



# INFORMATION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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## News from the Information Management Unit

### Research, Survey and Intelligence

#### Safety Camera Survey

The latest in a series of surveys on the public perception of safety cameras has been completed and the results passed to the Road Safety Unit. Two questionnaires were sent to a sample of 1 in 200 households across the county and replies were received from 775 households (34% of sample) and, of these, 165 returned the additional questionnaire. A further 101 people who were not included in the original sample completed the questionnaire on line to give a total of 1041 responses.

#### ACS Carer Survey

Assistance is being given to ACS in a survey of carers and questionnaires were sent out in early October.

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### Census

#### 2011 Census

ONS have held a second consultation on the disability question. The 2007 Census test contained two questions on disability. One question aimed at establishing whether the respondent has a disability, in line with the definition in the Disability Discrimination Act. The second question asked about the nature of any disability. ONS have consulted on the possibility of removing the question on nature of disability if there is a constraint on space on the census form. In collaboration with equalities officers at HCC a draft response was prepared and placed on the Hertfordshire Observatory. A final response was then sent based on suggestions from other interested parties on behalf of the Hertfordshire Census Users' Group.

### Demography

#### Revisions to Mid Year Estimates

ONS have published the 2006 Mid Year Estimates and revised Mid Year Estimates for the years from 2002 to 2005. The changes reflect improvements to the way that international migration is assigned to local authorities. International migration has long been recognised as the weakest element in the estimating process. The changes have resulted from IMPS, ONS's programme to improve migration statistics. The changes have resulted in an increase in Hertfordshire's population estimate for 2005 of about 3,200. Most districts have seen increases in their estimates, although those for St Albans were reduced by almost 3,000. The Mid Year Estimate of Hertfordshire's population for 2006 was 1,058,600. A factsheet is published on Herts Direct.

#### Revisions to ONS 2004-based population projections

All statistics based on Mid Year Estimates need to be revised. This includes small area estimates by both HCC and ONS, population and household projections. In the case of the 2004-based population projections, both the base year and the migration assumptions have changed. Hertfordshire's projected population by these trend-based projections has increased substantially. In 2029, the county's population is now projected to be 1,198,100, more than 35,000 higher than the original 2004-based projections. Generally the projections have changed to reflect the changes in estimates, with St Albans 2029 projected population reduced by about 7,000 to 153,200. A factsheet is published on Herts Direct.

#### Revisions to DCLG 2004-based household projections

These projections are linked to the ONS population projections, and these are being revised at present. There is no publication date yet, but it should be within the next few months. Meanwhile detailed tables based on the original 2004-based household projections have been obtained from DCLG, which show the trend in

household size and in households by type at district level. A revised factsheet is being prepared.

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## News from other Environment Department Units

### Strategic Partnerships Unit

**Hertfordshire Funding Fair 2007 –  
Roots to success  
Wednesday 17 October 2007  
The Fielder Centre, Hatfield**

Visit the website to download this year's programme and register online to attend.  
[www.hertsdirect.org/hern](http://www.hertsdirect.org/hern)

Whether your group is looking for just a hundred pounds or thousands of pounds, the Hertfordshire Funding Fair is the right place to start looking. This free information and training day is open to all Hertfordshire based organisations and will include:

- Information stands, advice sessions and workshops, giving you the chance to brush up on your fundraising skills.
- Practical and easy to apply knowledge about how to ensure your organisation is competitive and successful in gaining funding.
- Opportunities to meet with funders to find out about their priorities and how your project/organisation might fit them.
- Information on new and emerging funding opportunities.
- Advice about alternative resource opportunities
- Opportunities to meet, network and share good practice with other groups.

### CAN YOU AFFORD TO MISS THIS DAY?

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## Forward Planning Unit

### Countywide Development Monitoring

Revision of the draft results of the update of the annual survey of Hertfordshire's Development Commitments, show that, net of demolitions, **4345 dwellings have been built in Hertfordshire this monitoring year**. The districts with the highest net number of dwellings built are:-

East Hertfordshire with 777.  
Welwyn Hatfield with 685.  
Broxbourne, Hertsmere and Watford have all built around the 250 dwellings mark.

This survey update concerns all planning permissions at 31st March 2007. It tracks Housing, Employment and other land use change, informing policy and monitoring processes. Results are supplying data to the Regional Annual Monitoring Report for 2007, as well as continuing to support the Local Development Framework monitoring in the County. This information routine will also be integral to two new planning system requirements for Local Authorities which are; the Strategic Housing Market Assessment and the Housing Land Availability Assessment.

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## News from the Districts

### East Hertfordshire Council

The following Supplementary Planning Documents were adopted on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 to accompany the Local Plan Second Review:

- Landscape Character Assessment SPD
- Historic Parks and Gardens SPD
- Sustainability Appraisals: Indicators and Targets SPD

The documents are available to view on the Council's website: [www.eastherts.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/localplan)

The Council is also starting to progress with the LDF. The Public Examination into the Statement of Community Involvement commences on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007. In addition, it is anticipated that the initial stage of public consultation on the Core Strategy will take place by the end of the year.

Finally, the Council is working jointly with Harlow Borough Council and Epping Forest District Council in order to produce a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. This study will become part of the evidence base that will inform the LDF process.

For further information contact Chris Butcher,  
Planning Policy on 01992 531624.

Land Commitments Position Statement No.34 – 1  
April 2006).

## Watford Borough Council

A revised Local Development Scheme was approved by Government Office in July 2007. The Core Strategy DPD together with the Sustainability Appraisal is being drafted and we are aiming for the Preferred Options consultation to start at the end of January 2008.

For a copy of the revised Local Development Scheme or further information please contact:  
Planning Policy on 01923 278263  
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## Dacorum Borough Council

1. The Council published in September 2007 its draft version of the open space study for key stakeholder consultation. It provides a qualitative and quantitative audit and analysis of the supply of open space in the Borough. The final version of the study is expected to be available early in the New Year.

For further information about the study please contact Development Plans on 01442 228660.

2. The Council has recently completed its employment land position statement (Employment Land Commitments Position Statement No.31 – 1 April 2007).

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4. Halcrow have recently completed a joint Strategic Flood Risk Assessment on behalf of Dacorum Borough Council, St Albans City and District Council, Three Rivers District Council and Watford Borough Council. The SFRA will help in preparing sustainable policies for the long-term management of flood risk, will contribute to the evidence base for locating future development to areas of low flood risk, and help in improving existing emergency planning procedures

For further information about the study please Contact Development Plans on 01442 228660.

For up to date information on the progress and availability/cost of documents please contact Development Plans and/or visit the Planning Department's web site at [www.dacorum.gov.uk/planning](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/planning).

This Bulletin gives news of emerging facts and trends in the County, recently published and planned reports and progress on projects. Deadline for the next issue is 31<sup>ST</sup> December 2007. Please send items with a contact name, phone number and email address to Barbara Murphy, Information Management Unit, Environment Dept HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, County Hall, Hertford, Herts. SG13 8DN  
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