

NEW COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING

THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2011

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the New Communities Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Thursday, 19 May 2011. Decisions made by the Portfolio Holder will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Cabinet or to the Council are not subject to call-in. 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 Ian Senior.

1. FEN DRAYTON: LAND SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION (LSA) SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

The New Communities Portfolio Holder:

1. agreed the classification of building 97 at 54 Park Lane as non-eligible and the classification of the converted water tank at 33 Cootes Lane as eligible; and
2. agreed the adoption of the Fen Drayton Former LSA Estate SPD as included in Appendix 2 to the report.

Other Options Considered: Before the Fen Drayton Former LSA Estate SPD can be formally adopted, the classification of the buildings at 54 Park Lane and 33 Cootes Lane must be resolved. Once adopted, the SPD will form part of the Local Development Framework and will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. Until the SPD is formally adopted, it has less status in the determination of planning applications. Landowners are already seeking advice regarding the submission of planning applications and a planning application relating to 54 Park Lane was received in April 2011. Delay in the adoption of the SPD could result in planning applications being determined without detailed guidance on the implementation of Policy SP/11.

1. **Reason For Decision:** The Fen Drayton Former LSA Estate SPD was submitted to the New Communities Portfolio Holder Meeting on 8 March 2011 for adoption. As a result of the comments and questions raised by both Councillors and members of the public who attended the meeting, the New Communities Portfolio Holder agreed to adopt the Fen Drayton Former LSA Estate SPD subject to further consideration of the classification of buildings at 54 Park Lane and 33 Cootes Lane, and requested that the outcome of further consideration of the buildings be brought back to the New Communities Portfolio Holder for approval.

2. GAMLINGAY: EDUCATIONAL PROVISION

Recognising South Cambridgeshire District Council's principal interest in protecting and improving the community aspect of Gamlingay Village College, the New Communities Portfolio Holder agreed that the District Council's response to consultation by Cambridgeshire County Council on the future of Gamlingay Village College should be as follows

Retain the current three-tier structure of Gamlingay First School and Gamlingay Village College, feeding into Stratton Upper School, in Biggleswade.
Establish very close working links between the First School and the Village College for the primary year groups; and with Stratton Upper for the secondary year groups.
Develop formal federation proposals, aimed at improving educational performance and cost-effectiveness, including the possibility of a hard federation with Stratton Upper School.

Other Options Considered: Option 1

- Retain the current three-tier structure of Gamlingay First School and Gamlingay

- Village College, feeding into Stratton Upper School, in Biggleswade.
- Establish very close working links between the First School and the Village College for the primary year groups; and with Stratton Upper for the secondary year groups.
- Develop formal federation proposals, aimed at improving educational performance and cost-effectiveness. This could include the possibility of a hard federation with Stratton Upper School.

Option 2

- Establish Gamlingay First School as an all-through primary school.
- Close Gamlingay Village College.
- Include Gamlingay in the catchment area of one of the neighbouring Cambridgeshire secondary schools which has surplus capacity.
- Provide for students to continue their post-16 education in Cambridgeshire.

Option 3

- Establish Gamlingay First School as an all-through primary school.
- Close Gamlingay Village College.
- Include Gamlingay in the catchment area of the proposed new secondary school which is aimed to be established in Cambourne to open in September 2013.

Reason For Decision: Consultation response.

3. CAMBRIDGE FRINGES ALLOTMENT POLICY

The New Communities Portfolio Holder endorsed the Cambridge Allotments Management Policy.

Other Options Considered: None specified

Reason For Decision: To ensure a consistent approach to the allocation and management of allotments in the growth sites on the fringes of Cambridge that sit partly in the District of South Cambridgeshire and partly within the City of Cambridge.