

PLANNING POLICY AND LOCALISM PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING

TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2014

Recommendation and DEcisions

Set out below is a summary of the Recommendation and Decisions made at the Planning Policy and Localism Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Tuesday, 11 February 2014. 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. SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL PLAN - CONSULTATION RESPONSES AND CONSIDERATION ON WHETHER TO SUBMIT FOR EXAMINATION

The Planning Policy & Localism Portfolio Holder recommended to a Special meeting of Full Council that:

- (a) the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan: Proposed Submission document and Proposed Policies Map be 'submitted' for examination in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, together with the sustainability appraisal and associated evidence documents in support of the plan, with proposed Major Modifications (as contained in Appendix A) and proposed Minor Changes (as contained in Appendix B).
- (b) the following updated and additional evidence base documents be submitted with the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan:
 - Key Issues and Assessment (Update to the Audit Trail at Annex A of the Sustainability Appraisal Report) - Appendix C
 - Statement of Consultation Update – Appendix D
 - Duty to Co-operate Statement Update – Appendix E
 - Great and Little Abington Parish Council Proposals: including consultation leaflet and results of consultation – Appendix F
 - Graveley Parish Council Proposals: including consultation leaflet (if supported by local consultation – update to be provided to Council meeting on 13 March 2014) – Appendix G
 - Sawston Transport Modelling – Appendix H
 - Development Frameworks evidence paper update – Appendix I
 - Sustainability Appraisal – update for Parish Council led proposals for The Abingtons – Appendix J
 - Habitats Regulations Assessment update – Appendix K (to follow).
 - Cambourne Retail and Employment Study- Explores retail and employment development in the village and opportunities to support future development – Appendix L.
 - Strategic Spatial Priorities: Addressing the Duty to Co-operate across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough – Appendix M
 - Services and Facilities Study Update – once finalised.
 - Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire – to be considered by the County Council's Cabinet for agreement on 4 March.
- (c) delegated authority be given to the Director of Planning and New

Communities to make further additions to the schedules of changes during the course of the examination (except where changes would be of such significance as to substantially alter the meaning of a policy or allocation). The exercise of this delegation to be reported back to Planning Policy and Localism Portfolio Holder through the course of the examination process.

- (d) the Director of Planning and New Communities is authorised to prepare and submit reports, proofs of evidence, technical papers, statements of common ground and other such documents required in the presentation of the local plan through the examination process, reflecting the Council's agreed position on these matters and to take such other steps as are conducive or incidental to the submission and examination of the local plan.

Options Considered:

Option 1: to submit the Local Plan for examination without any changes.

Option 2: to submit the Local Plan for examination with Proposed Minor Changes that help with the clarity of the plan but do not affect its content.

Option 3: as (b) but to also propose very limited Proposed Major Modifications specifically to incorporate Parish Council proposals that have been produced alongside the Local Plan and where recent local consultation shows clear support for the changes akin to the preparation of a neighbourhood plan.

Option 4: to make Major Modifications (e.g. reword policies to change their meaning, add new sites or delete existing ones), which would require further public consultation on specific changes before submitting the plan for examination.

Reason For Decision: The 7,400 representations made to the Proposed Submission South Cambridgeshire Local Plan during consultation held 19 July to 14 October 2013 have been assessed to see whether any issues have been raised that were not considered by the Council during the Issue & options stage that require changes to the substance of the plan before it is submitted for examination by an independent Inspector. The 'soundness' of plan has been tested against the requirements of national planning policy and other legal requirements. Full account has been taken of the issues raised by local residents, stakeholders and the development industry. No changes of substance are necessary to make the plan sound. However, changes are proposed to include Parish Council proposals at Great & Little Abington (and Graveley subject to the outcome of the Parish Council consultation) that have been subject to local consultation since 14 October 2013 as part of the Council's approach to working with Parish Councils on the Local Plan as part of its response to the Localism Act.

2. UPDATE OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS)

The Planning Policy & Localism Portfolio Holder approved the updated Local Development Scheme attached to the report as Appendix A, and noted

- (a) The inclusion of the revised timetable for the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan, so long as the Special meeting of Council on 13 March 2014 agreed it for submission to the Secretary of State, and

- (b) the preparation, dependent as in (a) above, of Area Action Plans for

Cambridge Northern Fringe East (in conjunction with Cambridge City Council), a new town at Waterbeach and a new village at Bourn Airfield.

Options Considered: To not update the LDS would lead to uncertainty as to the timetabling of planning documents within the district and as the council is required to keep an updated LDS would be contrary to legal requirements. Inclusion of plans in the LDS is also one of the legal checks that it can be adopted as a statutory plan.

Reason For Decision: The Council is required to prepare and keep updated a Local Development Scheme for the district. The publishing of a list of plan documents that the Council intends to prepare and a timetable for this work allows stakeholders and the local community to be aware of the stages in production of these plans and ensures that those with an interest in plans for the District can find information about how and when they can get involved.

3. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2012-2013

The Planning Policy & Localism Portfolio Holder

- (e) approved the contents of the Annual Monitoring Report 2012-2013 for publication; and
- (f) delegated to the Planning and New Communities Director the responsibility to make any further minor editing changes to the Annual Monitoring Report where they are of a technical nature.

Options Considered: It is a legal requirement that the Council publishes an Annual Monitoring Report, and that it monitors progress on the implementation of their Local Development Scheme and the performance of planning policies included in their development plan documents.

Reason For Decision: Local planning authorities are required to publish information monitoring progress on 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.