

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015**

### **LOCAL PLAN UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION)**

#### **Local Plan**

Good progress continues to be made on the Local Plan. A presentation of the strategic housing market assessment and the calculation of the objectively assessed needs is to be made by the consultants to members in September cabinet following discussion at the Duty to Co operate meeting in early September. This will feed through into the setting of the housing target, spatial strategy and settlement numbers and allow progress to be made on the prioritising of suitable sites.

In terms of other evidence base studies consultants for the Habitats regulation assessment are currently awaiting authorisation from the Council and it is hoped these will be appointed shortly. At the time of writing briefs were being assessed against the tender for two other evidence base studies – the plan wide and affordable housing viability and the Dereham Transport study.

The next Local Plan working Group is on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. Updates will be presented on progress on the spatial strategy, sites and emerging DM polices.

#### **Neighbourhood Plans**

In relation to emerging neighbourhood plans:

The proposed area for Dereham has been approved.