

Village Hierarchy Study



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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Village Hierarchy Study 2024

As part of the work to update the District Plan, the Council is reviewing its Village Hierarchy Study. This will form part of the evidence base for the District Plan Review and inform the overall development strategy for the district.

The key output from the study will be an updated village hierarchy, which will be used to develop a sustainable approach to rural development in the District Plan.

A settlement hierarchy policy can help to achieve this by directing any housing growth to those settlements that already contain a range of services and facilities and have good accessibility to higher order settlements, and restricting development in those settlements that do not.

The first stage of formulating the village hierarchy is through a factual survey of the range of services and facilities within the villages, along with their accessibility to higher order settlements. For the study, a total of 54 villages have been identified. These include the Group 1 and 2 Villages identified in the current District Plan.

The Council has produced village profiles for each of the 54 villages considered within the study. The Council is seeking any comments you may have on the profile. Whilst all comments are welcome it would be particularly useful if you could consider:

- Whether the village profile has correctly identified each service and accessibility provision.
- Whether there are any other services or facilities that you feel contribute to village life which are not included in the assessment criteria.

All facilities and services recorded and mapped are up to date as of March 2024.

Attached is your individual village profile with space to enter your comments. This [link](#) can be used to locate facilities and services in your settlement. Instructions on how to use the map are attached.

Please can any comments be sent to planningpolicy@eastherts.gov.uk by **Friday 28th June 2024**.

The second stage of the study will rank the villages in order of sustainability in accordance with an agreed methodology. We will seek your comments on the scoring system in Stage 2 of the consultation process at a later date.

Should you have any queries on this matter or require the documents in a hardcopy format, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind Regards,



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