## HARLOW & GILSTON GARDEN TOWN

## CAPACITY FUNDING CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE PLANS FOR HARLOW & GILSTON GARDEN TOWN

It has been announced today that Harlow & Gilston Garden Town has secured an additional £715,000 of capacity funding from Homes England. This announcement represents a confidence in, and commitment to, the ambitious plans that will transform the Harlow & Gilston area, providing much needed homes, jobs and infrastructure for existing and new residents.

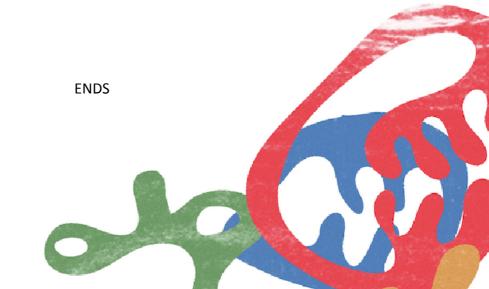
Substantial work has already been carried out by the partnership to develop some strong foundations in order to achieve the Garden Town vision, including:

- Adoption of the Garden Town Vision
- Adoption of the Garden Town Design Guide
- A draft Transport Strategy for consultation in the summer
- A study on the delivery of Sustainable Transport Corridors
- Ongoing consultation with residents, businesses and stakeholders
- Site specific masterplanning
- Preparation of a Garden Town wide Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Establishment of a Quality Review Panel

This additional grant will allow this, and other, work to continue at pace, helping us to create places that people will be proud of and want to live and work in.

Guy Nicholson, Chair of the Harlow Garden Town Board said:

"I am delighted that Homes England has made this additional investment into the Garden Town. It is a great testament to the collaboration and hard work that the Garden Town team, the partners and stakeholders have already achieved and all can be very proud. There is no doubt that the Garden Town will deliver much needed new homes and be a great boost to the local economy. This investment enables us to draw on all of our strengths and aspirations and take the next step in realising the Garden Town with confidence."



## **Notes to Editor**

East Herts, Epping Forest and Harlow District Councils along with Essex and Hertfordshire County Councils are working together to ensure plans for the Garden Town supports sustainable and healthy living and a strong local economy; provides a good quality of life for existing and future residents and responds to local landscape and character.

The Garden Town plans provide for a minimum of 16,000 homes in and around Harlow to 2033 with 7,000 homes planned for the Gilston Area beyond the plan period. This major project will provide good quality villages and neighbourhoods, homes, jobs and infrastructure for new and existing residents.

The Harlow and Gilston area was designated as a Garden Town by Central Government in January 2017 and sits at the heart of the UK Innovation Corridor which represents a unique opportunity to build on the area's key strengths as the next global knowledge region in the UK.

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