

## LAND USE

### *Indicator 1: Land Used For Urban Activities*

This map shows the Land Use Change in the County between April 1997 and the end of March 1998.

#### LAND USE MAP

The towns shown are those with a population of over 7000.  
Land use change is recorded once development has started.

In total, in Hertfordshire, 12.16 hectares of land has changed to urban use during this 12 month period, a small increase on last years figure of 9.43 hectares.

The majority of this (7.86 ha) is due to further residential development of nursery land at Goffs Oak in Broxbourne Borough. The remainder being smaller residential, institutional or leisure facility developments in other areas.

Residential development to the north of Stevenage (Great Ashby) had yet to be started at 1st April 1998.

Note: This report is produced at the end of 1998 using land use data for April 1997-March 1998. Developments may have started since this data was collected.

### *Indicator 2: Number of Households*

The 1991 Census showed that there were 380,866 households in Hertfordshire. Preliminary results from Hertfordshire County Councils Mid Term Population Survey suggests that there were just under 413,000 households in 1997, an increase of 8.4%. There was growth in the number of single person households, both pensioner and non-pensioner, in single parent households, and in households without children.

Hertfordshire's population has grown by just 2.5% over the same period, from 988,700 in 1991 to 1,024,800 in 1997, further indicating the continuing reduction in mean household size.

In the future the largest growth in households will be in single person households. Between 1991 and 2011 Hertfordshire needs to provide for another 65,000 households. The majority of which will be provided within existing urban areas.

### **Structure Plan**

The Hertfordshire County Council Structure Plan Review 1991-2011 was adopted April 1998. The Structure Plan includes the decision to roll back the green belt to the west of Stevenage to allow the building of new houses.

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