



Wednesday, 14 October 2020

Dear Mr Lockhart-Mummery,

Thank you for your formal note and preliminary questions. You have already received comments from the qualifying body on the relevant points; the responses from the District Council are below:

1. Noted, and added to the Examination webpage.
2. I can confirm that the main contact throughout the examination for the District Council will be George Pavey.
3. The main contact for the qualifying body is Frank O'Shea; his email address has been supplied separately.
4. Yes, the District Council's examination webpage is as follows:  
[www.eastherts.gov.uk/gilstonareanp](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/gilstonareanp)
5. The commencement of the Examination has been dated as October the 5<sup>th</sup> 2020.
6. There was no health check undertaken for the Gilston Area Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council have also confirmed this in their response.
7. The District Council's approach is to provide comprehensive comments at the Regulation 14 stage to allow the qualifying body to make changes to their Plan where necessary. The Council will only make representations at the Regulation 16 stage if their previous comments have not been taken on board. The Council's report at Regulation 14 is appended to this note. Following the Regulation 14 consultation, Officers subsequently provided further comments on one particular policy (Policy AG6), these comments are appended also. In this regard the Council feels that the Gilston Area NP has generally addressed the comments that have been submitted to them previously.
8. The Parish Council have responded on this matter.

9. It is agreed that in line with current COVID restrictions, and any subsequent changes to these, that it would be best to arrive in separate vehicles and undertake a planned route from there. I am flexible with dates and times and as such should be able to attend when best for the rest of the party. It may also be useful if one of either our Garden Town representative or case officer for the Gilston application(s) could join us due to their extensive factual knowledge of the area, however the 'rule of 6' would appear to prohibit that assuming other participants attend.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

**George Pavey**

Principal Planning Officer

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