

**COUNCIL - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) SPECIAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, 21 JANUARY 2005**

**DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council - Local Development Framework (LDF) Special Meeting held on Friday, 21 January 2005. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Holly Adams.

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) - CORE STRATEGY AND RURAL CENTRES**

**Housing and Urban Capacity Study**

Council **AGREED** the following recommendations, subject to issues raised during discussion:

- (a) To confirm the Preferred Approach to housing objectives (CS19);
- (b) To confirm the Preferred Approach to roll forward the existing housing allocations made in the 2004 Local Plan (CS20);
- (c) To confirm the Preferred Approach to densities of at least 30 dwellings per hectare and at least 40 dwellings per hectare in more sustainable locations (CS22);
- (d) To confirm the Preferred Approach for the target for the mix of house sizes, based on the number of bedrooms, in market housing:
  - 40% 1 and 2 bedroom : 30% 3 bedroom : 30% 4 or more bedrooms for Northstowe to address locally identified housing needs whilst not compromising the development of a balanced community in a new town (CS23); [*This decision was subsequently overturned by full Council on 1 February 2005 in favour of a 50 : 25 : 25 ratio*]
  - 50% 1 and 2 bedroom : 25% 3 bedroom : 25% 4 or more bedrooms for development district-wide (primarily in villages) to address the high level of need for 1 and 2 bedroom properties identified in the Housing Needs Survey (CS26);
- (e) To confirm the Preferred Option for the target of Affordable Housing at approximately 50% of all dwellings proposed (CS27);
- (f) To confirm the Preferred Approach of requiring Affordable Housing to be provided as set out in the 2004 Local Plan, i.e., a threshold of more than 10 dwellings in settlements over 3,000 population and 2 or more dwellings elsewhere (CS30);
- (g) To confirm the Preferred Options for funding Affordable Housing:
  - To pursue CS32 District-wide, negotiating a lower proportion of Affordable Housing if there were insurmountable subsidy issues; and
  - To pursue CS33 for small sites, negotiating a contribution to Affordable Housing to be provided elsewhere.

**Economy and Tourism**

Council **AGREED** the options for employment (CS35 – CS43), subject to the re-wording as discussed.

**Services and Facilities**

Council **AGREED** the following recommendations, subject to the issues raised during discussion:

- (a) The objectives for services and facilities (CS44), with the inclusion of health and social care;

- (b) The Preferred Approach for the protection of village services and facilities, with the inclusion of recreation and sports facilities (CS45);
- (c) The retail hierarchy for the District (CS46); and
- (d) The Preferred Approach to encourage developers to provide public art as part of their development (CS50).

### **Recreation**

Council **AGREED** the following recommendations, subject to issues raised during discussion:

- (a) The Preferred Approach for open space standards (CS51);
- (b) The option that new developments be required to contribute to the provision of strategic open space (CS54); and
- (c) To note the findings of the Recreation Study and Annex.

### **Papworth Hospital**

Council **AGREED** that, whilst it was inappropriate for a Local Development Framework policy to dictate to the health authorities whether the current activities continue on the Papworth Hospital site, a policy should be included within the LDF to guide a mixed development and set the criteria against which any redevelopment proposals should be tested, this policy to be augmented by a Supplementary Planning Document.

### **The Natural Environment**

Council **AGREED** the natural environment objectives (CS60) and that the Core Strategy include a policy on habitat creation.

### **Energy**

Council **AGREED** the following recommendations, subject to issues raised during discussion:

- (a) To confirm the Preferred Approach for developing renewable energy sources (CS61) through development of a criteria-based policy, including visual and noise impact;
- (b) To confirm the Preferred Approach that at least 10% of the energy needs of larger developments be met by renewable energy technologies (CS62), and that the threshold for providing renewable energy should be lowered from 50 dwellings to 10 dwellings; and
- (c) That the Preferred Approach for all new development would be to require developers to maximise energy efficiency through sustainable design and construction and to encourage developers to strive to achieve energy efficiency standards above the minimum Building Regulations' standards in force at that time (CS63).

### **Protecting South Cambridgeshire's Landscapes**

Council **AGREED** the following recommendations, subject to issues raised during discussion:

- (a) To confirm the Preferred Approaches for Landscape Character Areas, Natural Areas, Biodiversity and River Valleys (CS64 – CS66), with further guidance to be set out in Supplementary Planning Documents;
- (b) To confirm the Preferred Approach for flood risk (CS68), including the need to consider flooding on a catchment basis not just within the floodplain; and
- (c) That the Preferred Approach for sustainable drainage systems (CS69) would be to seek such systems only where they are practicable.

### **Cultural Heritage**

Council **AGREED** the recommendations as set out in the Appendix.

**Travel**

Council **AGREED** the recommendations as set out in the Appendix, subject to the re-wording agreed during discussion.