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**Hunsdon Eastwick and Gilston Neighbourhood Plan Group**

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**Note to Sponsor Parish Councils regarding the Gilston Area Neighbourhood Plan**

Dear Parish Council,

The HEGNPG is pleased to report that the Examiner of the Neighbourhood Plan has now published his report. Essentially he has endorsed our Plan subject to some minor modifications. The next step is for East Herts Council to endorse it (they have been closely consulted during the Plan's evolution) and then go to a referendum, we hope on the 6th May, 2021.

The endorsement of this Plan means that it is a material consideration in any planning applications within the Plan area. Indeed, East Herts Planning team are already saying that they are starting to assess the outline applications against our plan policies, but this will become more formal once the Plan is adopted after the referendum.

The Inspector has also agreed that the boundaries for the referendum should include Hunsdon given the plan's impact on the Parish. Your help and encouragement in getting our communities to vote on the plan would be greatly appreciated.

Please follow the link <https://hegnp.org.uk/> if you would like to see the Examiner's report in full.

Developing a Neighbourhood Plan from scratch over a two year period is a challenge in any circumstances but covering an area where 10,000 new homes are proposed has made the task vastly more complex. We have achieved this because of the leadership and commitment to this task by Frank O'Shea and Janine Bryant, who have both put in massive amounts of time and effort.

Our more formal annual report to you will follow shortly.

**Anthony Bickmore, Chairman HEGNPG**  
**22nd February 2021**