

TO: Planning Committee - Berkhamsted Town Council – for Meeting 8th Feb 2021

Fm: Cllr G Stevens

Date 1st Feb. 2021

Subject: **The proposed reply to the Borough Council Consultation for the Reg18 Draft Plan (2020-2038) Emerging Strategy for Growth**

The Documentation supporting the Draft Plan was released for public consultation in December with an initial closing date of 7th Feb, but which has been deferred to 28th Feb to accommodate the most recent Covid19 restrictions that prevent persons from meeting etc. Councillors agreed at the meeting 18th Jan to defer endorsement of the draft reply from this Council to this meeting.

The Working Party has held a number of Zoom meetings and communicated by email to consider draft text that reflected a shared view of the proposals. This is tabled for consideration and approval as the reply by the Town Council's Planning Committee. The WP agreed that individual members and contributing bodies are free to submit separate responses.

The proposed response consists of 4 pages of comment plus the comments replying to the 9 questions. The text attached is set out as one 23-page document with an Attachment [on transport and routes]. A line separates the response to each question.

Question 1 – Do you think the overarching vision, the vision for Dacorum's places and the strategic objectives are right for the Borough?

Question 2 – Do you have specific comments about the Sustainable Development Strategy?

Question 3 - Do you have specific comments about any of the Guiding Development policies?

Question 4 - Do you have specific comments about any of the Delivery Strategies?

Question 5 - Do you have specific comments about any of the Proposals and Sites?

Question 5A – Are there any other sites that you think should be included in the Plan?

Question 6 – Do you have any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal that accompanies the Plan?

Question 7 – Do you agree that the Evidence Base that accompanies the Plan is adequate, up-to-date and relevant?

Question 8 - Do you think that the Plan is consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and supporting guidance?

Question 9 - Do you have any other comments on the Plan?

The Committee is invited to:

- 1 Consider this draft, making any suggestions for amendments, in person or by email, but giving agreement to the content and thrust of the reply.
- 2 And approve the documents [subject to any minor changes] for subsequent despatch to the Borough.

The formal reply to the Borough will be assembled with the Deputy Clerk with a covering letter and clean format etc.

Cllr G Stevens