

PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Date: 23 July 2012

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: David Brackenbury (Chairman)
Tony Boto (Vice Chairman)

David Bateman	Gill Mercer
Glenn Harwood MBE	Steven North
Sylvia Hobbs	David Read
Marian Hollomon	Pam Whiting
David Jenney	

114. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2012 were approved and signed by the chairman, subject to the correction of a grammatical error in minute 51 (4).

115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Sylvia Hughes and Bob Nightingale sent their apologies.

116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND QUESTIONS

There were no declarations of interest and no questions.

117. ADOPTION OF DOMESTIC WASTE STORAGE AND COLLECTION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Committee considered a report from the Senior Planning Policy Officer which sought to provide members with a review of the responses received from the public consultation and to seek approval to adopt the Domestic Waste Storage and Collection Supplementary Planning Document subject to post-consultation amendments.

Members noted that Domestic Waste SPD had been presented to them at the meeting of the Planning Policy Committee on 24 November 2011 and that they had approved its publication for statutory public consultation which had taken place in a six week period between 30 March and 11 May 2012.

72 stakeholders had been consulted directly, including the following :-

- Town and Parish Councils and Parish Meetings (50 in total)
- Statutory national consultation bodies - Design Council, Environment Agency etc
- Six relevant departments of Northamptonshire County Council
- Non-statutory consultees - Disability groups, Spire Homes and parties who had expressed interest in the Domestic Waste SPD

Members expressed their disappointment that only 10 responses had been received as a result of the consultation. It was noted that Rushden Town Council had discussed the matter but had not provided a written response. Clarification would therefore be sought from the town clerk to ascertain whether a response should have been provided.

Members further commented that they were pleased with final draft of the document which was annexed to the report, as it clearly set out and cross referenced all comments that had been made during the consultation.

It was

RESOLVED:

To adopt the Domestic Waste SPD, subject to all post-consultation amendments being made.

(Reason - to support existing policies in respect of the design of new housing, thereby ensuring that domestic waste may be collected with minimum disruption and environmental impact)

118. NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CORE SPATIAL STRATEGY, FOUR TOWNS PLAN, NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS AND MASTERPLANS UPDATE

The Committee considered a report from the Planning Policy and Conservation Manager which sought to provide members with an update on progress with the North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy, Four Towns Plan, Neighbourhood Plans, Masterplans and Community Plans.

Members noted that Appendix 1 attached to the report set out updates on some of the main areas of evidence gathering for the Four Towns Plan, with particular focus on the cross-cutting evidence-based work being carried out with the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit (JPU). At the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee (JPC) on 3 July 2012 a set of emerging draft Joint Core Strategy policies were approved for informal consultation over a 10 week period from 30 July to 7 October 2012.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

(Reason – to provide an update on progress and continue to make good progress with the Four Towns Plan)

Chairman