

PLANNING PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2016

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Tuesday, 13 December 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. STRATEGIC SITES SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

The Planning Portfolio Holder agreed

- (a) That a Supplementary Planning Document be prepared jointly with Cambridge City Council for Land North of Cherry Hinton to the broad timetable set out in paragraphs 19-20 of the report from the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development;
- (b) To commence preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents for Waterbeach New Town and Bourn Airfield New Village to the broad timetables set out in paragraphs 21 to 25 of the report; and
- (c) The general process for preparing Supplementary Planning Documents contained in paragraph 13 of the report.

Options Considered:

The Council meeting of 17 November made the decision that SPD will be prepared for the two new settlements. The modification in respect of Land North of Cherry Hinton agreed by Council in March 2016 includes a policy requirement for a masterplan to be prepared, which will be met through the proposed SPD. The options for the Portfolio Holder are therefore around who prepares the SPD and the timing of that work.

The Portfolio Holder could decide that preparation of the SPD is not commenced until the Local Plan is adopted, however this runs the risk that they could be prepared too late to positively influence planning decisions and therefore impact upon delivery of housing on sites that form a key part of the Council's development strategy. A key role of the SPDs is to consider planning and delivery of infrastructure and to assist engagement with providers and delay would run the risk that costs will increase.

Reason For Decision: To prepare SPD to provide guidance for proposals contained in the emerging Local Plan and to provide a clear framework for the preparation and determination of planning applications by site promoters and for this to be to a timetable that ensures they can influence such planning applications.

2. SUBMITTED SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL PLAN: BOURN AIRFIELD NEW VILLAGE - POLICY SS/6

The Planning Portfolio Holder agreed the revised wording of section 7b of Policy SS/6 as reported to Council on the 17 November in the supplementary report entitled 'supplement in response to the Planning Portfolio Holder's recommendation to Council'

read as follows, with new text highlighted:

“Provide sStrategic landscaping within and beyond the Major Development Area Site to deliver a high quality landscaped setting around the boundary of the settlement to avoid it appearing as part of a ribbon of urban development south of the A428, to maintain the rural nature of the Broadway and ensure separation from Cambourne, and to ensure countryside separation from Caldecote / Highfields and Bourn. The strategic landscaping along the eastern boundary of the Strategic Site south of the existing employment area will include a substantial and continuous woodland belt, including land within the Major Development Site”.

Options Considered: The Planning Portfolio Holder could agree to make further, or different, amendments the wording of section 7b of the policy.

Reason For Decision: Council resolved that the Planning Portfolio Holder give further consideration to the wording of section 7b of policy SS/6 Bourn Airfield New Village regarding the provision of a suitable buffer between the new village and Caldecote / Highfields on its eastern boundary and agree the wording to be submitted to the Inspectors.

3. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2015-2016**

The Planning Portfolio Holder:

- (d) approved the contents of the Annual Monitoring Report 2015-2016 (included as Appendix 2 (website only)) for publication; and
- (e) delegated any further minor editing changes to the Annual Monitoring Report to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development 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.

4. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME UPDATE**

The Planning Portfolio Holder approved the updated Local Development Scheme attached as Appendix A to the report from the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development.

Options Considered: None

Reason For Decision: The Council is required to prepare and keep updated a Local Development Scheme (LDS) 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. Full Council on 17 November 2016 agreed that a report should be brought to the Planning Portfolio Holder meeting on 13 December 2016 to revise the Local Development Scheme, to delete reference to the Area Action Plans for New Settlements.