

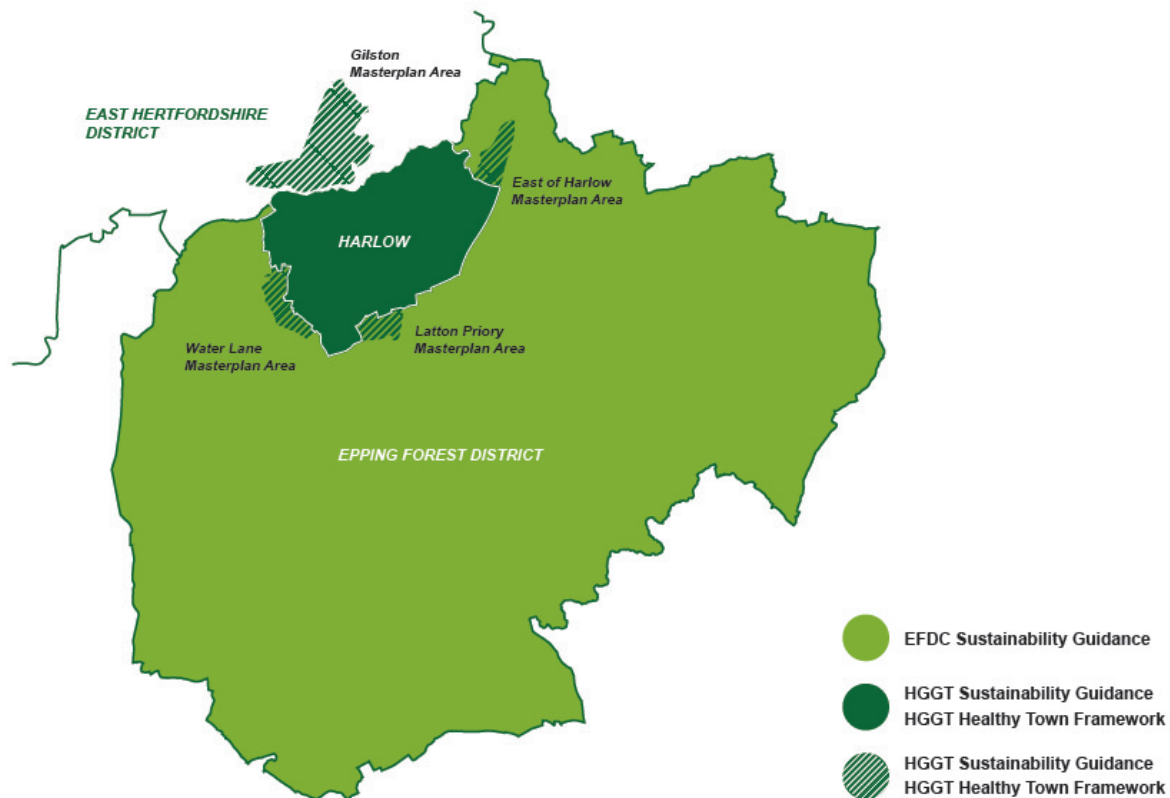
SUSTAINABLE AND HEALTHY LIVING CONSULTATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

What are the documents that are being consulted upon, and what areas do they relate to?

The documents being consulted upon by the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town are the **HGGT Sustainability Guidance & Checklist** and the **Healthy Garden Town Framework**. These are being consulted upon by the Garden Town and its five partner authorities (East Herts, Epping Forest, Harlow District Councils, and Essex and Hertfordshire County Councils).

Epping Forest District Council is also consulting on the **EFDC Sustainable Guidance documents (Major Developments and Minor Developments)**, which cover the rest of Epping Forest District.



Why have these documents been created?

These documents will help the Garden Town and partner authorities to set the agenda for sustainable and healthy living. They have been created to give practical and technical guidance on how to achieve this, particularly when designing/ delivering large new developments. They also promote best practice design, engagement and partnership processes as well as sustainable and healthy outcomes.

Who will use these documents?

The Sustainability Guidance and Checklist will be used by planning applicants and designers, partner authority officers, and our Quality Review Panel to help achieve and assess against sustainability ambitions.

The Healthy Garden Town Framework will be used to inform and guide local authorities, developers, landowners and health care providers to help them to collaborate to achieve a Garden Town designed to support the health and wellbeing of its population.

What impact or weight will these documents have?

Following consultation, the intention is that these documents will be endorsed by the Garden Town Member Board and endorsed by the partner Local Planning Authorities to be a material consideration when determining planning applications. These are key documents in helping to raise and ensure the expected high quality of new developments.

What scale of developments is the guidance aimed at?

Due to the large scale of many of the new developments coming forward in the Garden Town, particularly the strategic sites, the HGGT Sustainability Guidance applies to major developments of 10no. and more dwellings. Both this document and the Healthy Garden Town Framework have principles which related to new development at a range of scales.

The EFDC Sustainability Guidance (Major Developments) relates to developments of 10no. and more dwellings. The EFDC Sustainability Guidance (Minor Developments) relates to developments of 1-9 dwellings.

What are the dates of the consultation and events?

The consultation is open for six weeks, from 2nd November 2020 (midday) to 14th December 2020 (midday).

Online **HGGT Community Q&A session: 23rd November 2020, 6 – 7.30pm**. Please RSVP by emailing haveyoursay@hgg.co.uk and you will be sent Zoom Call joining details.

Online **EFDC Community Q&A session: 30th November 2020, 6 – 7.30pm**. Please RSVP by emailing ldfconsult@eppingforestdc.gov.uk and you will be sent Zoom Call joining details.