

WARE TOWN COUNCIL

To All Members of Ware Town Council

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is requested at a Meeting of **WARE TOWN COUNCIL** at 7 pm on **Monday 1 October 2018** in the Council Chamber, Ware Priory, Ware, when the following business will be transacted:

This meeting is open to the Public and Press. The Council provides opportunity for members of the public to speak or ask questions at every meeting of the Committee on any item on the agenda

A G E N D A

1. To receive **Apologies for Absence**
2. To receive **Declarations of Interest**
3. To **ratify the appointment** of David Andrews as a co-opted Town Councillor for Trinity Ward
4. To consider the appointment of Cllr Andrews to Council Committee(s)
5. To receive and approve the **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25 June and 3 September** (previously issued)
6. **Town Mayor's Announcement's**
7. To answer any **Questions arising under Standing Order No.23**
8. To receive and consider **Reports and Minutes of the following Committees:**
 - (i) **Planning:** the Chairman of the Committee to move:
"That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July, 3 September (previously issued) be received and any recommendations contained therein be approved"
"To approve comments on planning applications 117 to 126 (attached)"
 - (ii) **Tourism, Leisure & Amenities:** the Chairman of the Committee to move:-
"That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September (attached) be received and any recommendations contained therein be approved"
 - (iii) **Finance & Resources:** the Chairman of the Committee to move:
"That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September (attached) be received and any recommendations contained therein be approved"
9. To receive a **Financial Report for the period 1 April 2018 – 31 June 2018** (previously issued with Finance & Resources Committee papers)
10. **Accounts and Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018** to receive the completed Annual Return and consider issues arising and action plan (to follow if received before the meeting)

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COUNCIL MEETING 10 OCTOBER 2018

DRINKING FOUNTAIN – AGENDA ITEM 13

The Tourism, Leisure and Amenities have been looking into the possibility of installing a drinking fountain in the Priory Grounds in order to cut down on the use of plastic bottles. The model they have identified has a drinking fountain, a bottle filling station and a dog bowl. The cost of the fountain is now £3,895.

The supplier does not install the unit, this has to be arranged locally. Abbots Langley Parish Council purchased one earlier this year. Their grounds staff installed it and maintain it by cleaning it regularly with sterilising solution.

The Finance & Resources Committee was concerned about the implications of ongoing maintenance and cleansing. I spoke to the supplier about this. This unit is generally very low maintenance as there is very low complexity of pipework, which all comes from underground water supply, and very little mechanical operation as it is fed by water pressure. The unit is completely sealed with no opportunity for water to flow backwards. There should not be any risk of it freezing up in winter, it is ok down to – 20°C – some of their clients in the Highlands of Scotland or on very high hills have special winter packs installed. The supplier follows the guidelines of the British Watercooler Association and recommends that all units have internal sanitisation every 6 months. This is something they could do for around £89 to £119, or it could be done by our own staff with a dosing pack. It also requires regular wiping down with a cloth and anti-bacterial spray.

The Council is to consider allocating up to £4,500 from the New Homes Bonus for the supply and installation of a drinking fountain in the Priory Grounds.

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Status of the District Plan

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On September 11 the council was issued with a holding direction on the District Plan, which was due to adopted by the council later that day.

Below is:

- an update from council leader Linda Haysey following a meeting with government officials on September 18
- a statement from councillor Linda Haysey given immediately following the initial government announcement on September 11
- some frequently asked questions concerning the holding direction and what it means in practice.

If there are any further questions or comments regarding this, please email the council at enquiries@eastherts.gov.uk

You can read the formal letter from the Secretary of State to the right.

From the leader - Sep 18

Council leader Linda Haysey and senior council staff met officials from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) this week.

Following the meeting Cllr Haysey said: "All the information that officials asked for has already been considered at the Examination in Public by the government's own inspector who found that the draft Plan was sound. We are preparing a comprehensive document which provides all of this information for our colleagues at MHCLG.

"The whole of the district, with the exception of the Green Belt, is now at risk of speculative development, as a result of not having a Plan in place. We have seen what happens when

development takes place in an unplanned way, and without the related infrastructure that the Plan would have ensured, such as schools, health facilities and transport.

"This is not a situation that should be welcomed by anyone who enjoys living in East Herts and values its green spaces. It is imperative that the holding direction is reversed as soon as possible."

From the leader - Sep 11

"At 2.15pm, the Director of Planning at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government notified the Chief Executive of East Hertfordshire District Council that the Secretary of State, Rt. Hon James Brokenshire MP has today issued a holding direction under section 21a of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (inserted by section 145(5) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016) on the adoption of the East Herts District Plan, due to be adopted this evening.

"Accordingly items 9 and 10 are being withdrawn from tonight's Agenda, because this means we are currently unable to adopt the District Plan.

"I am, of course, very disappointed with this decision both because it has been made at such a late stage in the process and also because the Plan was inspected by a senior and experienced planning inspector (appointed by the Secretary of State) and the Council has fully accepted all of her recommendations and suggestions.

"We remain confident in the soundness of the Plan and will work with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to resolve any issues it has with the Plan. Due to the impact that this will have on the local and wider community and in view of the thorough examination of the Plan that has already taken place, we will encourage the Secretary of State to act expeditiously to avoid further uncertainty. We are all too well aware of the speculative development that has taken place in parts of our district because of the lack of a 5 year land supply. None of us want to be in that position again."

Linda Haysey, Leader of East Hertfordshire District Council

11.9.2018

District Plan Holding Direction - Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of a holding direction?

Purchase Act 2004 (inserted by section 145(5) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016) relates has no effect while the direction is in force. Therefore no weight can be attributed to the District Plan whilst the holding direction remains in force.

7. Does the Council still have a 5-year housing land supply?

The Council has a 5-year housing land supply as set out in its Authority Monitoring Report 2016/2017. However, the 5-year housing land supply takes into account the sites identified in the emerging District Plan, which is now the subject of the holding direction.

8. What is the Council doing to resolve matters?

The Council is working with officials from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to resolve any issues that they may have with the District Plan.

The Housing and Planning Act 2016 gave the government a new power to issue a 'holding direction' in relation to a local plan. This means that a local plan cannot proceed any further towards being adopted by the Local Planning Authority until the Secretary of State has decided whether or not to use his formal powers to 'call in' the plan for his own approval.

2. Has the District Plan been 'called in'?

No. The holding direction gives the Secretary of State more time to consider whether or not to 'call in' the District Plan.

3. Why has the Secretary of State issued a holding direction?

The Secretary of State has issued the holding direction following several requests to intervene in the District Plan, including from Stephen McPartland MP (Stevenage), the Hertfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Aston Parish Council, Eastwick & Gilston Parish Council, Thorley Parish Council, Bishop's Stortford Civic Federation and Protecting Aston's Community Existence (PACE).

These requests raise a number of issues including the proposed release of land from the Green Belt.

4. How long can a holding direction be in place?

The direction will remain in force without time limit until the Secretary of State withdraws it or gives a direction under section 21 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase 2004 Act to 'call in' the Plan.

5. What will happen if the District Plan is 'called in'?

If the District Plan is 'called in', then section 21 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 sets out that the Secretary of State may approve, approve subject to modifications, or reject the Plan.

6. What weight can be given to the District Plan whilst the holding direction is in force?

The Council has sought legal advice on the weight that can be assigned to the District Plan. A document to which a holding direction under section 21A of the Planning and Compulsory



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11 September 2018

Dear Councillor Haysey


East Hertfordshire District Council's Local Plan

I have received several requests to intervene in the East Herts District Plan ("the Plan"), including from Stephen McPartland MP (Stevenage), the Hertfordshire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Aston Parish Council, Eastwick & Gilston Parish Council, Thorley Parish Council, Bishop's Stortford Civic Federation and Protecting Aston's Community Existence (PACE). The requests raise a number of issues including the proposed release of land within the Green Belt.

In respect of the issues identified above, I am considering whether to give a direction to East Hertfordshire District Council in relation to the Plan under section 21 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Therefore, in exercise of my powers under section 21A of that Act (inserted by section 145(5) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016), I hereby direct East Hertfordshire District Council not to take any step in connection with the adoption of the Plan, while I give the issues raised in the letters further consideration.

This direction will remain in force until I withdraw it or give a direction under section 21 of the 2004 Act in relation to the Plan.

My officials will be in touch with your officers to discuss next steps.

Yours sincerely,


RT HON JAMES BROKENSHERE MP



My Ref:- DM/019/18

Your Ref:-

Email:- Informalconsultationdm@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Date:- 17th September 2018

**Proposed Junction Protection 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions and
Notice for the Implementation of a Raised Table in Crane Mead, Ware**

Hertfordshire County Council proposes to implement new 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) junction protection on a specified length of Crane Mead, Ware.

The raised table is being implemented to replace the current hump for the purposes of traffic calming so as to encourage a reduction in speed for the safe passage of all road users. The waiting restrictions are being proposed to facilitate the passage of all vehicles at the junction and provide clear sightlines for vehicles entering and exiting the new development. These restrictions would also reinforce what is already contained within the Highway Code. Appended overleaf is the relevant drawing showing the detail and extent of this proposal.

The process of implementing waiting restrictions is a legislative and formal one as specified in Law. However, prior to embarking upon that process, it is important and useful to seek your views on what is proposed.

This letter initiates the start of the Traffic Regulation Order process and if you have any comments or observations, I would be pleased to receive them either in writing or via email to the address above at your earliest convenience and in any case no later than 1st October 2018.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Nichola Shaw
Highways Officer
Traffic Order Services (Developments)

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