

PLANNING PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING

TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2015

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Tuesday, 10 March 2015. 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. SECTION 106 PLANNING OBLIGATIONS - SPEEDING UP NEGOTIATIONS: STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTRIBUTIONS CONSULTATION

The Planning Portfolio Holder

1. approved the draft response set out in Appendix B to the report from the Planning and New Communities Director; and
2. gave the Planning and New Communities Director delegated powers to
 - (i) make minor changes; and
 - (ii) provide supplemental information to support the response.

Options Considered: (i) To approve the consultation response as currently drafted
(ii) To propose an alternative response to the consultation

Reason For Decision: To respond to consultation.

2. SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL PLAN - RESPONDING TO THE LOCAL GREEN SPACE LANDOWNER CONSULTATION

The Planning Portfolio Holder:

- i) noted the representations received during the consultation with landowners of Local Green Space proposed in the draft Local Plan as set out in Appendix E and to forward these late representations to the Inspector examining the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan
- ii) agreed the proposed Council response to the representations received, to be provided to the Local Plan Examination Inspector as set out in Appendix D.
- iii) agreed to present to the Local Plan examination Inspector the following proposed modifications to the Submission South Cambridgeshire Local Plan, that would be considered at the appropriate part of the examination and be subject to public consultation alongside any other modifications at an appropriate time:
 - a. To include a new appendix to the Submission Local Plan to

provide a numbered list of the Local Green Space sites included within the plan as set out in Appendix B of this report.

- b. To amend the Policies Map in respect of seven Local Green Space sites as set out in paragraph 20 to 34 and shown on maps included in Appendix E.

Options Considered: Approve the recommendations as set out and submit to the Inspector for consideration.

- (a) Decide to submit the late representations received to the Inspector examining the Local Plan with no responses provided from the Council and no changes proposed to the submitted local plan. It would then be for the Inspector to consider the objections made to the LGS sites proposed without the benefit of the view of the Council.
- (b) Decide not to submit the late representations – however the Inspector had endorsed this targeted consultation as being consistent with the NPPG in respect of designating LGS.

Reason For Decision: Following the publication of new Government guidance related to the designation of Local Green Space (LGS) in March 2014, too late to inform the submitted Local Plan, the Council carried out an additional round of consultation specifically with the owners of land proposed as LGS in the local plan. These representations will be forwarded to the Inspector examining the local plan. As a result of some of the objections received, a small number of modifications are proposed in respect of seven LGS sites included in the submitted Local Plan to address clear anomalies.

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3. **RESPONSE TO BUILDING MORE HOMES ON BROWNFIELD LAND GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION**

The Planning Portfolio Holder agreed the response to questions 1 to 12 of the Government's consultation on Building more homes on brownfield land provided in paragraphs 7 to 35 of the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

Options Considered: Alternative approaches would be not to respond, or to respond differently.

Reason For Decision: Measures to deliver development on suitable brownfield land are supported, but the proposals have significant resource implications, and could undermine the ability of the Local Planning Authority to protect important resources such as village employment land. Given the nature of brownfield sites in South Cambridgeshire, with a small number of very large brownfield sites forming the basis of allocations for new settlements, the implications and timing of the proposals could be significant.

4. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2013-14 - PART 2**

The Planning Portfolio Holder:

- (a) approved the contents of the Annual Monitoring Report 2013-2014 (Part 2) (included as Appendix 1) for publication; and
- (b) delegated any further minor editing changes to the Annual Monitoring Report to the Director of Planning and New

Communities where they are technical matters.

Options Considered: It is a legal requirement that the Council publishes an Annual Monitoring Report.

Reason For Decision: Local planning authorities are required to publish information monitoring progress of the implementation of their Local Development Scheme and planning policies included in their development plan documents at least on an annual basis. The Annual Monitoring Report is also required to give details of what action the Council has taken relating to the duty to co-operate, details of any neighbourhood development orders or neighbourhood development plans made, and once the Council has an adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule, information relating to the collection and spending of CIL monies. Due to the Local Plan examination pressures, this AMR has been prepared in two parts. Part 1 of the AMR, covering key issues such as the Local Development Scheme and housing trajectory, was agreed on 18 November 2014. This Part 2 covers the remaining indicators.