

Local Plan Committee

Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber, The Cube, Corby

Councillors present: Councillors Dady, Beeby, Cassidy, Goult, Keane and McNab

17. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rutt.

18. 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.

19. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Local Plan meeting held on 10 October 2018 copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2018, copies of which had been circulated to Members, be agreed as a correct record.

20. East Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2: Response to draft plan consultation

The Planning Officer (Local Plans) presented a report informing Members of the consultation regarding East Northamptonshire's Local Plan Part 2.

The draft plan had been published for consultation on Friday 2 November and would close on 17 December 2018.

The report before Committee included responses from officers and the Committee were being asked to note these comments and delegate authority to the Planning Manager and Chair of Local Plan Committee to send a consultation response, this also included any comments made at the meeting.

Members asked if Rushden Lakes went against the Joint Core Strategy and would they be able to increase usage, the Planning Officer said the application currently in suggested wider usage that was currently provided, this would affect other areas of North Northamptonshire, the Interim Head of Planning and Building Control explained that the application had not been determined and CBC and other Local Authorities had lobbied the Secretary of State to call the application in.

Members also mentioned the Northern Orbital Road, the Government had released funds for completion of the road in 2014 but still not complete, Officers to provide information of this.

Members commented that Rockingham Motor Speedway appeared to be changing use, officers said the motorsport had not taken off as expected and so the land would be better used for employment, Members enquired if there was any motorsport type business in that vicinity and officers advised that nothing had been fully implemented and it should go through Joint Core Strategy.

RESOLVED that:

- a) Members note the publication of the Draft East Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 and its implications for Corby Borough; and
- b) Members considered the issues raised in the report and discussed additional comments to be included within the consultation response; and agreed that the final consultation response be delegated to the Planning Manager and Chair of this Committee.

21. Update on Five Year Housing Land Supply

The National Planning Policy Framework required Local Authorities to identify and annually updated supply of sufficient deliverable housing sites for a minimum of 5 years assessed against local housing requirements.

Stage 1 was to identify the five year period, Stage 2 was to calculate the housing requirement, Stage 3 was to identify the deliverable supply and Stage 4 compares the supply against the requirement.

The officers report set out the methodology to assess the current five year housing land supply, based on this Corby Borough Council could demonstrate a 5.3 year deliverable supply against the Joint Core Strategy requirement including a 20% buffer.

If the Council could not demonstrate a five year supply it might be vulnerable to sites being granted permission which fell outside the adopted local planning framework. Officers therefore advised that the Council continue to closely monitor delivery of new dwellings and take advantage of every reasonable opportunity to improve housing land supply in order to secure a more robust position.

Officers commented that not having supply could result in appeals that would be allowed, it was good to have the debate about what's important, there were tensions around car parking and housing numbers, training would be arranged.

RESOLVED that:

Members note the content of the report and acknowledge the approach taken to calculate the five year housing land supply.

22. Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document

Conservation Area designation provided an important mechanism through which to protect, preserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment. This was recognised through national and local planning policy.

The draft Conservation Area appraisals and management SPD's for Great Oakley and Gretton were published in March 2018 for public consultation. Representations that had been received had been reviewed and where appropriate amendments had been made to the Conservation Area appraisals and Management Plan SPD's.

Members of the Development Control Committee had approved the revised Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan SPD's.

The next step subject to adoption was to notify the Secretary of State upon designation, variation or cancellation of a conservation area and publish a notice giving details of its effect in the London Gazette and at least one newspaper circulating in the area of the local planning authority. Both of which would be undertaken following approval by Committee. Furthermore after the agreement to adopt, the Council was required to make available the SPD's, and an adoption statement. Following adoption of the SPD's there would be a three month period during which legal challenges could be made.

RESOLVED that:

- a) Members note the representations and responses to the draft Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan SPD's for Great Oakley and Gretton, as set out in Appendix 1 to the officers report
- b) Members adopt the Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plan SPDs for Great Oakley and Gretton, as set out in Appendices 2 and 3 to the officers report.

23. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.