



Agenda Item No: 3

North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee Meeting [NNJPC]

**DRAFT Minutes: 13th October 2005 at 7.00pm
at Wellingborough Borough Council, Swanspool**

(Meeting held in public)

PRESENT:-

Councillor Bob Seery, NCC (Chairman)

Councillor	Payne, WBC (Vice Chairman)	Councillor	Peacock, ENC
Councillor	Sherwood, WBC	Councillor	Atchison, ENC
Councillor	Waters, NCC	Councillor	Whyte, KBC
Councillor	Mayhew, NCC	Councillor	Civil, KBC
Councillor	Howard, CBC	Councillor	Lamb, KBC
Councillor	Smith, CBC		

Also present:

Andrew Longley	North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit
Penny Williams	NCC Democratic Support Service
Bijal Shah	NCC Democratic Support Service
Roy Boulton	Northamptonshire County Council
Lyn Martin Bennison	Wellingborough Borough Council
Norman Stronach	Corby Borough Council

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

09/05 Welcome Note and Apologies

Councillor Seery welcomed the Committee to its second meeting.

Apologies were received from:

Councillor Timms, WBC
Councillor Glithero, ENC
Councillor Kane, CBC

10/05 Declarations of interest by Councillors

Councillor Seery declared a personal interest as a County Council Cabinet member and advised that he was discontinuing his work as a Planning Consultant in the North Northamptonshire area.

11/05 Minutes of 7th July 05 and Matters Arising

The Committee agreed the minutes of 4th July 2005.

Matters arising:

1. The Committee discussed the situation regarding the declaration of interest as resolved in the previous meeting and agreed that a file consisting of all the Members local authority Declaration of Interest forms be brought to each meeting for an agreed period, and that Members should declare interest on Agenda items where required at the beginning of the meeting.
2. The Committee discussed the procedure of public speaking and petitions at the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee meeting and agreed on the following proposal which was to be formally drafted and brought to the next meeting for final agreement:

Questions

- Two working day notice on the question should be given to the Democratic Support Service.
- Questions should be related within the Committees remit.
- Questions should be addressed to the Chair at the meeting
- Presenting the question at the meeting should not go beyond 3 minutes, and under the Chair's discretion intervention will be allowed if it is felt that the question is not being asked.
- Answer to the question will normally be provided verbally at the meeting, where answer is not available a written response will be sent to the questioner.

Speaking at the Committee meeting

Members of the public:

- Could speak on any item of the agenda for no more than 3 minutes after the agenda item has been presented by the relevant officer and before the members respond to the agenda item.
- More than one speaker for a particular item would be allowed to speak to provide additional information but not repeat the fellow speaker's points. Intervention would be left under the Chair's discretion.

Petitions

- The Committee would receive petitions at the meeting, which would be presented by one person
- Two working days notice of presenting a petition at the meeting should be given to Democratic Support Service
- Presentation of the petition should not exceed 3 minutes.
- Petition would be forwarded to the relevant officer for action and direct liaison with the petitioner.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 4th July be signed as a true record of the meeting.

12/05 Appointment of Auditor

The Committee was advised that under section 2 of the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Commission was required to appoint an auditor including joint committees of two or more local authorities.

The Committee requested financial cost to the Committee and how it would be funded.

ACTION: Funding advice on the appointment of an auditor would be brought to the next meeting for the Committees agreement.

13/05 Response to Issues and Options consultation

Andrew Longley presented his report previously circulated. The Committee was updated on the responses received on the first stage of their consultation and that they would be taken into account in considering the draft Preferred Options document.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

14/05 Draft Preferred Options Report

Andrew Longley presented the Preferred Options Report and Appendix 1 which had been previously circulated.

The Committee was advised that there were further changes to be made to the draft report before its formal launch on the 18th November. The Committee agreed to hold a special meeting on the 7th November to finalise the draft report.

The Committee noted the report and discussed Appendix 1 with the following comments:

- Paragraph 3.4 should relate to the whole of A43 and not just 'A43 (which connects to the A1)'
- Agreed that on paragraph 4.11 the completion date 2021 should be replaced with the sentence '....be completed at the earliest opportunity to allow growth to take place; likewise that Corby...'
- Paragraph 7.35 should make reference to potential for conversion of surplus employment sites to housing
- To check consistent reference to River Nene Regional Project in Paragraph 8.2.
- Discussed the importance of securing jobs and/or infrastructure before having housing developments.
- Paragraph 8.19 add draft Strategic Gap between Wellingborough and Ecton/Earls Barton.
- The A14 issue mentioned in heading 9 should be emphasised.

The Committee discussed local highways issues and agreed that members should bring forward any highways issues to the Committee's attention to get them identified in the plan.

RESOLVED: That the Preferred Option report for public consultation is agreed subject to changes, and that it would be finalised at the special meeting on 7th November 2005.

15/05 Update on Sustainability Appraisal of Preferred Options

Andrew Longley presented the update report which was previously circulated and informed the Committee that Sustainable Appraisal of the Preferred Options will be discussed at the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

16/05 Submission draft Statement of Community Involvement

Andrew Longley presented his report and Appendix 1 and 2 which had been previously circulated. He requested that the Joint Statement of Community Involvement at Appendix 2 be agreed for submission to the Secretary for State.

RESOLVED: That the Joint Statement of Community Involvement be submitted to the Secretary of State.

17/05 Review of Regional Spatial Strategy

Roy Boulton presented an updated report (tabled at the meeting) to the Committee on East Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy,

The Committee was informed that the East Midlands 'Options for Change' consultation will be launched on the 24th October and will run through to 16th January 2006.

The Committee requested that Roy Boulton draft a response to the Consultation for the Committee to agree and submitted to East Midlands.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

18/05 Future meeting dates

The Committee agreed that a special meeting will be held on the 7th November 2005 to finalise the Preferred Options Report.

Dates of future meetings were as follows:

- 26th January 2006
- 7th March 2006
- 5th September 2006
- 16th April 2007

RESOLVED: That the next meeting will be on 7th November at the premises of East Northamptonshire District Council

19/05 Urgent Business

1. The Committee requested that Minutes of the North Northants Together Board meeting be circulated with the papers for information.
2. The Committee requested that Terms of Reference for the Joint Planning Committee be circulated to all members.

The Committee discussed issues around local planning applications and development control and agreed that this was beyond the Committees remit and therefore they would not get involved in them.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 8:50pm

Bijal Shah
19th October 2005