

# Local Plan Committee

Wednesday 11 January 2017 at 7.00pm  
in the Council Chamber, The Cube, Corby

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**Councillors present:** Councillors Dady (Chair) Beeby, Keane, Pengelly, Reay and Rutt

## 18. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Elliston, McEwan and Rahman. Councillor Reay was present as a substitute for Councillor Elliston.

## 19. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any interest they might have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate whether these were prejudicial or non-prejudicial, the nature of the interest and whether they intend to participate in the relevant agenda item. No declarations were made.

## 20. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Local Plan meeting held on 2 November 2016, copies of which had been circulated.

### **RESOLVED that:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2016, copies of which had been circulated to Members, be agreed as a correct record.

## 21. Preparation of the Part 2 Local Plan – Update

The Principal Planner (Local Plans) presented a report updating Members on progress in the preparation of the Part 2 Local Plan for Corby and other key areas of work.

Public consultation on the Regulation 18 scoping document had ended on 20 December 2016. Letters or emails had been sent to 800 contacts on the Local Plan database and documents were placed at strategic points. Press releases and notices were issued and contact was made with Parish Councils and Residents' Associations. Other exercises included public exhibitions, on line access, presentations and briefings.

Assessments of several areas, including Open Spaces and Playing Pitches, Employment Land and development sites, were underway to ensure the evidence base was robust.

Members were also asked to note that preparation of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) related to place making and design was underway and workshops/briefings for stakeholders and Members would take place in February. Gretton was pursuing the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan and Weldon had recently applied to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area prior to developing its Neighbourhood Plan.

Queries were raised in relation to the number of responses received as a result of the consultation, whether all Parish Councils had been visited and what land was included as 'employment land'. The Principal Planner confirmed that 42 responses had been received but he would chase up some that were expected to comment and had not. All Parish Councils had been offered attendance at one of their meeting and four had taken this up.

The Planning Manager confirmed that employment land included any area on which representations had been made and existing sites that officers were aware of. These sites would go through a viability assessment process.

A query was raised on the cost of the exercise and efforts made to minimise this. The Planning Manager confirmed that procurement rules were followed for any consultancy work required. A budget for the Part 2 Local Plan was now in place to enable the work to be completed in a timely manner which should also help to keep costs down.

Interaction with Neighbourhood Associations was queried and it was confirmed that all were contacted. It was requested that a full list be sent to Chair to check the list was complete.

The potential impact on Corby of activities/expansion in neighbouring areas, eg Deenethorpe proposals, was raised. The Planning Manager explained that capacity funding for a study of the A43 corridor had been requested through the Joint Planning Unit in relation to Deenethorpe, Priors Hall and Weldon Park. Deenethorpe was not at planning application stage yet but Corby would certainly have an interest when it came forward, particularly as a small part of the site fell within Corby's boundary. Potential impacts of other neighbouring areas were also being monitored.

**RESOLVED that:-**

The contents of the report be noted.

**22. BT proposal to remove public payphones in the Borough**

The Council had been notified by British Telecom (BT) of its intention to remove eight public payphones across the Borough in the following locations:

- Occupation Road/Rutherglen Road, Corby NN17 1ER
- Willowbrook Road, Maidford Road, Corby, NN17 2NR
- Princewood/Causeway Road, Gretton Brook Road, Corby, NN17 4BA
- Newark Drive, Corby NN18 0EX
- High Street, Stanion, NN14 1DF
- Shire Road/ Stour Road, Corby, NN17 2HX
- High Street, Weldon, NN17 3JJ
- Great Oakley, Corby, NN18

The Council could agree or object to the removal of each phone box having followed the approved processes, including public consultation. Any objection had to be justifiable and take account of various factors within the area where the phone box was sited.

An assessment of each phone box had been undertaken, including usage and local factors, and the outcome was summarised in the appendix to the report. Based on this assessment and responses to the consultation, the proposal was to agree the removal of two of the telephone boxes, ie Willowbrook/Maidford Roads and Princewood/Causeway Roads and to object to the remaining six removals.

In relation to the consultation, it was confirmed that comments had been received from Great Oakley Estates and from two Elected Members and all supported the Council's response.

In relation to BT's right to appeal, the risk was assessed as low as the Council had followed the correct procedures. It was also noted that Listed status had been sought for the red box in Great Oakley but this had been rejected.

**RESOLVED that:-**

The schedule attached at Appendix A to the report be approved as the Council's final decision in response to BT's consultation.

**23. Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 7.36 pm.