour	27.6%
Assault	5.7%
Breach	1.1%
Burglary	1.1%
Concern for Welfare	5.7%
Criminal Damage	1.1%
Deception/Fraud	1.1%
Domestic	3.4%
Drug Related	1.1%
Other	2.3%
Police Request	4.6%
Post Event Viewing	25.3%
Theft	2.3%
Traffic Incident	6.9%
Vehicle	1.1%
Weapon	5.7%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## No. of Incidents by Sub Category



	0.0%
ABH	4.0%
Affray	6.7%
Assault	2.7%
Banking Protocol	1.3%
Bat/Bar	1.3%
Begging	2.7%
Court Order	1.3%
Disorder	13.3%
Download For Police	29.3%
Drunken Behaviour	5.3%
DUI	1.3%
Firearms	1.3%
Intruder Alarm	1.3%
Knife	4.0%
Mental Health	4.0%
Missing Persons	1.3%
Nuisance	4.0%
Personal Attack	1.3%
RTC	8.0%
Shoplifting	2.7%
Warrant or Wanted	2.7%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/02/2024 to 01/03/2024

## Call Source Summary

### Zone: Baldock

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Police Airwaves	1
Police Control	1
Post Event Viewing	1

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**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Baldock: 3**

### Zone: Hitchin

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Controller	11
Police Airwaves	20
Police Control	4
Post Event Viewing	15
Town Link	9

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**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Hitchin: 59**

### Zone: Knebworth

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Controller	1

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**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Knebworth: 1**

### Zone: Letchworth

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Controller	1
Police Airwaves	10
Police Control	2
Post Event Viewing	5
Town Link	3

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**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Letchworth: 21**

### Zone: Royston

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Police Airwaves	2
Post Event Viewing	1

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**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Royston: 3**

## Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

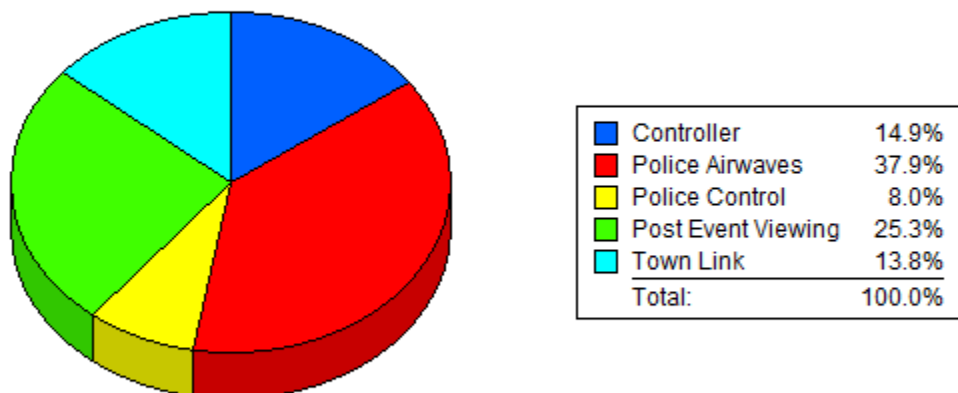
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Total No. of Incidents : 87

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### No. of Incidents by Call Source



# Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/02/2024 to 01/03/2024

## Camera Summary

### Zone: Baldock

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00803	High Street Junc	3

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Baldock: 3**

### Zone: Hitchin

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00300	Bancroft North	4
00301	Bancroft Park Car	4
00302	Bancroft Middle	2
00303	Bancroft	17
00304	Brand Street	11
00305	Market Place	17
00306	Market Place Sun	18
00307	Hermitage Road	8
00308	Woodside Car Park	1
00309	Churchyard South	8
00311	Sun Street	5
00312	Bucklesbury	7
00313	Biggen Lane Car	4
00314	Queen Street	12
00315	Portmill Lane Car	6
00316	Station Approach	6
00317	Nightingale Road	6

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Hitchin: 59**

### Zone: Knebworth

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00850	Station Road Junc	1
00851	London Road	1

**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Knebworth: 1**

### Zone: Letchworth

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00401	Eastcheap Car Park	7
00402	Broadway Hotel	4
00403	Station Place	10
00404	Station Road West	6
00405	Station Road	1
00406	Station Road East	1
00408	Leys Avenue	1
00409	Leys Square	2



## Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/02/2024 to 01/03/2024

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00410	Eastcheap Middle	2
00411	Broadway Gardens	5
00413	Gernon Road	2
00417	Leys Avenue Top	7
00418	Leys Avenue	2
00820	Grange Estate	1

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**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Letchworth: 21**

### Zone: Royston

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00810	Lower King Street	2
00813	Corn Exchange	1
00814	Market Hill	1
00815	Fish Hill Opp NU	1

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**Total No. of Incidents in Zone Royston: 3**

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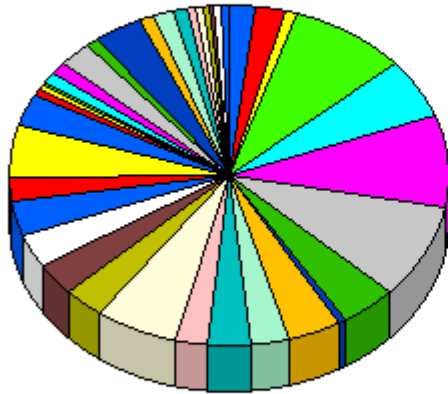
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# Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/02/2024 to 01/03/2024

## No. of Incidents by Camera



0300 Bancroft North	2.0%
00301 Bancroft Park Car Park	2.0%
00302 Bancroft Middle	1.0%
00303 Bancroft Hermitage Rd	8.6%
00304 Brand Street	5.6%
00305 Market Place High St	8.6%
00306 Market Place Sun St	9.1%
00307 Hermitage Road	4.1%
00308 Woodside Car Park	0.5%
00309 Churchyard South	4.1%
00311 Sun Street	2.5%
00312 Bucklesbury	3.6%
00313 Biggen Lane Car Park	2.0%
00314 Queen Street	6.1%
00315 Portmill Lane Car Park	3.0%
00316 Station Approach	3.0%
00317 Nightingale Road	3.0%
00401 Eastcheap Car Park	3.6%
00402 Broadway Hotel	2.0%
00403 Station Place	5.1%
00404 Station Road West	3.0%
00405 Station Road Middle	0.5%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## 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 Nature Tots events using Norton Common, Letchworth Garden City on alternate Mondays from the 11<sup>th</sup> March to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 between 10.30 hrs to 11.30 hrs on each occasion.

**2. DECISION TAKER**

- 2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

**3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:**

- 3.1 5<sup>th</sup> March 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

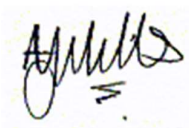
**17. APPENDICES**

17.1 None

**NOTIFICATION DATE - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

**Date .....5<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



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

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**SERVICE DIRECTORATE:** PLACE

### **1. DECISION TAKEN**

1.1 To approve an Ice Cream Concession (Gerry's Ices) at Priory Memorial Gardens, Royston from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### **2. DECISION TAKER**

2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

### **3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:**

3.1 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### **4. REASON FOR DECISION**

4.1 To support the organisers to provide a community attraction within Priory Memorial Gardens.

### **5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 The organisers have approached North Herts Council to host this event. Other locations have been considered by the organisers that are outside North Herts.

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

6.1 Consultation has been undertaken with colleagues in Property Services and 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 Application form and supporting documents.

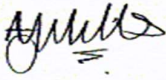
**17. APPENDICES**

17.1 None

**NOTIFICATION DATE - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

**Date .....7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.....**

**Signature of Decision Maker .....**  .....

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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 an annual May Day Fayre at Priory Memorial Gardens, Royston on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 between 11.00 and 17.00 hrs.

**2. DECISION TAKER**

2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

**3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:**

3.1 7<sup>th</sup> March 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. Other locations have been considered by the organisers that are outside North Herts.

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

6.1 Consultation has been undertaken with colleagues in Property Services and 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 Application form and supporting documents.

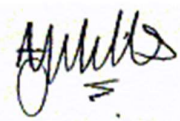
**17. APPENDICES**

17.1 None

**NOTIFICATION DATE - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

**Date .....7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.....**



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

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### **\*PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted n/a

#### **SERVICE DIRECTORATE: LEGAL & COMMUNITY**

##### **1. DECISION TAKEN**

In respect of one element of the grant decision notice of 30 November 2023, the following is Re-issued decision (see background document): The approval of grant from the 2023/4 Allocation of the Shared Prosperity Fund from the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to fund projects to improve the North Herts Town Centres:

- £6,000 to Hitchin Business Improvement District (BID) as outlined in 5.1.

##### **2. DECISION TAKER**

Leader, Cllr Elizabeth Denis in consultation with Jeanette Thompson, Service Director, Legal & Community.

##### **3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:**

7 March 2024

##### **4. REASON FOR DECISION**

4.1 See previous decision:

<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-12/10.%20Report%20for%20Town%20Centre%20Improvement%20Projects%20Year%202%20SPF%20Programme%20Grants%20Approval%20V2%20sign>

4.2 The grant funding was not paid following the decision of 30 November due to further enquires. The re-issued decision follows supply of further information, and this decision is taken in replacement with regards to the £6,000 above.

##### **5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1. None.

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

6.1 Relevant Executive Members have been informed regarding the matter.

##### **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 Hitchin BID requested £6,000 towards the £12,050 cost of renewing lighting suspension and connection system.



## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Chapter 1, s1-8 of the Localism Act 2011 provides a General Power of Competence which gives local authorities the powers to do anything if it is not specifically prohibited in legislation.

9.2 The decision taker signing the Decision Notice has delegated authority to take such a decision in accordance with the North Hertfordshire District Council Constitution as per section 14.6.16.1 and section 9E(2) Local Government Act 2000. The Service Director consulted has remit to consider Grant applications as per section 14.6.9(b)(ii) financial assistance and grants to external organisations, and voluntary sector and community groups (including although not limited to capital or revenue grants).

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 See decision notice link of 30 November 2023.

## **11. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 See decision notice link of 30 November 2023.

## **12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 See decision notice link of 30 November 2023.

## **13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS**

13.1 See decision notice link of 30 November 2023.

## **14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

14.1 See decision notice link of 30 November 2023.

## **15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

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## **17. APPENDICES**

17.1 None.

## **NOTIFICATION DATE**

8.3.24

**Signature of Executive Member (Leader) Decision taker...**



**Date 7.3.24**

**Consultee:**

**Signature of Service Director: Legal & Community consultee Decision Maker**

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**Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS. This decision is Executive.**

## RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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**SERVICE DIRECTORATE:** PLACE

### **1. DECISION TAKEN**

- 1.1 To approve a John O’Conner Ground Maintenance Ltd Aboricultural Safety Day event for their own staff using part of Norton Common, Letchworth Garden City on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 between 08.00 hrs to 16.30 hrs.

### **2. DECISION TAKER**

- 2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

### **3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:**

- 3.1 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### **4. REASON FOR DECISION**

- 4.1 To support the organisers to provide an opportunity for John O’Conner Grounds Maintenance Ltd to undertake specialist training of their Aboricultural staff.

### **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**

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### **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**11. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

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**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**

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16.1 None

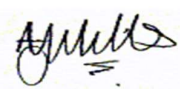
**17. APPENDICES**

17.1 None

**NOTIFICATION DATE - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

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**EAST TEAM**

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

24/00511/TPO	Mr Dom Walker The Blue Tree Company 50 Bunyan Road, Hitchin, SG5 1NN	3 Woodforde Close Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QE  Mr Stewart Reddaway  Sycamore - Re-pollard to clear the solar panels.
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**Baldock**

24/00352/FP	Mr Alan Duncan Mr Alan Duncan 56 High Street, Whitwell, Herts, SG4 8AG	The Stables North Road Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5DN  Mr S Carrod  Creation of vehicular access onto North Road.
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**Barley Parish Council**

24/00450/TCA	ROBINSON TREE SERVICES LTD Mrs Georgina Gentry Beech Farm, Coopers Green Lane, St. Albans, AL4 9HP, United Kingdom	5 Greenbury Close Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8DS  Mrs Lois Burgess  T150-Robinia-Crown reduce all round by 2-3 metres. T155-Filed Maple-Crown reduce all round by 3 metres. T156-Field Maple-Crown reduce all round by 3 metres. T157-Horse Chestnut-Re-pollard T158-Horse Chestnut-Re-pollard
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**Hinxworth Parish Council**

24/00442/S73	Pentangle Design Group Mr Gareth Leech Suite 1, 21 Bancroft, Hitchin, SG5 1JW, United Kingdom	Place Farm New Inn Road Hinxworth Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5HB  Mr Barry Chapman  Variation of condition 2 (revised plans) of planning permission 23/01232/FP granted on 07.09.2023 for Change of use of land to residential and conversion of two existing barns to create two 4-bed detached dwellings with detached garage, car port, landscaping and creation of additional vehicular access following demolition of farmhouse garage and workshop.
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**Kelshall Parish Meeting**

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

**LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 08/03/2024  
DEADLINE FOR COUNCILLORS' CALL IN: 28/03/2024**

24/00412/FP	Peter George Town Planning Mr Tom Donovan Nine Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1GE	Manor Farm, Barns At Church Lane Kelshall Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9SP
		Mr P Whiffin
		Conversion and extension of existing grade II listed barn to create one 4-bedroom dwelling. Erection of one 4-bedroom dwelling and one 5-bed dwelling and associated 6-bay cart lodge and associated formation of vehicular accesses, parking, private amenity and hard/soft landscaping.
24/00413/LBC	Peter George Town Planning Mr Tom Donovan Nine Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1GE	Manor Farm Church Lane Kelshall Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9SP
		Mr P Whiffin
		Conversion and extension of existing grade II listed barn including internal and external alterations to create one x 4-bedroom dwelling.
<b>Letchworth Garden City</b>		
24/00116/FP	Design Team Consultants LTD Mr Andrew Hayward Business And Technology Centre, Bessemer Drive, Stevenage, SG1 2DX, United Kingdom	48 - 52 Leys Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3EQ
		Mr Dipen Shah
		Conversion, extension and alterations to building involving three storey rear extension with basement parking for 11 cars and first floor glazed link between extension and existing building following demolition of two storey rear extension. Change of use of ground floor to include Use Classes A1, A3 (Restaurant) and D1 provision of 8 x 2 bedroom and 2 x 1 bedroom flats over. Insertion of 3 dormer windows and 3 roof lights in existing rear roof slope, raised ground floor terrace at rear and ancillary works.
24/00395/FPH	PicklePlanning Stuart Judd 1 Sale Drive, Clothall Common, Baldock, SG7 6NS	8 Burnell Rise Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3RN
		Mr Lee Varley
		Single storey side and rear extensions, alterations to fenestration to include insertion of first floor front window and alteration to roofline of existing side roof slope and erection of detached garage following demolition of existing detached outbuilding.

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

**LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 08/03/2024  
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24/00409/FPH	Improve It Design Ltd Mr John Williams 9 Broadstone, Dartmouth, Devon, TQ6 9NR, United Kingdom	1 Manor Farm Cottages Wymondley Road Willian Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2AH  Miss S K Gill  Replace all existing windows and doors.
24/00416/FPH	Houghton Architecture Ltd Mr Mark Houghton Suite 83, Enterprise House, 86 Bancroft, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1NQ	320 Norton Way South Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1TA  Mr & Mrs D Job  Replace existing integral garage door with window and installation of a side window to facilitate conversion of garage into habitable accommodation.
24/00446/FPH	ArchiTech Ltd. Mr Richard Chambers 72 Lytton Avenue, Letchworth, SG6 3HY, United Kingdom	21 Baldock Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3JX  Mr Ditcham  Single storey rear extension.
<b>Royston Town Council</b>		
24/00168/FPH	Owers Warwick Architects Mr Richard Owers 13-15 Covent Garden, Cambridge, CB1 2HS, United Kingdom	9 Old North Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5DS  Mr Mark Gilligan  Single storey lower ground floor front extension.
24/00377/LBC	Mr & Mrs Rodney & Yvonne Dyer 13 Lower King Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5AL	13 Lower King Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5AL  Mr & Mrs Rodney & Yvonne Dyer  Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Panels to roof slope of rear wing, together with associated electrical equipment (including inverter and battery) in cellar, and electric vehicle charger in driveway
24/00423/FPH	Aoife Bloomer 20 Morton Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7AZ	20 Morton Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7AZ  Aoife Bloomer  Part two storey and part first floor side extension.

**Weston Parish Council**

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

LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 08/03/2024  
DEADLINE FOR COUNCILLORS' CALL IN: 28/03/2024

24/00342/FPH	Plans To Expand Mr Geoffrey Phillips 97 Mildmay Road, STEVENAGE, SG1 5RS	The Haven Mill Lane Weston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7AJ  Ms Helen Amey  Single storey rear extension, insertion of rooflights to existing front and rear roofslopes; alterations to side fenestration and erection of detached garage following demolition of existing single storey rear element and detached garage.
24/00419/LDCE	Derek Sailsbury Practice Sailsbury Practice Hodderm, Crowborough Road, Nutley, East Sussex, TN22 3HY	Fontley Halls Green Weston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7DU  Mr And Mrs Michael Lucie Anderson Wood  Continued use of premises as wood recycling yard [Manufacture/storage/distribution].

**WEST TEAM**

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
<b>Great Ashby Community Council</b>		
24/00392/FPH	Mr Steve Bales 42 Thirlmere, Great Ashby, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 6AH	42 Thirlmere Great Ashby Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 6AH  Mr Steve Bales  Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. Insertion of front ground floor window following removal of existing garage doors to facilitate garage conversion into snug/wc.
<b>Hitchin</b>		
24/00293/LDCP	Mr Rashad Abul Hawa 3 Half Acre, Hitchin, SG5 2XL	3 Half Acre Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2XL  Mr Rashad Abul Hawa  Installation of additional hardstanding
24/00361/FPH	Mr James Batchelor Via Email	52 Balmoral Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1XQ  Mrs Sinead Hall  Alterations to existing single storey rear extension roof and insertion of first floor side windows. Single storey detached 1-bed annexe ancillary to main dwelling following alterations of existing garage. Alterations to fenestration.



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

**LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 08/03/2024  
DEADLINE FOR COUNCILLORS' CALL IN: 28/03/2024**

24/00376/FP	MBBM Studio Ltd Mr Michael Bukowski 1 Manor Drive, London, N200DZ, United Kingdom	44 Wilbury Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0AP	Timal Holdings Ltd  Increase roof ridge height and front roof extension to facilitate additional office space at second floor level. Alterations to fenestration
24/00399/FPH	Charlotte Fausset Architect Charlotte Fausset 41 Bunyan Close, Pirton, Hitchin, Sg5 3re	45 Benslow Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RE	Pearce  Retention of replacement windows to front elevation. Single storey rear extension and alterations to roof and fenestration of existing garage to facilitate the conversion of garage into 1-bed ancillary annexe. Relocation of front gate post and widening of existing front entrance. Installation of etched glass panels to front door and entrance hall.
24/00418/LDCP	Home Extension Team Miss Georgia Hayes 4 Brand Street, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1HX	20 Florence Street Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1QZ	Ms Malcolm  Single storey rear infill extension to facilitate garage conversion
24/00431/FPH	Barker Parry Town Planning Ltd Ms Holly Butrimas-Gair 33 Bancroft, Hitchin, SG5 1LA, United Kingdom	22 Springhead Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0LJ	Ms L Adeleke-Adedoyin  Insertion of two ground floor windows to existing side elevation to facilitate the conversion of garage into gym
24/00469/S73	CROE Architects Mr Joe Reader Suite 10, 18 Walsworth Road, Hitchin, SG4 9SP, United Kingdom	12 Kershaws Hill Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9AQ	Mr And Mrs Brooking  Variation of condition 2 (revised plans) of planning permission 21/03100/FPH granted on 04.01.2022 for Erection of side elevation porch, replace existing side door with a window, single storey rear extension, insertion of rooflights to existing front and box dormer to existing rear roofslopes to facilitate conversion of loftspace into habitable accommodation, decking to rear garden and increase length of existing rear fence.
24/00493/LDCP	Extend Mr Dave Pucknell 68 Queen Street, Hitchin , Hertfordshire, SG4 9TS	14 Broadmead Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9LU	Mr Bundy  Insertion of rear box dormer including 2no Juliet balconies

### Ickleford Parish Council

24/00348/LDCE Octagon Design & Consultancy Mr 19 St Katherines Close  
Trevor Johnson Ickleford  
2A Bournemouth Road, Stevenage, Hitchin  
Hertfordshire, SG1 2PN Hertfordshire  
SG5 3XS

Mr Glenn Hattersley

Construction of new bungalow

24/00414/FPH Natalie Horner Architectural Design 71 Arlesey Road  
Mrs Natalie Horner Ickleford  
Brookfield House, 89 Latimer Road, Hitchin  
Chesham, HP5 1QQ, United Hertfordshire  
Kingdom SG5 3TG

Ms Isaacs

Two storey side extension and front porch extension following  
demolition of existing conservatory

### Kimpton Parish Council

24/00453/FPH David French Partnership LLP Mr 13 Canham Close  
Andrew Evans Kimpton  
43 Guildford Street, Luton, LU1 2NQ Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG4 8SD

Mr Oliver Lawrence

Infill extension and alterations to roof and fenestration of existing rear  
conservatory

24/00459/TCA Bury Farm  
High Street  
Kimpton  
Hertfordshire

David B Phillips

Cherry, Beech, 2x Norwegian Maple - Cut back to boundary line

### Knebworth Parish Council

24/00391/SU Kelvin Gill Knebworth Railway Station  
The Quadrant, Elder Gate, Milton Station Approach  
Keynes, MK9 1EN Knebworth  
Hertfordshire  
SG3 6AT

Kelvin Gill

Proposed land disposal

24/00435/PIP Mr B Retkin 64 Pondcroft Road  
14 Grendon Gardens, Wembley, Knebworth  
Middesex, HA9 9NE Hertfordshire  
SG3 6DE

Mr B Retkin

Erection of two detached dwellings following demolition of existing  
bungalow

### Lilley Parish Council

**NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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24/00366/TCA Mr James Rose J R Countryside Services  
3 New Cottages, Hexton, Hitchin, SG5 3JD, United Kingdom  
The Old Chapel  
West Street  
Lilley  
Luton  
Hertfordshire  
LU2 8LN  
Mr James Rose  
Silver Birch - Remove. Leylandii - To be topped and reshaped by 30%.  
Holly - Reduce and reshape by 30%.

**Offley Parish Council**

24/00401/FPH John Denny Associates Ltd Mr John Denny  
43 Oulton Road, Ipswich, IP3 0QD, United Kingdom  
4 Home Farm Court  
Putteridge Park  
Luton  
Hertfordshire  
LU2 8NN  
Mr Simon Rogers  
Insertion of two rooflights to existing single storey rear roofslope

24/00402/LBC John Denny Associates Ltd Mr John Denny  
43 Oulton Road, Ipswich, IP3 0QD, United Kingdom  
4 Home Farm Court  
Putteridge Park  
Luton  
Hertfordshire  
LU2 8NN  
Mr Simon Rogers  
Insertion of two rooflights to existing single storey rear roofslope

**Pirton Parish Council**

24/00198/FP Ian Brakenbury  
Pirton Methodist Church, High Street, Pirton, Hitchin, SG53PS, United Kingdom  
Pirton Methodist Church  
High Street  
Pirton  
Hertfordshire  
SG5 3PS  
Ian Brakenbury  
Creation of rear garden area to include permeable paths, steps, ramp and seating together with installation of a proximity light to rear wall of the chapel.

**Preston Parish Council**

24/00445/TCA Mr Joe Darby Ace of Trees ltd  
18 The Noke, Stevenage, Stevenage, SG2 8LJ, United Kingdom  
Dinsley Field  
School Lane  
Preston  
Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG4 7UE  
Mrs Wendy Woods  
T1, T2 Poplar - Reduce by 50%. T3, T4 Lombardii Poplar - Reduce by 50%. T5 False Acacia - Reduce by 30%.

**St Ippolytts Parish Council**

**NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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24/00282/LBC	Blake Architects Mr Jonathan Nettleton 1 Coves Barn, Jackbarrow Road, Winstone, GL7 7JZ	Maydencroft Manor Maydencroft Lane Gosmore Hertfordshire SG4 7QA	Mr Tom Williams	Alterations to partitions on first floor level of the East Wing. Insertion of metal framed leaded light casements to new east elevation windows previously permitted as timber frame casements. Insertion of conservation roof light on the east (rear) elevation
24/00420/FP	Peter George Town Planning Mr Tom Donovan Nine Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1GE	Land To The West Of Hitchin Lane (Folly Lane)	Mr M Watts	Installation of a new vehicular access off Hitchin Lane together with associated field gate and hard surface
<b>St Pauls Walden Parish Council</b>				
24/00421/FPH	Home Extension Team Miss Georgia Hayes 4 Brand Street, Hitchin, SG5 1HX, United Kingdom	8 Hill View Whitwell Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8AX	Mr Ruggiero - Cakir	Replacement flat roof to existing single storey rear extension including external render and alterations to fenestration

(Including Withdrawn decisions)

#### EAST TEAM

<b>Application No:</b> 23/02868/FPH	<b>Location:</b> Coach House Cloisters Hitchin Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6AE <b>Applicant Name:</b> Jason Kitchener Essential Water Services Ltd <b>Description:</b> Change of use for a section of car park from E(c) Office class to additional garden space for C3 Dwellinghouse and erection of timber framed garden room.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00099/FPH	<b>Location:</b> The Still House Radwell Lane Radwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5ES <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Bernard Butt <b>Description:</b> Alterations and extension to existing garage and store building to create a residential annexe for occupation by a family member.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00149/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 3 Green Drift Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5DB <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Nikos Kapsalis <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear infill extension and alterations to front and side elevation fenestration (as amended by plans received on 06/02/2024).	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 04/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00167/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 35 Greenway Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3UG <b>Applicant Name:</b> Ms Eve Mitchell <b>Description:</b> Single storey front extension and enlarge first floor side window following removal of existing ground floor front bay window (as revision of planning application 23/01507/FPH granted on 28.08.2023).	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 04/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00268/TCA	<b>Location:</b> 4 Baldock Lane Willian Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2AY <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Stuart Ginn <b>Description:</b> 2x Conifers - Remove	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 04/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00373/TCA	<b>Location:</b> Barkway First School 84 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8EF <b>Applicant Name:</b> Fiona Piper Barkway primary school <b>Description:</b> T1 Lime - Fell	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 01/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00394/AG	<b>Location:</b> Land At Shaw Green Farm Rushden And Wallington Bridleway 042 Rushden Hertfordshire <b>Applicant Name:</b> Bee Field Projects Limited Bee Field Projects Limited <b>Description:</b> Erection of shed.	<b>Decision:</b> Prior Approval Not Required <b>Decision Date:</b> 05/03/2024

#### WEST TEAM

<b>Application No:</b> 22/02644/FP	<b>Location:</b> The Old George Arlesey Road Ickleford Hertfordshire SG5 3UX <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Kevin Morgan TOG (Ickleford) Limited <b>Description:</b> Retention of stretch tent for a temporary period of ten years.	<b>Appeal Decision:</b> Appeal Dismissed <b>Decision Date:</b> 01/03/2024
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## WEST TEAM

<b>Application No:</b> 23/00887/FP	<b>Location:</b> Standelfield Standhill Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9AE  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr T Jensen And Ms J Tubby <b>Description:</b> Erection of two detached four-bedroom dwellings together with associated vehicular access and car parking, private gardens, hard and soft landscaping, and private footpaths. External alterations to the existing dwelling including works to the existing two storey bay window on the south east facing elevation and the insertion of new windows to the south west and north east facing elevations. (Amended plans recieved 16.10.2023)	<b>Decision:</b>  Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02132/EC	<b>Location:</b> Telecommunications Mast Station Road Knebworth Hertfordshire  <b>Applicant Name:</b> WHP Telecoms Ltd Shell Kelly <b>Description:</b> Upgrade to the existing 17.50m high CU Phosco Phase 4.5 Monopole. Existing 4.5 headload c/w 3No. antennas is to be removed and replaced with proposed 4.51 headload c/w 6No. antennas. Proposed 1No. GPS Module and 2No. 300 dishes to be installed and associated ancillary works. Existing equipment cabin to be upgraded internally.	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02713/FP	<b>Location:</b> 7 Bancroft Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1JQ  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Ms A Robertson John Ray Ltd <b>Description:</b> Change of use from office (Class E(g)) to residential comprising of two 2-bed and one 1-bed maisonettes including associated bike and bin store. Alterations to fenestration.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02714/LBC	<b>Location:</b> 7 Bancroft Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1JQ  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Ms A Robertson John Ray Ltd <b>Description:</b> Internal and external alterations to facilitate the conversion of existing office (Class E(g)) to residential.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02886/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 14 Bearton Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1NZ  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Lilla Comparetto <b>Description:</b> Replacement raised roof and alterations including hip to gable roof extensions, insertion of front and rear dormer windows and first floor side windows to facilitate conversion of loft into habitable accommodation. Front porch extension. (As amended by plan received on 28 February 2024).	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 29/02/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00007/AD	<b>Location:</b> 12 Market Place Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1DL  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Nationwide Building Society <b>Description:</b> Replacement external signage.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 05/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00019/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 3 The Riddy Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8UP  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Dick Webber <b>Description:</b> Single storey side extension to both East and West elevations and front porch	<b>Decision:</b>  Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 04/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00020/LBC	<b>Location:</b> 12 Market Place Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1DL  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Nationwide Building Society <b>Description:</b> Replacement external signage and associated works to shopfront.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 05/03/2024

## WEST TEAM

<b>Application No:</b> 24/00038/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 2 York Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1XA  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr M Martin <b>Description:</b> Alterations to roof including raised ridge height, erection of rear dormer window with Juliet balcony and insertion of front rooflights to facilitate conversion of loft space into habitable accommodation. Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear extension.	<b>Decision:</b>  Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 29/02/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00152/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 5 Grange Rise Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8YR  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Vincent Ronet <b>Description:</b> Replace existing front elevation garage door with window to facilitate conversion of garage into habitable accommodation	<b>Decision:</b>  Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 01/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00215/TPO	<b>Location:</b> 37 Beech Way Blackmore End St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 8LY  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Andrew Brown <b>Description:</b> 2x Lime - Pollard	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 01/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00232/EC	<b>Location:</b> Land North West Of Calders Cottage Putteridge Road Offley Hertfordshire LU2 8LB  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Openreach Palash Kumar Das <b>Description:</b> Installation of 9m pole (Grid ref 511760, 224352)	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00234/EC	<b>Location:</b> Land North Of Calders Cottage Putteridge Road Offley Hertfordshire LU2 8LB  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Openreach Palash Kumar Das <b>Description:</b> Installation of 9m pole (Grid ref 511777, 224348)	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00235/EC	<b>Location:</b> Land North West Of Calders Cottage Putteridge Road Hertfordshire LU2 8LB  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Openreach Palash Kumar Das <b>Description:</b> Installation of 9m pole (Grid ref 511785, 224279)	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00236/EC	<b>Location:</b> Land North West Of Calders Cottage Putteridge Road Hertfordshire LU2 8LB  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Openreach Palash Kumar Das <b>Description:</b> Installation of 9m pole (grid ref 511807, 224210)	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00237/EC	<b>Location:</b> Land North West Of Calders Cottage Putteridge Park Luton Hertfordshire LU2 8LB  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Openreach Palash Kumar Das <b>Description:</b> Installation of 9m pole (Grid ref 511837224150)	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00238/EC	<b>Location:</b> Land North Of Calders Cottage Putteridge Park Luton Hertfordshire LU2 8LB  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Openreach Palash Kumar Das <b>Description:</b> Installation of 9m pole (Grid ref 511883, 224099)	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00239/EC	<b>Location:</b> Land East Of Calders Cottage Putteridge Park Luton Hertfordshire LU2 8LB  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Openreach Palash Kumar Das <b>Description:</b> Installation of 9m pole (Grid ref 511940, 224053)	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00240/EC	<b>Location:</b> Land North Of 103 Mangrove Lodge Putteridge Park Luton Hertfordshire LU2 8LB  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Openreach Palash Kumar Das <b>Description:</b> Installation of 9m pole (Grid ref 511988, 224006)	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024

## WEST TEAM

<b>Application No:</b> 24/00297/NMA	<b>Location:</b> 15 Wadnall Way Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6DU  <b>Applicant Name:</b> JBK Estates Ltd <b>Description:</b> Alterations to fenestration, increase depth of front porch and reduce length of overall dwelling (as Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 23/00037/S73 granted 22.03.2023)	<b>Decision:</b>  Agreed <b>Decision Date:</b> 06/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00301/TPO	<b>Location:</b> 10 The Finches Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9PB  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Thomas Oakley oakley arboriculture Ltd <b>Description:</b> T1 Oak - Selectively prune by 2m to balance crown and reduce weight over footpath. Crown clean to remove deadwood and crossing branches. T2 Field Maple - Reduce by 2m to balance crown. Crown clean to remove deadwood and crossing branches. T3 Silver Birch - Remove to ground level	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 01/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00315/TPO	<b>Location:</b> 2 Robins Hill Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9FE  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Ian Richards <b>Description:</b> Red Maple - Reduce by 25% back to previous pruning points.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 01/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00317/TCA	<b>Location:</b> Land Rear Of 6 And 8 Roberts Court Whitwell Hertfordshire SG4 8AF  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Carol Godfrey Bowes Lyon Residents Ltd <b>Description:</b> Ash - Reduce to approx 6m	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 01/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00391/SU	<b>Location:</b> Knebworth Railway Station Station Approach Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6AT  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Kelvin Gill Network Rail <b>Description:</b> Proposed land disposal	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 04/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00400/TCA	<b>Location:</b> 9 Oughton Head Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2JZ  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Susan Thomas <b>Description:</b> T1, T2 Silver Birch - Reshape and lower crowns.	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 01/03/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00415/TCA	<b>Location:</b> Old Cottage Kimpton Bottom Kimpton Hertfordshire SG4 8ET  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Tim Watkin-rees <b>Description:</b> T1 Robinia - Fell to ground level. T2 Norway Spruce - Fell to ground level	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 01/03/2024



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**PR 3836**

**1 March 2024**

## **Brand new play equipment coming to Bancroft**

From climbing nets, swing sets, a roller-running disk and trampolines to natural play, it's all change for the junior play area at Bancroft Recreation Ground in Hitchin.

The council, with the help of landscape architects at Groundwork East, is renovating the area, to improve the play experience for children aged around 5 to 12, by making it brighter, more inviting and safer.

Work started after the recent half-term holiday and the area will be closed while it takes shape. We're hoping to open the new area around mid-May.

Councillor Steve Jarvis, Executive Member for Environment and Leisure, said: "Following consultation exercises last year, we're really pleased to start work on improving this play area for local users. In response to feedback from the consultation, the play area has been redesigned incorporating more swings, more climbing opportunities, softer landscaping, shaded areas, picnic tables, and we'll be retaining and refurbishing the pirate ship. We know it will be missed while it's closed but it'll be worth the wait as we remove equipment that's coming to the end of its life and make lots of exciting new additions, in time for the summer season."

Catherine Browne, Landscape Architect at Groundwork East, added: "There will be a great deal of new play equipment in a more considered layout with accompanying sensory planting, to make a really lovely space for lots of people to enjoy. We hope you enjoy the trampolines!"

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# PRESS RELEASE

**PR 3837**

**04 March 2024**

## **North and East Herts Councils launch video campaign to promote paper recycling**

There is a new member of the recycling team! Paige features in a new video campaign to promote paper recycling which has been launched by North Herts and East Herts Council's Shared Waste Service to highlight the important impact residents can have by separating out paper from their recycling.

In the video Paige walks viewers through the journey of sorted paper from when we collect it from people's homes to its delivery to our transfer station in Buntingford, and then onward to be recycled into newsprint and other new paper products. This is not only beneficial for the environment, but it also helps to keep the costs of running services down as separate paper has a much higher resale value than if placed in the mixed recycling bin.

Councillor Amy Allen, Executive Member for Waste and Recycling at North Herts Council, expressed enthusiasm for the video campaign, stating, "Our video seeks to empower residents with the knowledge that their small act of sorting paper separately can be really beneficial, and don't forget buying any products you need made from recycled paper is all part of this process. If you haven't already, try switching to toilet paper or greetings card made from recycled paper."

Cllr Tom Tyson, North Herts Council's Deputy Executive Member for Recycling & Waste, added "By ensuring the paper doesn't get contaminated, residents not only do their bit for the environment, but also help us generate more money to help fund essential council services."

The video is available to watch on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SufK7mK-450>

**ENDS**

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