

PLANNING PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING

TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2016

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Tuesday, 8 November 2016. 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. SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

The Planning Portfolio Holder agreed the following recommendations to Full Council on 17 November 2016:

- a) To agree that the Proposed Modifications (**Appendix A**), including:
 - i. That the proposal to prepare Area Action Plans for Waterbeach New Town and Bourn Airfield New Village, is replaced by a proposal to produce Supplementary Planning Documents, that the village separation policy wording at sub-section 3 and paragraph 3.37 be refined in the case of Waterbeach, and that necessary and consequential modifications are made to the Local Plan policies,
 - ii. That changes are proposed to the Bourn Airfield new village Major Development Site boundary in respect of parcels 1, 2, and 5 only as shown on the map attached to **Appendix A** to the report from the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development: that parcel 3 be rejected, and that parcel 4 be considered subject to additional wording relating to boundary treatment (such wording to be drafted prior to the meeting of Full Council on 17 November 2016; and
 - iii. That land south of Cambridge Biomedical Campus as shown on the map attached to **Appendix A** is allocated as an extension to the employment site allocated in the submitted Cambridge Local Plan;

and the Sustainability Appraisal Screening (**Appendix B**), subject to any recommended changes by the Portfolio Holder, be submitted to the Inspectors examining the Local Plan;
- b) That delegated authority be given to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development to propose Modifications in respect to Travelling Showpeople to the examination consistent with the

approach set out in paragraphs 51 to 53 of this report, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder. Any material changes to be brought back to Members for consideration;

- c) To agree that the documents attached to this report as **Appendices C to I** are noted and submitted as part of the evidence base for the submitted Local Plan;
 - d) To note that if recommendation (a)(i) is agreed, a report will be brought to the Planning Portfolio Holder meeting on 13 December 2016 to revise the Local Development Scheme to delete the AAPs and to also consider the most appropriate way to prepare the proposed SPDs;
 - e) To agree that delegated authority be given to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development to make any subsequent minor amendments and editing changes, in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder.
- a) **Other Options Considered:** Agree all or some of the further Proposed Modifications and additional evidence as set out in the report, and the proposed change to produce Supplementary Planning Documents instead of Area Action Plans for consideration by Full Council; or
 - b) Agree all or some of the further Proposed Modifications and additional evidence, and the proposed change to produce Supplementary Planning Documents instead of Area Action Plans for consideration by Full Council, but with amendments; or
 - c) Not to agree the further Proposed Modifications and additional evidence, and the proposed change to produce Supplementary Planning Documents instead of Area Action Plans for consideration by Full Council.

Reason For Decision: The further Proposed Modifications identified are considered necessary to make the Local Plan sound. They respond to the evidence accompanying this report. Producing Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) as opposed to Area Action Plans (AAP) for the proposed new settlements north of Waterbeach and at Bourn Airfield represents the appropriate approach to providing further planning guidance, based on legal advice, and taking account of recent decisions by the Courts.

2. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS: STAPLEFORD & GREAT SHELFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA DESIGNATION**

The Planning Portfolio Holder:

- (a) delegated authority to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development to approve the designation of a Neighbourhood Area for Stapleford and Great Shelford, following the end of the consultation on 2 November 2016 should there be no objections received; and
- (b) resolved to make a decision outside of a meeting, that would be subject to call-in, should any objections be received.

- (c) **Other Options Considered:** Decide to delegate authority to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development to approve the designation of a Neighbourhood Area for Stapleford and Great Shelford, following the end of the consultation on 2 November 2016 and assuming that there are no objections received;
- (d) Make a decision outside of a meeting, that will be subject to call-in, if any objections are received;
- (e) Decide to defer a decision on the Neighbourhood Area. However, to meet the regulations SCDC must decide on the Neighbourhood Area within thirteen weeks from the start date of the consultation, therefore by 5 December 2016. If a decision is not made by this date, the area applied for will be automatically designated. The local community have had an opportunity to comment on the proposed Neighbourhood Area and no objections have been received to date.

Reason For Decision: South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) has received a joint application from Stapleford Parish Council and Great Shelford Parish Council to designate the 'Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Area'. SCDC has thirteen weeks from the start of the consultation, on 5 September 2016, to make a decision whether to designate the area as proposed or to designate an alternative area. The decision therefore must be made by 5 December 2016. If a decision is not made by this date, the area applied for will be automatically designated.

There are currently no objections to the application to designate the two parishes as a Neighbourhood Area; however the consultation does not end until 5pm on 2 November 2016. Delegating approval of the Neighbourhood Area to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development, assuming there are no objections received, will ensure that a timely decision is made and allow the parishes to progress the development of their Neighbourhood Plan. If any objections are received, a decision made by the Portfolio Holder outside of a meeting, which will be subject to call-in, would ensure that a decision is made by 5 December 2016.

Once the consultation has ended, a written update will be provided to the Portfolio Holder outlining the number of additional comments received, and highlighting whether any objections have been received.

3. **ADOPTION OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE FLOOD AND WATER SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The Planning Portfolio Holder:

- (f) **considered** the representations received on the draft Cambridgeshire Flood and Water Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and **agreed** the Council's responses (as included in Annex B of Appendix 3 of the report from the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development);
- (g) **approved** the adoption of the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water Supplementary Planning Document (see Appendix 1 of the report);

- (h) **agreed** the 'Adoption and Maintenance of Sustainable Drainage Systems in South Cambridgeshire' document (see Appendix 2 of this report) as Council Policy and be used as a material consideration when considering planning applications; and
 - (i) **delegated** any subsequent minor amendments and editing of the SPD and 'Adoption and Maintenance of Sustainable Drainage Systems in South Cambridgeshire' document to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development.
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- (a) **Other Options Considered:** agrees that the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water SPD (see Appendix 1) be adopted and the 'Adoption and Maintenance of Sustainable Drainage Systems in South Cambridgeshire' document (see Appendix 2) be agreed as Council Policy, as set out in the recommendations in paragraph 3; or
 - (b) decides not to adopt the SPD – it is likely that the other local planning authorities within Cambridgeshire will continue to seek adoption of the SPD.

Reason For Decision: The Cambridgeshire Flood and Water SPD has been produced by Cambridgeshire County Council (as the Lead Local Flood Authority) in conjunction with the five other local planning authorities in Cambridgeshire. The SPD will support the implementation of flooding and water related policies in each local planning authority's respective adopted or emerging Local Development Framework (LDF) or Local Plan.

If agreed by the Planning Portfolio Holder, the SPD will be adopted by South Cambridgeshire District Council and will be a material consideration when considering planning applications.