

Local Plan Committee

Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 7.00pm

in the Council Chamber, The Cube, Corby

Councillors present: Councillors Dady (Chair) Beeby, Keane, Pengelly, Elliston, Watt and McEwan

(Councillor Pengelly arrived during the course of the meeting)

24. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rutt. Councillor Watt was present as a substitute for Councillor Rutt.

25. 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.

26. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Local Plan meeting held on 11 January 2017 copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2017, copies of which had been circulated to Members, be agreed as a correct record.

27. Consultation Draft Planning Obligations SPD

A report was presented to Committee seeking approval and comments from Members to undertake a public consultation on the Draft Planning Obligations SPD.

A previous public consultation had taken place in 2014, since that time there had been significant policy developments, namely the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and publication of the Northamptonshire Planning Obligations Framework and Guidance but the Community Infrastructure Levy had not been introduced as anticipated.

It was proposed that the Council would undertake consultation and the Draft SPD would be published for wider public and stakeholder consultation for a period of six weeks in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement.

Responses would be summarised and considered then changes made to the document where necessary, a final version would then be presented to Local Plan Committee for adoption.

RESOLVED that:-

Committee approve a six week consultation period on the Planning Obligations SPD.

28. Part 2 Local Plan for Corby – Programme Highlights

The Principal Planner gave a report to Committee regarding the progress in preparing the Part 2 Local Plan for Corby and other key areas of work being undertaken.

Good progress continued to be made against key milestones and the report also highlighted an area of risk in relation to staffing in the Local Plans team, the team were currently operating at 60% capacity as a result of maternity leave and the resignation of a Planning Technician.

The JPU for North Northamptonshire was currently preparing a Place Shaping SPD, this would specifically supplement the principles within Policy 8 of the JCS as well as other policies within the JCS.

Preparation of the Draft SPD remained on track to be reported to JPC in April to be endorsed for public consultation before coming back to Local Plan Committee.

The Government's Housing White Paper had been published in February 2017, the contents were wide ranging covering plan making, planning permissions, measures to encourage the implementation of permissions and proposals for changes in the rental sector.

The Planning Manager advised that OCPC had agreed additional funding to assist with extra staff.

RESOLVED that:-

Committee note current progress with plan making and proposed changes to national policy.

29. Part 2 Local Plan for Corby – Responses to Regulation 18 Consultation

The report was to inform Committee of the results of the public consultation on the Part 2 Local Plan for Corby.

The Part 2 Local Plan for Corby (P2LP) had been prepared to elaborate and provide more detail on how the NNJCS would be implemented within the Borough including where more local guidance was required.

Public Consultation took place from 7 November 2016 to 20 December 2016, the aim was to invite representations about what the P2LP ought to contain. There had been 46 submissions resulting in nearly 500 separate points and informal comments provided by other service areas within the Council, a list of the main issues was recorded in the officer's report.

The results of the consultation would inform the scope of technical work and the preparation of the emerging draft plan, this in turn would be considered by Committee later in the year, if approved the Emerging Draft P2LP would be subject to formal consultation in December 2017/January 2018 under Regulation 18.

Members welcomed the development and hoped that rural communities would take the opportunity to influence the Plan.

RESOLVED that:-

Committee note the summary of the main issues raised in representations and initial officer response.

30. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.28 pm.