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Hertsmere Borough Council
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AMENDED: Book a place to shape Hertsmere's future

***** Please note the change of venue for the Borehamwood 'In Conversation' event. It is being held at the Civic Offices, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, NOT Allum Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree, as previously stated. *****

Places are available at a series of evening events aimed at gathering views on how Hertsmere should grow and develop over the next 15 years.

The events entitled In Conversation About ... Hertsmere's Future are an exciting opportunity for anybody who lives or works in the borough to share what they love about Hertsmere and discuss its future with a range of local people. Hertsmere Borough Council is holding the events at The Wylyotts Centre in Potters Bar on Wednesday 15 November, The Bushey Arena in Bushey on Tuesday 21 November and the Civic Offices, Elstree Way, Borehamwood on Thursday 23 November. All the sessions will run from 6.30pm until 8pm, and include a light buffet.

New estimates are that around 9,000 new homes and 9,000 new jobs will be needed over the next 15 years, which means the rate of housebuilding could have to more than double from what has been achieved in recent years, and more space would need to be provided for employment.

A consultation is currently underway to find out what people who live and work in the borough feel is the best approach to achieving this level of growth. All comments will be used to help create a draft new Local Plan. The plan will identify what sorts of development will be allowed where, and the factors that will be taken into account when planning applications are put forward.

Cllr Harvey Cohen, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Localism, said: "This is your chance to share what you value about your borough and how you want it to grow and develop over the next 15 years.

"We've so far held some well-attended events, including drop-in sessions at locations around the borough, in which people have been able to see for themselves the different ways Hertsmere could grow.

"At these events, we're not going to ask people to comment on these proposals, but to discuss with us, their views on a range of issues such as housing, local jobs,

shops and services, community facilities, transport and talk more generally about the sort of place they want their community and this borough to be in 15 to 20 years' time.

"Feedback from these events, along with all responses from this consultation and our earlier consultation, will be used to help us create a new vision for Hertsmere's future."

To find out more go to www.hertsmere.gov.uk/planningevents or to book a place email local.plan@hertsmere.gov.uk or call 020 8207 2277.

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