

COUNCIL - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 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 Wednesday, 23 March 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 / Susan May.

LDF - NORTHSTOWE (DECISION ON THE DETAIL OF THE POLICIES AND PROPOSALS FOR THE DPD)

Chapter A: Introduction

Council **AGREED** Chapter A: Introduction.

Chapter B: Vision and Development Principles

Council **AGREED** Chapter B: Vision and Development Principles, subject to minor typographical amendments in paragraphs (n) and (o).

Chapter C: The Site and Its Setting

Council **AGREED** Chapter C: The Site and Its Setting, subject to

- Bar Hill being included at C3/a as a distant neighbour; and
- Inclusion of plants at C3/b in addition to wildlife.

Chapter D: The Town of Northstowe

D1: The Structure of Northstowe

Council **AGREED** D1: The Structure of Northstowe.

D2: The Town Centre

Council **AGREED** D2: The Town Centre, subject to officers reviewing the deadlines for the town centre development.

D3: Local Centres

Council **AGREED** D3: Local Centres, subject to the review of development thresholds.

D4: Housing

Council **AGREED** D4: Housing, subject to the inclusion of reference to the Travellers Development Plan Document in this and all other Area Action Plans.

D5: Employment

Council **AGREED** D5: Employment, subject to the inclusion of reference to live / work units.

D6: Community Facilities, Leisure, Arts and Culture Including Community Development

Council **AGREED** D6: Community Facilities, Leisure, Art and Culture including Community Development, subject to the inclusion of "good design" in objectives D6/c and D6/e.

D7: Transport

Council **AGREED** D7: Transport, subject to

- Objective D7/c – addition of “highly accessible” before “cycleways”;
- Discussions with the emergency services on options for emergency service access; and
- Further reference to bus stops being within 400m in high-density areas.

D8: Landscape

Council **AGREED** D8: Landscape, subject to the following

- Para D8.8 – “airport road” to read “airfield road”;
- Policy NS/15(b) – add “provided and” before “protected for this purpose” in the 4th line;
- Policy NS/16, Green Corridors – link north-south to the country park at Oakington (concept diagram); and
- *Para D8.11 – clarify in the context of Policy NS/15(c) ?*

D9: Biodiversity

Council **AGREED** D9: Biodiversity, subject to discussion with the Ecology Officer on whether the enhancement of biodiversity addresses support for protected bird species.

D10: Archaeology and Heritage

Council **AGREED** D10: Archaeology and Heritage without amendment.

D11: Meeting Recreational Needs

Council **AGREED** D11: Meeting Recreational Needs, subject to

- Para D11.16 – replacement of the last sentence by “There may be potential for some sports provision alongside the Green Corridor”;
- Para D11.17 – clarification of wording;
- Para D11.22 – amendment, as recognised by officers;
- Policy NA/21(c) – add specific reference to cricket;
- Policy NS/22(e), golf provision – deletion of first line, to “Provision,”

D12: Land Drainage, Water Conservation, Foul Drainage and Sewage Disposal

Council **AGREED** D12: Land Drainage, Water Conservation, Foul Drainage and Sewage Disposal, subject to

- Chapter heading to be amended to ‘An Integrated Water Strategy’;
- Policy NS/23(c) – Addition of heading before this paragraph “Mitigating Flood Risk at Oakington”;
- Policy NS/23(d)(i) – addition of “series of” between “a” and “balancing pond”;
- Policy NS23/(d)(ii) – addition of wording to urge early action on the new channel;
- Policy NS/23(e) – reference to balancing pond to become (a). Addition of sub-paragraph (b): “a relief channel for Longstanton Brook which culverts along the Longstanton Bypass”;
- Policy NS/23(h) – addition of wording to allow some flexibility in the targets for the reduction in the use of piped water – to be discussed with the Strategic Development Officer; and
- Paragraph D12.6 – addition of reference to relief channel as in Policy NS/23(e)(b) together with justification.

D13: Telecommunications

Council **AGREED** D13: Telecommunications without amendment.

D14: An Exemplar in Sustainability

Council **AGREED** D14: An Exemplar in Sustainability, subject to

- Objective D14/b – refer to greenhouse gasses rather than just CO₂;
- Paragraph D14.2 - replacement of “reasonably” in the penultimate line of page 83 with “normally”;
- Discussion with the Strategic Development Officer on the wording of Policy NS25/b to ensure that technology used is practical; and
- Re-drafting of Policy NS/25 to encourage exemplar projects whilst allowing flexibility for negotiation on the detail.

D15: Waste

Noting that the Core Strategy dealt with storage of waste within the domestic curtilage, Council **AGREED** D15: Waste, without amendment.

Chapter E: Delivering Northstowe

E1: Phasing and Implementation

Council **AGREED** E1: Phasing and Implementation, subject to

- Policy NS/26(a) – replacement of “avoid” in the 3rd line with “minimise”; and
- Investigation of a potential discrepancy between the start date required to achieve 6,000 dwellings by 2016 (objective E1/d) and that required to keep in step with improvements to the A14 (paragraph D7.2/3).

E2: Planning Obligations and Conditions

Council **AGREED** E2: Planning Obligations and Conditions, subject to

- Objective E2/b – rewording to accord with Policy NS/11(a); and
- A proviso that if the developers have to help fund the guided bus, that amount be deducted from what they have to put into Northstowe

Council then

AUTHORISED the emerging policy approach for the Northstowe Area Action Plan to be subjected to independent sustainability/strategic environmental assessment; and

DELEGATED to the Planning Portfolio Holder agreement of any material changes resultant from further information and to the Development Services Director authority to approve any minor editing changes.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillors **AGREED** during the meeting that the special Council meeting to consider the Cambridge Southern Fringe Area Action Plan be rescheduled from 8 April to 21 April, starting at 9.00 a.m.

RESOLVED that the County Council's comments be not further considered and that a letter be sent to Cambridgeshire County Council expressing disbelief that such a paper had been tabled at a public meeting.