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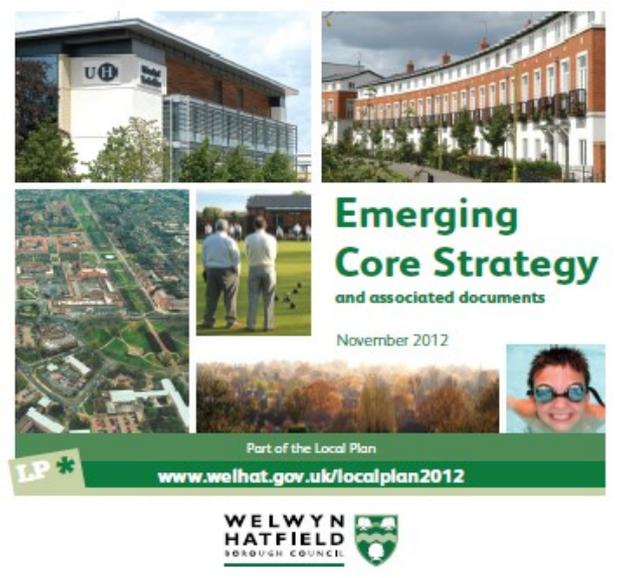
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Core Strategy



## Review of how we consult

Your feedback told us that a number of you think improvements can be made to the way we consult local residents.

Our Statement of Community Involvement was also subject to consultation from November to January 2013. As not many people responded to this document we will consider the feedback to the Core Strategy so that we can improve how we contact people and consult in the future.

This occasional newsletter with updates on Local Plan progress is part of the changes we are making. Please let us know if you have any comments on this newsletter.

Please let any friends or relations in the borough who have not registered on our consultation database about this service (<http://www.welhat.gov.uk/planningconsultations>). Once registered, we will notify them by email whenever we consult on any draft new planning policy document and include them in any occasional news letter and email.

## Consultation Responses

***Thank you to everyone who wrote to us with their views.***

We received over 3500 responses to the Core Strategy, as well as over 3200 to the Land for Housing Outside Urban Areas document.

The other documents (Infrastructure Delivery Plan, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Statement of Community Involvement and Sustainability Appraisal) attracted over 200 responses.

Four petitions were received relating to proposals for Panshanger Airfield (Welwyn Garden City), North West Hatfield, Creswick and lastly in support of the distribution strategy organised by the North Mymms Green Belt Society.

The comments are currently being processed and analysed. We aim to have all the responses available to read on our website in the next few weeks.

## Next Steps

A number of factors, including recent Inspectors' decisions, emerging best practice, new data released as part of the census and also the consultation responses received, have led us to take the decision to do further technical work, before we consider what changes need to be made to the Core Strategy.

Over the next few months we will be carrying out and commissioning further technical work.

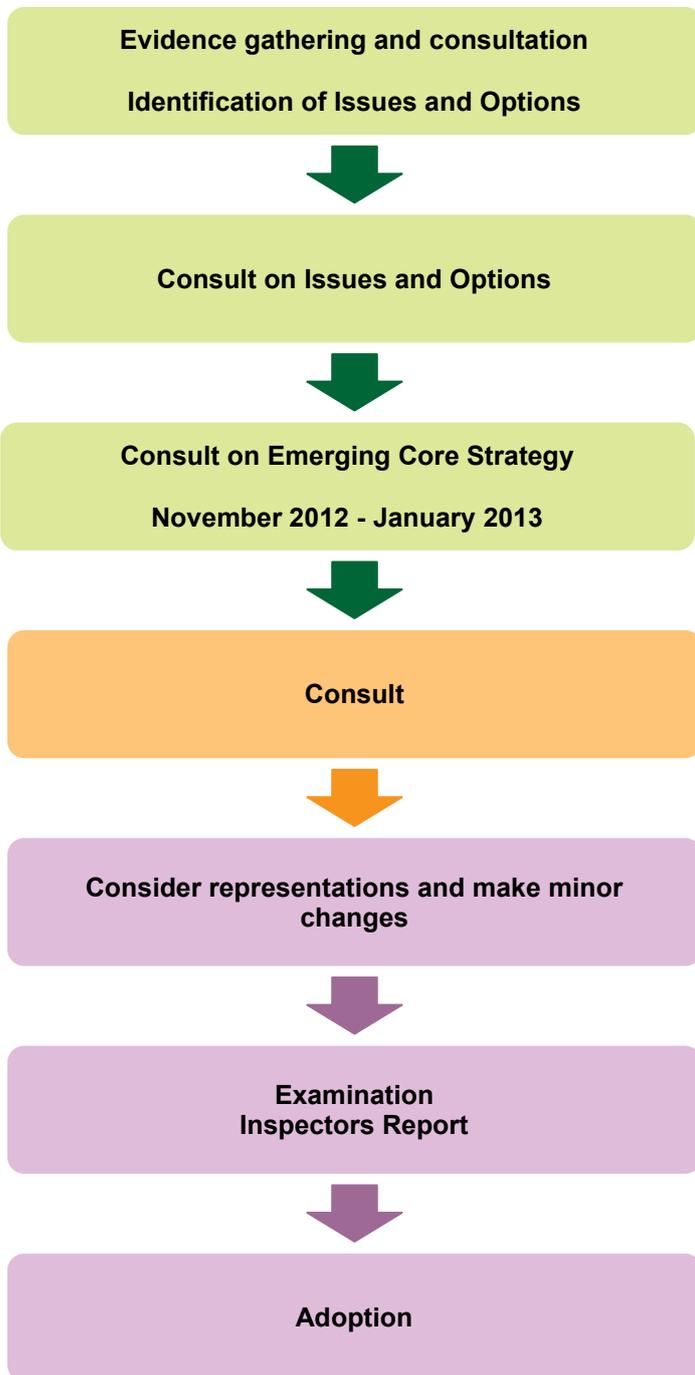
These studies include further transport modelling to look at what measures are required to address the impact on roads. We will review the latest census information, population and household projections, as well as considering the significance of the historic environment of Panshanger Airfield and the strategic significance of the Airfield for air sports. We will continue to review impacts on the Green Belt and infrastructure as well as the needs of all parts of the community, including Gypsy and Travellers.

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## Emerging Core Strategy Timeline



## Changes to the Core Strategy

The council will review the responses to the consultation in the summer. The responses will also be available for everyone to read online at <http://consult.welhat.gov.uk/portal>.

However the council will not make any decisions on what changes need to be made to the Core Strategy until after all the technical work has been completed. We anticipate that the technical work will be completed by the end of the year.

Once this work has been done councillors will then consider both the results of the consultation together with the results of the technical work and decide what changes need to be made to the Core Strategy.

These changes will be first considered by the council's Cabinet Planning and Housing Panel. Once the Panel is happy with the changes, they will be referred to the council's Cabinet.

A public consultation will then be carried out.

## INFORMATION

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Copies of all the consultation documents and responses can be found on our website:  
<http://consult.welhat.gov.uk/portal>

Full details of the Local Plan, including copies of the supporting technical reports, can be found online at:  
[www.welhat.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.welhat.gov.uk/ldf)

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