

## NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024

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# NEWS AND INFORMATION

## AGENDA & REPORTS

### PUBLISHED WEEK COMMENCING 22 APRIL 2024

Nothing Being Published

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING 29 APRIL 2024

Nothing Being Published

### UPCOMING CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 19 APRIL 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	

### UPCOMING VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	

### UPCOMING OTHER EVENTS FROM FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	

## RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

### **PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

#### **SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Regulatory Services**

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

To publish the proposed submission version of the Barkway and Nuthampstead Neighbourhood Plan 2018 – 2031 and supporting documentation for public consultation.

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

Ian Fullstone, Director of Regulatory Services

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

26 April 2024

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

To enable public consultation on the proposed submission Barkway and Nuthampstead Neighbourhood Plan 2018 – 2031 before the neighbourhood plan is submitted for examination by an independent examiner.

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

No alternative options are considered applicable as the documentation submitted by Barkway Parish Council and Nuthampstead Parish Meeting fulfils the requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended and therefore there is no reason not to continue to public consultation.

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

- 6.1. The Barkway and Nuthampstead neighbourhood planning area was designated by Cabinet on 5 August 2014. The Parish Council undertook a number of consultation events after the designation of the neighbourhood planning area and consultation on a draft neighbourhood plan took place between September and November 2020.
- 6.2. Following these consultations, the Parish Council and Parish Meeting have prepared the submission version of their neighbourhood plan which they are requesting be published for public consultation. This consultation will include all statutory consultees, councillors, adjoining Parish Councils, local community organisations, known landowners and developers and local residents. Consultation will start in the week beginning 6 May 2024 for a period of six weeks.
- 6.3. The neighbourhood plan will be available to view on the Council's website and the Council will work with Barkway Parish Council and Nuthampstead Parish Meeting to publicise the consultation period through the use of social media in the Parish. Representations in respect of the neighbourhood plan will be invited through the website, email or by post.

## **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. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1. The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended set out the documentation which must accompany a proposed plan. This includes:
- A map or statement identifying the area to which the neighbourhood plan relates;
  - A consultation statement;
  - The proposed neighbourhood plan;
  - A “basic conditions” statement; and
  - Either a screening opinion confirming that the plan proposal is unlikely to have significant environmental effects; or an environmental report in accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.
- 8.2. The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 state that as soon as possible after receiving a plan proposal which includes each of those documents, the local planning authority must undertake a consultation on that plan.
- 8.3. There are a number of stages in neighbourhood plan preparation where, providing certain conditions are met and where there are no alternative courses of action, that these decisions are delegated to the Service Director. These were set out in a report to Cabinet in July 2018.
- 8.4. The documentation submitted by Barkway Parish Council and Nuthampstead Parish Meeting fulfils the requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended and therefore there is no reason for the Council as Local Planning Authority not to continue to public consultation.
- 8.5. This decision does not preclude the Council from making representations on the Barkway and Nuthampstead Neighbourhood Plan during the consultation period.

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. Under the Terms of Reference for Cabinet paragraph 5.6.18 of the Constitution states that the Cabinet may exercise the Authority’s functions as Local Planning Authority (LPA) and to receive reports on: strategic planning matters, applications for, approval/designation, consultation/referendums revocations (or recommend revocation of) neighbourhood plans, Article 4 Directions and orders, (except to the extent that those functions are by law the responsibility of the Council or delegated to the Service Director: Regulatory).
- 9.2. Authority for the Director of Regulatory Services to approve for consultation a proposed submission neighbourhood plan where all necessary documentation has been received was resolved by Cabinet on 31 July 2018.
- 9.3. Paragraph 6 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 provides that when assessing the neighbourhood plan the LPA must consider whether the Parish Council or neighbourhood forum is authorised to act.
- 9.4. Sections 38 A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 further provides that when assessing the neighbourhood plan the LPA must consider whether the proposal and accompanying documents:
- comply with the rules for submission to the LPA;
  - meet the definition of NDP;

- meet the scope of NDP provisions; and
  - whether the parish council or neighbourhood forum has undertaken the correct procedures in relation to consultation and publicity.
- 9.5. Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 provides the LPA must publicise the plan proposal on its website and include:
- the details of the Plan;
  - where and when it can be inspected;
  - how to make representations on the plan proposals;
  - that a representation can include a request to be notified of the LPA decision on the plan proposal, and
  - the deadline for receipt of the proposals (this must be not less than 6 weeks from the first day the proposed plan is publicised).
- 9.6. During the period between the date on which the Notice of Election is published and polling day there are restrictions that apply to the way in which the Council operates, including the use of Council resources and to the publicity which it can issue, and taking 'sensitive'/ controversial decisions. PERP (Pre-Election Restricted Period) runs from **22 March** until **2 May 2024** (polling day) inclusive of both dates.
- 9.7. The main statutory provision is Section 2 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. 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.
- 9.8. The Council's business should continue as normal during PERP subject to the guiding principle and a number of restrictions for example 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.
- 9.9. As stated in paragraph 9.5 above the local planning authority must undertake a consultation on a neighbourhood plan as soon as possible after receiving a plan proposal that meets the requirements of the 2012 Regulations. However, there are elections for all ward councillors across the District Council election May 2024. Whilst the neighbourhood plan has been prepared by the Parish Council, the issues that are addressed in the plan could be subject to further discussion. It is therefore considered that public consultation should not take place until after the election period.

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 The cost of the consultation should be minimal, however any costs associated with the consultation will be funded from the neighbourhood plan reserve. The balance of the reserve is currently £133k, but £85k has been earmarked to fund officer costs over the next four years, so the remaining balance is £48k. This balance has come from previous Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) funding following designation of neighbourhood planning areas and neighbourhood plan referenda.

## **11. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1. Public consultation of the Barkway and Nuthampstead Neighbourhood Plan and any subsequent examination of the neighbourhood plan must be undertaken in accordance with the Localism Act, 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Failure to undertake such a consultation without a legal basis could expose the Council to possible claims and intervention from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

## **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. The proposed consultation will allow for increased public participation regarding the neighbourhood plan from the community which may include those with a protected characteristic.

## **13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS**

- 13.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to this decision.

## **14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 14.1. There are no known environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this report.
- 14.2. The District Council, as the “responsible authority”, determines if the neighbourhood plan is likely to have significant environmental effects. A draft Screening Determination was prepared in 2024 and has been revised following the revisions to the draft neighbourhood plan and consultation with the three statutory agencies. It was determined that the neighbourhood plan would not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

## **15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 15.1. Consultation for the submission draft of the Barkway and Nuthampstead Neighbourhood Plan will be undertaken by existing staff resources.

## **16. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

[Designation of the Barkway and Nuthampstead neighbourhood planning area: Cabinet 5 August 2014 – Minute 36](#)

The following documents will all available on the neighbourhood planning pages on the website: [Barkway and Nuthampstead Neighbourhood Plan](#)

Barkway and Nuthampstead Neighbourhood Plan 2018 – 2031 – Submission  
Version April 2024

Barkway and Nuthampstead Neighbourhood Plan Basic Conditions Statement April  
2024

Barkway and Nuthampstead Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement April 2024

Barkway and Nuthampstead Neighbourhood Plan Design Codes – Final Report –  
March 2024

## **17. NOTIFICATION DATE**

26 April 2024

Signature of Executive Member Consulted .....



Date ...26 April 2024.....

Signature of Decision Taker ...



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## RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

### \*PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

**SERVICE DIRECTORATE:** *Place*

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

- 1.1 To appoint Bendcrete Ltd to undertake the renovation of the skatepark at Newmarket Road, Royston.

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

Sarah Kingsley – Service Director, Place

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

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

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

- 4.1 The above contractor attained the highest score in the tender evaluation process based on price, quality and social value criteria and are therefore considered best value.

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

- 5.1 No alternative options have been considered as this is a works only contract to deliver a specific project funded from S106 contributions associated with developments adjacent to Newmarket Road Recreation Ground, Royston.

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

- 6.1 Groundwork East have been appointed to manage the delivery of this project who have undertaken extensive consultation on site and via an online survey to seek the opinions of visitors and users alike. The project design considers the comments that were received where practical to do so. The consultation process was also advertised via the NHC website, directing responses to the online questionnaire. The Executive Member for Environment and Leisure and Deputy have been informed of the decision.

#### **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 Greenspace Management Strategy identifies a provision for the renovation and improvement to existing play areas and other facilities across the District. The impact of developments in the area around Royston have created the identified need to renovate the skatepark at Newmarket Road, which was initially installed in 2005.



This contract is intended to be a phased on-going approach to improvements, as further developments gain planning permission in the future.

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. Under paragraph 14.6.4 (a) (ii) of the Council's Constitution, Service Directors have general authority to enter contracts to carry out works and/or for the supply of goods and services within approved budgets.
- 9.2. Paragraph 14.6.9 (b) (ii), (iii) and (viii) further gives the Service Director - Place the authority to manage, direct and control resources relating to, amongst others, environmental services, grounds maintenance and parks and open spaces. The Executive Member for Environment and Leisure is also responsible for leadership, strategic planning and development, partnership working and decision making within these stated service areas under this paragraph.
- 9.3. Under Health and Safety Legislation, North Herts Council has a legal duty to maintain all trees on land it owns, or has a responsibility to maintain, in a safe condition in public open spaces, or adjacent the highway.

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. There are no specific revenue implications associated with this contract award as the costs will be met from within existing Capital budgets.
- 10.2. The contract value is £100,000.00 to deliver the specified design, including an element for contingencies.

## **11. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 This contract award to a single provider has been procured via InTend and will be managed via Groundwork, with regular weekly reporting during the construction phases. Bendcrete have a proven track record of delivering projects of similar scale and value in public open spaces, which provides additional assurance for delivery of this project.

## **12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1 The Equality Act 2010 came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010, a major piece of legislation. The Act created a new Public Sector Equality Duty, which came into force on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011. There is a general duty, described in paragraph 12.2, that public bodies must meet, underpinned by more specific duties which are designed to help meet them.
- 12.2 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of its 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.
- 12.3 There are no additional equality implications associated with this proposal.

## **13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS**

- 13.1 As the recommendations in the report relate to a contract above the EU threshold, Social Value has been included as part of the evaluation process with an allocation of 10% of the award marks. The results of these steps are now included within the method statements for the delivery of the contract.

## **14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

14.1. There are no known Environmental impacts that apply to this report. .

**15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

15.1 There are no known human resource implications as the works associated with delivering the contract are already contained within existing resources.

**16. BACKGROUND PAPERS**


16.1 None

**17. APPENDICES**

17.1 None

**NOTIFICATION DATE**

26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Signature of Executive Member Consulted  .....

Date ...24<sup>th</sup> April 2024.....

Signature of Decision Taker  .....

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

### **1. DECISION TAKEN**

- 1.1 To approve to hold a Gumbles Childrens Fun Zone event from 12.00 to 18.15 hrs between 29<sup>th</sup> April to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (operating days 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024) using Walsworth Common, Hitchin. This is a replacement for the proposed event earlier in April 2024 that was cancelled due to poor ground conditions at the time.

### **2. DECISION TAKER**

- 2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

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

- 3.1 22 April 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 - 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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

**Date .....22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.....**



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

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**SERVICE DIRECTORATE:** PLACE

**1. DECISION TAKEN**

1.1 To approve a Herts Schools Tag Rugby event, being held at King George V Playing Fields, Hitchin on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 between 10.00 hrs and 12.30 hrs.

**2. DECISION TAKER**

2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

**3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:**

3.1 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**4. REASON FOR DECISION**

4.1 To support the organisers to provide an 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 None

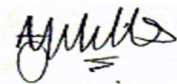
**17. APPENDICES**

17.1 None

**NOTIFICATION DATE - 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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

**Date .....25<sup>th</sup> April 2024.....**



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

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**SERVICE DIRECTORATE:** PLACE

**1. DECISION TAKEN**

1.1 The proposed application for Greenns Food Trailer to use the car park at Baldock Road, Letchworth for a food trailer selling food between 1 May 2024 and 1 May 2025 is refused on basis that the stall would occupy valuable car parking spaces. Additionally, this application would also require a Street Trading Licence which currently is not in place.

**2. DECISION TAKER**

2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

**3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:**

3.1 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

**4. REASON FOR DECISION**

4.1 To ensure the short stay car park remains available to visitors to the Baldock Road Rec and to comply with the requirements of Street Trading licencing. In addition to manage the ongoing problems of litter generated from fast food retailers in the locality.

**5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 The organisers have approached North Herts Council to host this event although no other locations have currently been considered that could be more suitable.

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

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

**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 event has been refused.

**11. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no risk implications.

**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 There are no Social Value implications.

**14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

14.1 Any environmental impacts, such as waste management are mitigated due to the refusal of the application.

**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

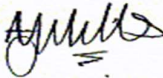
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**EAST TEAM**

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

24/00862/S73	Inigo Architecture Ltd Mr Neil Hansford The Firs, 81 Station Road, Lower Stondon, SG16 6JN	Ashridge Farm Cottage 7 Ashwell Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QF  Mr Julian Christie  Variation to Condition Number 2 (amend drawings) of planning permission 22/02795/FPH granted on 06.01.2023 for Two-storey front, single storey side/rear and first floor side extensions, enclosure of existing carport to form a garage and partial conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation. Alterations to external wall finishes.
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**Baldock**

24/00837/FPH	Mr Andrew Willans 5 Ashtons Lane, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 6JJ	5 Ashtons Lane Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6JJ  Mr Andrew Willans  Single storey rear extension and erection of detached double garage following demolition of existing rear lobby and detached side garage.
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**Barkway Parish Council**

24/00771/FPH	Fuller Long Jack Taylor 1 Waverley Lane, Farnham, GU9 8BB, United Kingdom	109 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8ED  Hannah West  Retention of swimming pool and associated pump house in rear garden.
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**Letchworth Garden City**

24/00817/FPH	Your Plans UK Mr Harrison Eales Suite A2, Stevenage, SG1 3UN	54 Gaunts Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4PJ  Mr Zak Longthorpe  Part two storey part single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear element.
24/00854/LDCP	Pentangle Design Group Mr Gareth Leech Suite 1, 21 Bancroft, Hitchin, SG5 1JW, United Kingdom	Land To The Rear Of Icknield Garage Letchworth Ltd Icknield Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4AD  Mr Paul Tomlin  Demolition of existing garage.

24/00884/LDCP	Inigo Architecture Ltd Mr Neil Hansford The Firs, 81 Station Road, Lower Stondon, SG16 6JN	18 Blackmore Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2SY
		Mr & Mrs Andrew John
		Single storey rear extension.
24/00902/TCA	Mrs Apryl Goodwin Settlegroup, Blackhorse Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 1HA, United Kingdom	121 Glebe Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1DX
		Mrs Apryl Goodwin
		T1 Sycamore - Slightly raise the canopy, remove epicormic growth, remove deadwood.
<b>Royston Town Council</b>		
24/00830/FPH	Ms Heather Moye Heather Moye Corner House, 1 Balmoral Road, Hitchin, SG5 1XG, United Kingdom	22 Melbourn Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7DF
		Mr & Mrs Fitzer
		Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear element.
24/00886/FPH	Your Plans UK Mr Harrison Eales Suite A2, Stevenage, Stevenage, SG13UN	35 Orchard Way Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5EX
		Mrs Zuzana Neville
		Part two storey, part single storey rear extension.
<b>Therfield Parish Council</b>		
24/00802/FPH	Daniel Aguilar-Agon Mr Daniel Aguilar-Agon Acre Cottage, Acre Road, Carlton, Newmarket, CB8 9LF, United Kingdom	The Elms The Causeway Therfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9PP
		Mr & Mrs. C. Brogden
		Single storey side extension.
24/00803/LBC	Daniel Aguilar-Agon Mr Daniel Aguilar-Agon Acre Cottage, Acre Road, Carlton, Newmarket, CB8 9LF, United Kingdom	The Elms The Causeway Therfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9PP
		Mr & Mrs. C. Brogden
		Partial demolition of existing rear west wall and interior alterations.

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24/00863/FPH Intouch Planning Ltd Mr James Gran The Noggings  
4 Ennismore Close, Letchworth Dane End  
Garden City, SG6 2SU, United Therfield  
Kingdom Royston  
Hertfordshire  
SG8 9RH

Mr Skeggs

Single storey rear extension, replace existing rear door and replace existing rear window with a door.

**Weston Parish Council**

24/00897/TCA Mrs Kerrie Morris Branching Out Tree Old Bakery  
and Garden Services Maiden Street  
38 Station Road, Lower Stondon, Weston  
SG16 6JL Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG4 7BG

Mr Will Skentlebury

Birch - Fell

**WEST TEAM**

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
24/00865/ADJ	Stevenage Borough Council Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 1HN	Glaxo SmithKline Research And Development, Gunnels Wood Road And Land North Of Old Knebworth Lane Knebworth Hertfordshire  Stevenage Borough Council  Installation of new access road to Old Knebworth Lane and erection of security kiosk, security fence lines, gate, external lighting, CCTV columns and associated works NORTH HERTS DISTRICT COUNCIL: ADJACENT AUTHORITY : CONSULTEE ONLY

**Codicote Parish Council**

24/00835/FP Edmund Wright Architect Mr E Wright John Clements Sports And Community Centre  
The Barn, Preston Road, Gosmore, Bury Lane  
Herts, SG4 7QS Codicote  
Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG4 8XY

John Clements Sports And Community Trust

Insertion of solar panels to existing roofslope of community sports hall

**Great Ashby Community Council**

24/00581/LDCP Mrs Anita Seewoolall 24 Whitehorse Lane  
24 Whitehorse Lane, Great Ashby, Great Ashby  
Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 6NJ Stevenage  
Hertfordshire  
SG1 6NJ

Mrs Anita Seewoolall

Alterations to ground floor rear fenestration to facilitate garage conversion.

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**Hitchin**

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24/00530/LDCP Mrs Lorraine Bayfield 72 Bedford Road  
72 Bedford Road, Hitchin, Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG5 2UD Hertfordshire  
SG5 2UD

Mrs Lorraine Bayfield

Siting of shepherd's hut on front driveway

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24/00641/FP Kevin Todd Architectural Ltd Mr Kevin 9 Sun Street  
Todd Hitchin  
PO Box 1643, Bedford, MK425EJ, Hertfordshire  
United Kingdom SG5 1AE

Mr G Caratti

Erection of detached 4-bed dwelling including associated access and parking

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24/00739/FP Livarch Ltd Mr Adeeb Anwar 6 Waltham Road  
104 Oaks Lane, Ilford, IG2 7PX, Hitchin  
United Kingdom Hertfordshire  
SG4 9JW

Mr Abid Islam

Erection of rear outbuilding following demolition of existing shed

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24/00763/FP Edmund Wright Architect Mr E Wright 204 Whitehill Road  
The Barn, Preston Road, Gosmore, Hitchin  
Herts, SG4 7QS Hertfordshire  
SG4 9JE

Ms B Kelly

Erection of one detached 2-bed dwelling following demolition of existing garage.

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24/00829/FPH	Gavin Langford Architects Ltd Gavin Langford PO Box 1420, Cambridge, CB1 0EN, United Kingdom	13 Orlando Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9LF	Claire & Julian Parrish & Young	Single storey side extension including side entrance porch following removal of existing outbuildings. Alterations to fenestration
24/00839/OP	White Architecture Terry White 5 Woodlands Court, Hoddesdon, EN11 0QE, United Kingdom	Land To The Rear Of 18 Victoria Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2LS	Ms Amanda Mills	Erection of one detached one bedroom dwelling with all matters reserved
24/00846/FPH	CROE Architects Mr Joe Reader Suite 10, 18 Walsworth Road, Hitchin, SG4 9SP, United Kingdom	32 Manor Crescent Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9NA	Mr and Mrs Underhill	Two storey rear extension including Juliet balcony following partial demolition of existing garage. Insertion of rooflight to existing front element roofslope.
24/00871/TCA	Mr Paul Oneill Greyfriars, Hitchin Hill, Hitchin, SG4 9AJ	Greyfriars Hitchin Hill Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9AJ	Mr Paul Oneill	Sycamore - Reduce by 50%. 2x Pine - Reduce by 20%
24/00872/FPH	Mike Easton Mr Mike Easton 21 Shrubbery Grove, Royston, SG8 9LJ, United Kingdom	191 Whitehill Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9HY	Mr Cormack Fallon	Raised roof height and hip to gable roof extension following removal of existing flat roof dormer to facilitate additional habitable accommodation at first floor level. Open sided front porch including installation of front access steps. External render and alterations to fenestration
24/00877/TCA	Mr Simon Owen Tree Specific Ltd 23 Huntsmans Way, Milton Ernest, Bedford, MK44 1SA, United Kingdom	14 Highbury Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RW	Pascal	T1 Apple - Remove 2 x lowest limbs and crown reduce remainder 30%.

24/00825/FPH      Fast Plans Mr George Kain                      New Ash  
                         Church House, Glasshouse Lane,              Holwell Road  
                         Kirdford, RH14 0LT                              Holwell  
                            Hitchin  
                            Hertfordshire  
                            SG5 3SL

Anthony Chadwick

Single storey rear extension and ground floor front infill wall to facilitate conversion of existing carport into habitable accommodation. Installation of free-standing air source heat pump in front garden

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**Kimpton Parish Council**

24/00797/FP      Partners In Planning And Architecture      Land At 51 Beech Way  
                         Ltd Miss Queenie Cheng                      Blackmore End  
                         Suite 2 Clare Hall, St Ives Business              St Albans  
                         Park, Parsons Green, St Ives, PE27              Hertfordshire  
                         4WY, United Kingdom                              AL4 8LY

Mr Neil Tennant

Erection of one detached 3-bed dwelling including installation of vehicular crossover.

24/00828/FPH      Divine Design Consultants Ltd Mr              22 Blackmore Way  
                         Steven Johnston                                      Blackmore End  
                         49 Queens Crescent, Marshalswick,              St Albans  
                         St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 9QQ              Hertfordshire  
                            AL4 8LJ

Mr and Mrs N Merlo

Erection of detached rear garden room to facilitate gym/sauna/workshop

24/00852/FPH      Mr Joe Reader CROE Architects              76A High Street  
                         Suite 10, 18 Walsworth Road, Hitchin,              Kimpton  
                         SG4 9SP, United Kingdom                      Hertfordshire  
                            SG4 8QW

Mr Jux

Part three storey and part single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear element. Rear roof extension and insertion of two front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion. Alterations to fenestration

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**Knebworth Parish Council**

24/00720/FP      Ecovril Ltd Miss C Lee                              Rustling End Farm  
                         Fishing Cottage, c/o Estate Office,              Rustling End  
                         Knebworth Park, Old Knebworth, SG3              Codicote  
                         6PY    Hitchin  
                            Hertfordshire  
                            SG4 8TD

Mr P Clarke

Retention of subdivision of site, ancillary hard and soft landscaping works and partial change of use of ancillary land to residential curtilage. Retention of conversion of barn into 1 No. residential dwelling

24/00822/FP	Savills Mr Ben Tattersall 33 Margaret Street, London, W1G 0JD, United Kingdom	Glaxo SmithKline Research And Development, Gunnels Wood Road And Land North Of Old Knebworth Lane Knebworth Hertfordshire  C/O Savills  Cross boundary Application: Installation of new access road to Old Knebworth Lane and erection of security kiosk, security fence lines, gate, external lighting, CCTV columns and associated works.
24/00870/LBC	Ecovril Ltd Miss C Lee Fishing Cottage, c/o Estate Office, Knebworth Park, Old Knebworth, SG3 6PY	Rustling End Farm Rustling End Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8TD  Mr P Clarke  Retention of internal and external alterations to curtilage listed barn to facilitate conversion into one dwelling
<b>Offley Parish Council</b>		
24/00875/FPH	ATK Designs Mr Keith Atkinson Ashurst Cottage, Birchwood, Storrige, Malvern, WR13 5HA	Ropewalk Cottage Luton Road Offley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3DR  Mr B Payne  Single storey front extension
<b>Pirton Parish Council</b>		
24/00848/HCC	Hertfordshire County Council CHN216, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN	Pirton School High Street Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3PS  Hertfordshire County Council  Replacement of existing concrete tiled roof and existing gutters and downpipes. Addition of solar film to existing windows NORTH HERTS COUNCIL : CONSULTEE ONLY
<b>Preston Parish Council</b>		
24/00867/FPH	MSAD Architectural Design Ltd Mr Mark Scott Bancroft House, 34 Bancroft, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1LA	Lychgate House Church Lane Preston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7TP  Mr & Mrs Iles  Part two storey and part single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory. First floor front extension and single storey side extension. Alterations to fenestration.



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24/00874/TCA Mrs Faye Morley Hertfordshire County Preston Primary (vc) School  
Council Back Lane  
Property, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Preston  
Hertford, SG13 8DQ, United Kingdom Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG4 7UJ  
  
Mrs S Pledger  
  
Various works including removal

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(Including Withdrawn decisions)

**EAST TEAM**

<b>Application No:</b> 23/02510/NHC	<b>Location:</b> Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation North Of The A14 Between Fen Ditton And Horningsea Cambridgeshire <b>Applicant Name:</b> Anglian Water Services Limited <b>Description:</b> Planning Act 2008 - Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 - Rules 8 and 9. Application by Anglian Water Services Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation project NORTH HERTS COUNCIL CONSULTEE ONLY	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02821/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 1 The Green Maiden Street Weston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7DH <b>Applicant Name:</b> Kerry Pope <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing garage/store (Amended plans received 09/04/2024)	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 23/02822/LBC	<b>Location:</b> 1 The Green Maiden Street Weston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7DH <b>Applicant Name:</b> Kerry Pope <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing garage/store (Amended plans received 09/04/2024)	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00118/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 5 Fieldfare Way Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7XR <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr and Mrs. Fred Sica <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension and insertion of rooflights to existing front and box dormer to existing rear roofslope to facilitate conversion of loft into habitable accommodation.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00168/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 9 Old North Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5DS <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Mark Gilligan <b>Description:</b> Single storey lower ground floor front extension.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00371/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 19 Caslon Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4QJ <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Edvinas Skripka <b>Description:</b> Installation of free-standing air source heat pump on rear elevation.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00377/LBC	<b>Location:</b> 13 Lower King Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5AL <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr & Mrs Rodney & Yvonne Dyer <b>Description:</b> 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	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00409/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 1 Manor Farm Cottages Wymondley Road Willian Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2AH <b>Applicant Name:</b> Miss S K Gill <b>Description:</b> Replace all existing windows and doors.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024

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<b>Application No:</b> 24/00442/S73	<b>Location:</b> Place Farm New Inn Road Hinxworth Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5HB <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Barry Chapman <b>Description:</b> 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.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00476/DOC	<b>Location:</b> 45 Barkway Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9EB <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr and Mrs Houlihan <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by Condition 4 (Ground Investigation Report) of planning application reference 22/03295/FP granted on 12.10.2023.	<b>Decision:</b> Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00528/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> King Edgar Yard Picknage Road Barley Hertfordshire SG8 8HW <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Matthew Doggett <b>Description:</b> Use of current agricultural land as a community garden.	<b>Decision:</b> Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00531/AG	<b>Location:</b> Old Farm Fore Street Weston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7AS <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Ben Wilson J A Wilson & Sons (weston ) ltd <b>Description:</b> Erection of agricultural grainstore	<b>Decision:</b> Prior Approval Not Required <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00542/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 71 Mercia Road Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6RZ <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr and Mrs T and K Wales <b>Description:</b> First floor side and single storey rear extension, front porch extension and alterations to fenestration.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00561/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 14 Mallard Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5DG <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr. Popkim <b>Description:</b> Two-storey rear and single storey rear extension, installation of windows to existing roofslopes, installation and replacement of side, rear and front elevations windows, replace existing doors, re-cladding and re-rendering of external walls.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 24/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00655/TCA	<b>Location:</b> 18 High Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3QS <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Apryl Goodwin Settle <b>Description:</b> T1 Sycamore - Pollard away from Phone Lines	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00660/TPO	<b>Location:</b> Land At Horace Gay Gardens Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4XP <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Alex Oliver Harrell Landscapes <b>Description:</b> Line of Leyland Cypress - Reduce by approx 4m in height.	<b>Decision:</b> Withdrawn <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024

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<b>Application No:</b> 24/00673/NMA	<b>Location:</b> Foundation House Icknield Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1UD <b>Applicant Name:</b> Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation & First G <b>Description:</b> 1. Replacement of grass strips in front of Block D&E with block work. 2. Reconfiguration of row of parking spaces at the rear of Block C to allow for a bigger communal rear entrance. 3. Relocation of an accessible parking space south of Block C to north of Block C. 4. Aligning of the Planting/Hedges southeast (rear) of block C with external wall to the entrance. 5. Relocation of block A 225mm to the West to allow for boundary clarification. 6. Block A cycles storage divided into two locations and hedges removed to right of entrance. 7. All block paving replaced with porous block paving. 8. Tarmac strip in front of Block A replaced with porous block paving in natural. 9. Block paving added to the top of external steps landing and above planters right of Block E. 10. External step finish changed to concrete. 11. Block A canopy to entrance, columns and planting bed to the East removed. 12. Reconfiguration of parking spaces and bin store size behind Block A to accommodate charging points and lighting columns. As non-material amendment to planning application 20/01714/FP granted on 14.06.2021 (amended by plans received 16/04/24)	<b>Decision:</b> Agreed <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00678/NMA	<b>Location:</b> 43 Wilbury Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4JW <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Chris Jones <b>Description:</b> Recolation of same battery unit to open wall of garage, east elevation (as non-material amendment to planning application 24/00094/FPH granted on 23.02.2024.	<b>Decision:</b> Agreed <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00712/TCA	<b>Location:</b> 26 South View Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3JJ <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Bradley Goding <b>Description:</b> T1-T4 Conifer - Removed.	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00716/AG	<b>Location:</b> Broadmere Pond Royston Road Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8BN <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Matthew Doggett WT Doggett & Co.Ltd <b>Description:</b> Erection of roof linking two existing barns to provide covered work area and erection of detached machinery storage building.	<b>Decision:</b> Prior Approval Not Required <b>Decision Date:</b> 24/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00736/FP	<b>Location:</b> Morrisons Superstore Broadway Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3TS <b>Applicant Name:</b> C/o Agent Motor Fuel Limited <b>Description:</b> Installation of EV charging zones, including the erection of sub-station enclosure, LV panel, meter cabinet and associated works.	<b>Decision:</b> Withdrawn <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00776/AG	<b>Location:</b> Wellbury Farm Clothall Road Clothall Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6RD <b>Applicant Name:</b> Weston Park Farms <b>Description:</b> Erection of agricultural storage barn.	<b>Decision:</b> Prior Approval Not Required <b>Decision Date:</b> 24/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00805/TCA	<b>Location:</b> Studlands High Street Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8HT <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Timothy Martin <b>Description:</b> Lime - Lift crown and reduce by 30-35% removing dead wood.	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/04/2024

## EAST TEAM

**Application No:** 24/00814/TCA **Location:** Keffords Shaftenhoe End Road Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8LB  
**Applicant Name:** Dr Brian Wallace  
**Description:** T1 Yew - Pollard at 6m from ground level (cutting back to good growth)  
**Decision:** No Objection  
**Decision Date:** 22/04/2024

**Application No:** 24/00819/EC **Location:** S/O 1 Monks Close Icknield Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4AZ  
**Applicant Name:** Virgin Media Avinash Avutug  
**Description:** Installation of No.2 equipment cabinets.  
**Decision:** No Objection  
**Decision Date:** 23/04/2024

**Application No:** 24/00841/TCA **Location:** 1 Townsend Close Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8ER  
**Applicant Name:** Jackie Connolly  
**Description:** T1 Conifer - Remove to ground level  
**Decision:** No Objection  
**Decision Date:** 18/04/2024

**Application No:** 24/00850/EC **Location:** S/O 36-34 Lytton Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HT  
**Applicant Name:** Openreach Vissal J V Hary  
**Description:** Installation of No.1 wooden pole.  
**Decision:** No Objection  
**Decision Date:** 23/04/2024

## WEST TEAM

**Application No:** 23/01185/FP **Location:** Rye End Farm Green Lane Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8SU  
**Applicant Name:** Dr K And Dr S Lotzof  
**Description:** Removal of new build side extension to West Stables. External alterations to West Stables including changes to east elevation, reinstating west wall, infill door opening in north elevation and changes to south elevation of pyramidal building. Repositioning of 6no. roof lights (all to address matters not covered by application ref: 20/00642/FP) (as amended by plans received on 19/01/2024 and 06/03/2024).  
**Decision:** Conditional Permission  
**Decision Date:** 24/04/2024

**Application No:** 23/01186/LBC **Location:** Rye End Farm Green Lane Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8SU  
**Applicant Name:** Dr K And Dr S Lotzof  
**Description:** Removal of new build side extension to West Stables. External alterations to West Stables including changes to east elevation, reinstating west wall, infill door opening in north elevation and changes to south elevation of pyramidal building. Repositioning of 6no. roof lights. Internal alterations to West Stables to facilitate changes to ensuite/bathroom/dressing room positions including the removal of a ceiling beam, insertion of new roof trusses and construction of a new brickwork inner leaf. Retention of 2no. brick enclosures, insertion of new roof trusses and construction of a new brickwork inner leaf within East Stables (all to address matters not covered by application ref: 20/00643/LBC) (as amended by plans received on 19/01/2024 and 06/03/2024).  
**Decision:** Conditional Consent  
**Decision Date:** 24/04/2024

**Application No:** 23/02022/FPH **Location:** 6 Bury End Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QB  
**Applicant Name:** Mr Dave Woodward  
**Description:** Single storey rear extension.  
**Decision:** Conditional Permission  
**Decision Date:** 23/04/2024

**Application No:** 23/02023/LBC **Location:** 6 Bury End Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QB  
**Applicant Name:** Mr Dave Woodward  
**Description:** Single storey rear extension.  
**Decision:** Conditional Consent  
**Decision Date:** 23/04/2024

**WEST TEAM**

<b>Application No:</b> 23/02588/DOC	<b>Location:</b> Land Adjacent To Oaklea And South Of Cowards Lane Codicote Hertfordshire SG4 8UN <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Hiba Assaf Croudace Homes Ltd <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by condition 6 (Noise Assessment Report) of planning permission reference no.17/01464/1 granted 02.11.2022.	<b>Decision:</b> Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 24/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00204/FPH	<b>Location:</b> The Cottage Todds Green Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 2JE <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr And Mrs Bailes <b>Description:</b> Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and installation of additional vehicular crossover, alterations to openings (As amended by plans received 27 March and 2 April 2024).	<b>Decision:</b> Withdrawn <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00216/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 4 Charlton Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2AE <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr and Mrs Derrick <b>Description:</b> Part single, part two storey side extension incorporating single garage, single storey rear extension and front porch following demolition of existing garage. Enlargement of front second floor window and insertion of rear second floor window to facilitate loft conversion. Roof alterations to existing office/snug. Provision of External cladding.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00267/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> Ruskin House Tagmore Park Tagmore Green Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 9TJ <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Michael Steel <b>Description:</b> Replace existing rear ground floor French doors and window with bi fold doors with alterations to openings, as necessary.	<b>Decision:</b> Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00288/AD	<b>Location:</b> Odyssey Health Club Old Knebworth Lane Knebworth Hertfordshire SG2 8DU <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Stephen Aucott Odyssey Knebworth Ltd <b>Description:</b> Installation of two replacement illuminated entrance signs	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00293/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 3 Half Acre Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2XL <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Rashad Abul Hawa <b>Description:</b> Installation of additional hardstanding	<b>Decision:</b> Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00319/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 14 Kimpton Road Blackmore End St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 8LD <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr And Mrs A Cooke <b>Description:</b> Two storey rear extension, single storey front extension, front porch and alterations to existing front dormer windows involving enlargement and addition of pitched roofs, new front and side rooflights, alterations to openings (as a variation of planning permission 23/01600/FPH granted 25.08.2023)	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00329/FP	<b>Location:</b> 137 Stevenage Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9DT <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Rama Coceal <b>Description:</b> Erection of one detached 3-bed dwelling including parking, landscaping and creation of vehicular access off Folly Close	<b>Decision:</b> Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00347/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 11 The Wick High Street Kimpton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8SA <b>Applicant Name:</b> Simon Hvass <b>Description:</b> First floor and single storey side and rear extensions. Front porch canopy and covered walkway. Insertion of solar panels to front roofslope. External render and alterations to fenestration. Alterations to ground levels in rear garden to facilitate additional hard standing with new fencing	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 24/04/2024

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<b>Application No:</b> 24/00348/LDCE	<b>Location:</b> 19 St Katherines Close Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3XS  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Glenn Hattersley <b>Description:</b> Construction of new bungalow	<b>Decision:</b>  Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00392/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 42 Thirlmere Great Ashby Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 6AH  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Steve Bales <b>Description:</b> 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>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00399/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 45 Benslow Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RE  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Pearce <b>Description:</b> 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.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00408/DOC	<b>Location:</b> 15 Lime Avenue Blackmore End St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 8LQ  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Steve Toms Tomswood Homes <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by condition 13 parts b and c (Land Contamination) of planning permission reference no. 21/03437/FP granted 28.09.2022	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00418/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 20 Florence Street Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1QZ  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Ms Malcolm <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear infill extension to facilitate garage conversion	<b>Decision:</b>  Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00437/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 2 Half Acre Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2XL  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr M Stephenson <b>Description:</b> Installation of solar panels to existing rear and side roof slopes	<b>Decision:</b>  Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 24/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00467/S73	<b>Location:</b> Land To The Rear Of 61-69 High Street Kimpton Hertfordshire SG4 8PU  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr M Hesketh <b>Description:</b> Variation of condition 2 (revised plans) of planning permission 23/02549/FP granted 18.01.2024 for erection of one detached 4-bed dwelling with integral garage including parking and landscaping following demolition of existing buildings.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 24/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00472/FP	<b>Location:</b> 59 Kings Hedges Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2QH  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Mei Ling Foo JBE <b>Description:</b> Erection of one self-contained 1- bed following demolition of existing garage.	<b>Decision:</b>  Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00478/DOC	<b>Location:</b> Land To The Rear And Front Of 1-4 Gosmore Ley Close Gosmore Hertfordshire  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Mark Shadbolt Chiltern Developments (Hitchin) Ltd <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by Condition 3 (Materials details) of planning permission reference 23/01229/FP granted on 08.11.2023.	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/04/2024

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<b>Application No:</b> 24/00493/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 14 Broadmead Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9LU  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Bundy <b>Description:</b> Insertion of rear box dormer including 2no Juliet balconies	<b>Decision:</b>  Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00495/FPH	<b>Location:</b> Woodlands Park Street Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9AH  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr & Mrs Weller <b>Description:</b> Single storey side extension. Alterations to fenestration and external rendering.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00499/DOC	<b>Location:</b> Land Adjacent To Oaklea And South Of Cowards Lane Codicote Hertfordshire SG4 8UN  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Hiba Assaf Croudace Homes <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by condition 7 (Site Waste Management Plan) of planning permission reference no.17/01464/1 granted 02.11.2022.	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 24/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00508/DOC	<b>Location:</b> 15 Lime Avenue Blackmore End St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 8LQ  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Steve Toms Tomswood Homes <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by condition 12 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan) of planning permission reference no. 21/03437/FP granted 28.09.2022	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00513/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 10 Highbury Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RW  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr & Mrs Pask <b>Description:</b> Single storey side and rear extension. Insertion of second floor side window and front and rear rooflights to existing roofslopes.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00514/FP	<b>Location:</b> The Exchange Queen Street Hitchin Hertfordshire  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Sonar Group <b>Description:</b> Alterations to fenestration and new fenestration on front, side and rear elevations	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 24/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00517/DOC	<b>Location:</b> Land To The Rear And Front Of 1-4 Gosmore Ley Close Gosmore Hertfordshire  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Mark Shadbolt Chiltern Developments (Hitchin) Ltd <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by Condition 6 (Vehicle access) of planning permission reference 23/01229/FP granted on 08.11.2023.	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00520/DOC	<b>Location:</b> Land To The Rear And Front Of 1-4 Gosmore Ley Close Gosmore Hertfordshire  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Mark Shadbolt Chiltern Developments (Hitchin) Ltd <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by Condition 9 (Landscape details) of planning permission reference 23/01229/FP granted on 08.11.2023.	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00522/DOC	<b>Location:</b> Land To The Rear And Front Of 1-4 Gosmore Ley Close Gosmore Hertfordshire  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Mark Shadbolt Chiltern Developments (Hitchin) Ltd <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by Condition 11 (Bat/bird boxes) of planning permission reference 23/01229/FP granted on 08.11.2023.	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00529/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 2 York Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1XA  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr M Martin <b>Description:</b> Insertion of rear L-shaped box dormer window and two front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion.	<b>Decision:</b>  Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00544/FPH	<b>Location:</b> The Lodge Shillington Road Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3HB  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Peters <b>Description:</b> Two storey rear extension including first floor side balcony platform, dormer windows and rooflights. External cladding	<b>Decision:</b>  Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024



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<b>Application No:</b> 24/00566/DOC	<b>Location:</b> 38 - 39 Bucklersbury Hitchin Hertfordshire  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Andrew Brooker Brookers Ltd <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by condition 3 (Construction-Management-Plan) of planning permission reference no. 21/02210/FP granted 08.11.2021.	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 24/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00577/FP	<b>Location:</b> Land To The East Of Old Hale Way Hitchin Hertfordshire  <b>Applicant Name:</b> MR. B PARKER REDSHED DESIGN ARCHITECTS <b>Description:</b> Side lean-to pole extension and external steps. Insertion of rear windows and solar panels to existing side roofslope to facilitate additional storage at first floor level.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00582/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 28 Verulam Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1QE  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Richard Herring <b>Description:</b> First floor rear extension including juliet balcony and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear element. Insertion of rooflights to existing rear roofslope and insertion of ground floor windows to dining area (as amended by drawings received 23/04/2024).	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00597/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 4 The Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RQ  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Adam Ferenczi <b>Description:</b> Alterations to existing detached rear outbuilding to include side extension, replacement roof and alterations to fenestration to form home office.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00608/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 18 Balmoral Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1XG  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Simon Joyner <b>Description:</b> Insertion of rear L-shaped box dormer window and one front rooflight to facilitate loft conversion.	<b>Decision:</b>  Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00609/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 30 Shillington Road Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QL  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Charlotte Fausset <b>Description:</b> Erection of rear garden shed	<b>Decision:</b>  Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 24/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00663/NMA	<b>Location:</b> St Lukes House 5 Walsworth Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9SP  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr D Burgess Burgess Properties Ltd <b>Description:</b> Additional piers and 2-3 rows of brickwork across the base (as Non-Material Amendment to planning 22/03005/FP granted 16.01.2023)	<b>Decision:</b>  Agreed <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00714/DOC	<b>Location:</b> 33 High Street Graveley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7LA  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Joshi <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by condition 9 (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation) of planning permission reference no 23/01392/FP granted 16.02.2024.	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 22/04/2024
<b>Application No:</b> 24/00762/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 1 The Finches Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9PB  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr and Mrs Knight <b>Description:</b> Insertion of obscured glazed first floor side window to existing two storey front extension.	<b>Decision:</b>  Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 23/04/2024

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**Application No:**  
24/00784/TCA

**Location:** Hitchin Girls School Highbury Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4  
9RS

**Decision:**

**Applicant Name:** Mr Mark Collins Hitchin Girls School

No Objection

**Description:**T1 Malus - Reduce lateral spread all round by 2m, remove deadwood and sever ivy. T2 Beech - Reduce overhang to building by 3m, remove dead branch. T3 Sycamore - Remove deadwood. T4 Horse Chestnut - Reduce overall crown by 6m. T5 Horse Chestnut - Thin crown by 25% and install bracing system. T6 - Tag No 2449 - Horse Chestnut - Reduce overall crown by 5m  
T7 Beech - Reduce entire group to 2.5/3m. T8 Sycamore - Remove. T9 Sycamore - Remove. T10 Ash - Reduce overall crown by 4m.  
T11 Sycamore - Reduce overall crown by 7m.

**Decision Date:**

22/04/2024

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PR 3848

23 April 2024

## **“We’re electric...” even more EV points added to council HQ!**

Sung in the style of Oasis’s 1995 song ‘She’s Electric’, we’ve now got the capacity to charge 12 council vehicles at one time at our main office building in Gernon Road, Letchworth.

Additional charge points have recently been installed to accommodate our expanding fleet of electric vehicles (EVs). Herts Careline, part of North Herts Council, will soon have a total of nine electric vans for their engineers who travel across the county to install community alarm and telecare equipment. Our fleet also includes five EVs for our waste management team and we have five plug-in hybrids which are considered ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEVs) – three for our parking team and two for our environmental enforcement officers.

Ian Couper, Service Director for Resources, said: “The new charge points form part of our work to reduce carbon emissions to fight climate change and improve air quality for local residents.”

EV recharging parking bays for public use are in the following North Herts Council long stay car parks:

- [Lairage Multi Storey \(level 1\) Hitchin](#)
- [Woodside, Hitchin](#)
- [Garden Square Multi Storey \(level 5\) Letchworth Garden City](#)
- [Civic Centre, Royston](#)
- [The Twitchell, Baldock](#)

We are also looking at providing more EV chargers for the public to use in our long stay car parks across the district. In addition, Hertfordshire County Council is asking residents for suggestions for locations for other EV chargepoints: [www.north-herts.gov.uk/electric-vehicles](http://www.north-herts.gov.uk/electric-vehicles)

The council declared a climate emergency in May 2019 and we reviewed our Climate Change Strategy in line with the latest research in 2022. Our key targets are to achieve carbon neutrality for our own operations by 2030, and achieve a net zero carbon district by 2040. If you want to find out more about what we are doing and how you can help, please join our Climate Hive: [www.north-herts.gov.uk/climatechange](http://www.north-herts.gov.uk/climatechange)

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# PRESS RELEASE

**PR 3849**

**23 April 2024**

## **Celebrate spring, and summer soon – splash, sip, snack and stroll in our parks**

Let's hope this bonkers weather will settle down soon and we can all step into spring with the reopening of our splash parks across North Herts and café kiosks in Hitchin and Letchworth.

Our four splash parks are due to open every day, from 10am to 6pm, from Saturday 4 May until Sunday 8 September:

- [Baldock's Avenue Park](#)
- [Hitchin's Bancroft Recreation Ground](#)
- [Letchworth's Howard Park](#)
- [Royston's Priory Memorial Gardens](#)

Sarah Kingsley, North Herts Council's Service Director for Place, said: "We're excited to be coming into the splashpad season, we know they are popular throughout the district. We just hope we have some decent weather!"

Our café kiosks are also reopening for the season from 4 May. It'll be the second year for the kiosk at Bancroft Recreation Ground, Hitchin, and the council's first year running the kiosk at Howard Park, Letchworth, after deciding to bring it in house following a successful debut at Bancroft. We are managing both kiosks using our experience of running North Herts Museum café in Brand Street, Hitchin.

Serving hot and cold soft drinks and light snacks including pastries, toasted paninis, and ice cream, you can take away or eat in. Dogs are also catered for with free dog treats on offer and water bowl. Sarah added: "Bancroft and Howard Park are great places to welcome spring with a hot drink and perhaps a treat, whether you're taking the kids to the park or are just going for a walk."

If you're wondering about our outdoor pools, both Hitchin and Letchworth Lidos are due to reopen from Saturday 25 May until Sunday 8 September – look out for more information nearer the time.

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