

# PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Date: 23 February 2015

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.30pm

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

Wendy Brackenbury  
Glennil Greenwood-Smith  
Glenn Harwood MBE  
David Jenney

Bob Nightingale  
Sarah Peacock  
Jake Vowles  
Pam Whiting

## 384. PLANNING POLICY AND CONSERVATION MANAGER

The Chairman informed the Committee that this would be the last meeting that Karen Britton, the Council's Planning Policy and Conservation Manager, would attend before taking up a post with another Authority. On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked Karen for the support she had given to the Committee in their work and wished her well in her new post.

## 385. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 386. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marian Hollomon, Sylvia Hughes, Steven North and Jeremy Taylor.

## 387. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

## 388. QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.3

There were no questions submitted under Procedure Rule 10.3.

## 389. JOINT CORE STRATEGY 2011-2031 MEMBER DISCUSSION

*(Andrew Longley, Head of the Joint Planning Unit, attended for this item)*

The Head of the Joint Planning Unit outlined the current position on the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Pre-Submission Plan. Consultation would be carried

out until 9 March 2015 and it was planned that comments submitted by East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) would be considered, with all others, by the Joint Planning Committee (JPC) at its meeting on 26 March 2015.

It was noted that key extracts from the emerging document had previously been brought to the Committee for consideration and comment and Officers from across North Northamptonshire, including ENC, had worked alongside the Joint Planning Unit in the preparation of the document.

In considering the Pre-Submission Plan, the Committee gave specific consideration to paragraphs 9.25, 9.26, 9.31 and 9.42, together with Policy 30, relating to housing mix, housing need and tenure. After much discussion, the Committee agreed that the inclusion of 3 bedroomed dwellings in the percentage for smaller dwellings offered some flexibility for housing aspirations.

The Committee also gave particular consideration to the policies on Renewable and Low Carbon Energy in view of the Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document recently adopted by ENC.

A number of comments made on behalf of the Council for the Protection of Rural England were considered and it was noted that the JPC would take account of the representations submitted to it directly by the CPRE.

**RESOLVED:**

That the following representations be submitted to the Joint Planning Committee in response to the consultation on the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Pre-Submission Plan.

- i) Policy 30 (a) (i) – delete the words “...with a strong emphasis...” and replace with the words “...with an emphasis...”
- ii) In relation to Policy 26, reference should be made to the Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document adopted by ENC, as well as similar SPD’s adopted by other Authorities covered by the Strategy, in the supporting text.
- iii) Paragraphs 8.30 and 8.31 (Renewable Energy Potential in North Northamptonshire) – specific reference to East Northamptonshire should be removed from these paragraphs.
- iv) Cross-reference should be made in the Local Transport section to the Greenway route which aimed to provide a strategic cycling and walking route between Northampton and Peterborough along and across the river valley.

**Chairman**