

Committee: Planning Policy Working Group

Agenda Item

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Title: Green Belt Review

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Summary

1. This report provides an update on the Green Belt Review and reports on the Phase 1 work.

Recommendations

- 2.To note the update and methodology.

Financial Implications

3. None

Background Papers

- 3.None

Impact

- 5.

Communication/Consultation	No formal consultation on this document although it is available as part of the committee papers.
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	N/A
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	N/A
Ward-specific impacts	Those containing Green Belt
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

Situation

6. The Working group received an update paper at its last meeting which explained that the Council had issued a brief for carrying out a Green Belt review on 12 October 2015 and that Arup had been appointed to carry out the work.
7. The work falls into two stages and the first stage is being reported now. This work has identified a series of parcels within the Green Belt which form logical areas to assess at stage two.
8. A workshop was conducted on 4 December to which representatives of surrounding local authorities (Chelmsford, East Herts, Epping Forest, Harlow, Essex County and Hertfordshire County Councils) were invited and their comments have been incorporated into the report.
9. The attached report explains the geographical extent of the parcels identified, highlights the methodology proposed to be studied and the policy context for Green Belt Reviews.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That the Council prepares an unsound Plan.	1 – The Council is preparing a Plan which is positively prepared; justified; effective and consistent with national policy	2 – The adoption of the Plan is delayed whilst additional work is undertaken.	That the Council ensures that the Plan meets the requirements of the NPPF and is justified by evidence.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.