
Subject Aligning Epping Forest District and Harlow IDPs

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1.1 Introduction

Epping Forest District Council and Harlow Council have commissioned consultants (Arup and Atkins with BNP Paribas, respectively) to undertake Infrastructure Delivery Plans in support of their Local Plans.

Given the proximity of the two authorities and the strategic sites surrounding Harlow within both Harlow and Epping Forest District authority boundaries, it is important that the two IDPs are consistent with each other. This note sets out how the councils and consultant teams will ensure the IDPs are aligned.

1.2 General Alignment

In order to ensure consistency between the two IDPs, the following protocol will be followed:

- Meeting notes and information received from key providers and stakeholders will be shared between councils / consultant teams where it is likely to have cross-boundary issues, and particularly in relation to the topics outlined in the table in Section 1.3.
- Where appropriate and required, joint meetings will be held with both councils / consultant teams present.
- Consistent positions will be sought from infrastructure providers and other stakeholders, where relevant.
- Relevant work undertaken for the Harlow & Gilston Garden Town or across the wider SHMA / FEMA area will be incorporated into the respective IDPs as appropriate.
- Any draft IDP documents will be shared between the councils / consultant teams, in order to review whether cross-border issues have been addressed etc.

1.3 Aligning Standards and Assumptions

The table below outlines the standards and assumptions it is suggested are aligned across the two IDPs.

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Key:

Blue – suggested standard to be used across both IDPs to ensure consistency

Red – work to be aligned

Category	Infrastructure	Aligning inputs
Transport	Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driven by work being undertaken by ECC – IDPs should therefore align.
	Bus network	
	Walking and cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interventions to be reviewed to ensure they align (e.g. any re-routing of cross-border bus routes).
	Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any further engagement with rail operators to be shared between IDPs.
Education	Early years and childcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EFD IDP standards based on ECC Developers Guide to Infrastructure – suggest similar approach is taken.
	Primary schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driven by modelling undertaken by ECC – IDPs should therefore align. Interventions to be reviewed to ensure they align.
	Secondary schools	
	Further education	
	Adult community learning	
Health and Social Care	GPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EFD IDP standards based on Essex Growth and Investment Framework – suggest similar approach is taken.
	Dentists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EFD IDP standard taken from North Weald Masterplan in the absence of an NHS-wide standard. Harlow IDP to consider standard to be used.
	Pharmacies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No modelling undertaken – qualitative.
	Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No modelling undertaken – qualitative. Any further engagement in relation to PAH will be shared between IDPs.
	Mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No modelling undertaken – qualitative.
	Community nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No modelling undertaken – qualitative.
	Adult social care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EFD IDP standard for independent living standards taken from ECC Independent Living Programme for Older People – suggest similar approach is taken. EFD IDP standards for other forms of adult social care taken from SHOP@ tool – suggest similar approach is taken (note, SHOP@ provides district-specific standards so may differ between EFDC and Harlow).
Emergency Services	Ambulance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No modelling undertaken – qualitative.
	Police	
	Fire	

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Community and Sport	Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EFD IDP standards based on ECC Developers Guide to Infrastructure – suggest similar approach is taken.
	Youth centres	
	Village and community halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on locally-specific evidence – not relevant to Harlow IDP.
	Indoor sports facilities	
	Outdoor sports facilities	
Open Space and Green Infrastructure	Managed open space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on locally-specific evidence – not relevant to Harlow IDP. Any cross border interventions relating to Harlow sites to be reviewed to ensure they align.
	Informal recreation grounds	
	Woodland and semi natural open space	
	Allotments	
	Burial provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No modelling undertaken – qualitative.
Utilities	Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any further engagement with utilities providers to be shared between IDPs.
	Waste water	
	Electricity	
	Gas	
Telecommunications	Broadband	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No modelling undertaken – qualitative.