



## Planning Policy Committee 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

### Planning Policy and Conservation Update

#### Purpose of Update

The purpose of this report is to update the committee on work on the Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans and some other key areas of work being undertaken by the Planning Policy and Conservation Team.

#### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 This report provides an update into key areas of work for which the Planning Policy and Conservation Team has involvement. It is a standing committee item, summarising key elements of the Team's current workload.

#### 2.0 Local Plan Making

- 2.1 The Regulation 18 consultation, regarding scope and content of the District-wide Local Plan Part 2, took place between 27<sup>th</sup> January and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 inclusive. This consultation was supported by three workshop events:

- 20 January 2017 – Preliminary officer workshop (internal);
- 21 February 2017 – Key stakeholder workshop (statutory consultees) – with representatives of the Environment Agency and Natural England; and
- 2 March 2017 – Member workshop.

- 2.2 The findings of the consultation have now been reviewed, collated and summarised. This is the subject of a separate committee report (see Agenda Item 5).

#### 3.0 Neighbourhood Planning

- 3.1 Progress in respect of Neighbourhood Plans can be summarised as follows:

- Chelveston cum Caldecott Neighbourhood Plan – Examiner's report published 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016; referendum version plan finalised 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017; referendum scheduled to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- Stanwick Neighbourhood Plan – Examiner's report to be finalised by early April 2017; referendum anticipated to take place during summer 2017.
- Raunds Neighbourhood Plan – Examiner to be appointed by end March 2017, anticipated to finish late summer 2017.
- Rushden Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 14 consultation for 1<sup>st</sup> draft Rushden Neighbourhood Plan now underway; Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 inclusive.

- 3.2 Further information about these and other emerging Neighbourhood Plans is available through the Neighbourhood Planning web page (<http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning>).

#### 4.0 Tresham Village (formerly known as Deenethorpe Garden Village)

- 4.1 The Council and North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit (JPU) are currently working with the Deene Estate to prepare a detailed masterplan and delivery strategy, to address the requirements of Joint Core Strategy Policy 14. Delivery-enabling

funding was approved by the Government at the start of 2017. This will pay for JPU support, extra staff capacity, specialist advice, community engagement and various technical studies.

4.2 On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the new name for the Garden Village was unveiled. It is to be known as Tresham Village, in recognition of the area's historic associations with Sir Thomas Tresham (1543-1605).

4.3 The Garden Village Project Board and the Deene Estate have an ambitious work programme to prepare a draft masterplan for consideration by the Council at its July 2017 meeting. This will then be subject to public consultation, with the aim being to finalise the masterplan in October 2017, which could pave the way for a planning application by the end of the year. In the meantime, information on the project is available online on the council's website. Further details about current progress regarding Garden Village will be set out in a presentation, prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 Planning Policy Committee meeting.

## **5.0 Rushden East SUE**

5.1 The Rushden East Project Board meets every four weeks. Various work-streams relating to providing the necessary technical evidence that supports the drafting of a masterplan and eventual planning application are ongoing. Current progress with the programme plan, outlining key work-streams required to drive forward the project, is reported and updated at each meeting of the Project Board.

## **6.0 Developer Contributions Working Group**

6.1 A councillor working group will be set up to undertake a review of developer contributions policies and prepare for the implications of the Government's recent announcement through the Housing White Paper, which will see the introduction in the Autumn Statement of a Local Infrastructure Tariff.

## **7.0 Equality and Diversity Implications**

7.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

## **8.0 Legal Implications**

8.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

## **9.0 Risk Management**

9.1 There are no significant risks arising from this report.

## **10.0 Resource and Financial Implications**

10.1 There are no resources or financial implications arising from this report.

## **11.0 Constitutional Implications**

11.1 There are no constitutional implications arising from this report.

## **12.0 Customer Service Implications**

12.0 There are no customer service implications arising from this report.

### 13.0 Corporate Outcomes

13.1 The relevant Corporate Outcomes are:

- Good Quality of Life - Prosperous and Sustainable: Regeneration and Economic Development, Sustainable Development, High Quality Built Environment
- Effective partnership working
- Effective management

### 14.0 Recommendation

14.1 Members are asked to note the current progress to date with local plan making, neighbourhood planning, Deenethorpe Garden Village, Rushden SUE and developer contributions.

*(Reason – to keep Members informed as to current progress with plan making)*

Legal	Power: Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)				
	Other considerations: National Planning Policy Framework				
Background Papers: None					
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