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Supporting our Community

Hunsdon Eastwick and Gilston Neighbourhood Plan Group

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**Note to adjoining Parish Councils (Widford/Stanstead Abbots/High Wych/Roydon)
regarding the Gilston Area Neighbourhood Plan**

Dear Parish Council,

You will recollect that the Parishes of Hunsdon and Eastwick and Gilston have combined to create a Neighbourhood Plan covering the Gilston Local Plan allocation, as it relates to the bulk of the development of 10,000 new homes. We have consulted with you as our plan evolved.

Last week we had the report from the Examiner after the formal hearing last year. I am pleased to report that he has endorsed our Plan, subject to some minor suggested modifications. It now goes to East Herts Council for endorsement before a referendum, we hope on 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. 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.

If you would like to see the Examiner's report you will find it on our website

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