

# PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Date: 27 January 2021

Venue: Virtual Meeting

Time: 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: David Brackenbury (Chairman)  
Tony Boto (Vice-Chairman)  
Steven North (Leader of the Council)  
David Jenney (Deputy Leader of the Council)

Val Carter  
Richard Lewis  
Dorothy Maxwell  
Jake Vowles

Gill Mercer  
Sarah Peacock  
Rupert Reichhold

## . PUBLIC SPEAKER

At the invitation of the Chairman, two speakers addressed the meeting in respect of the following item:

- Agenda item 5 – Pre-Submission East Northamptonshire Council Local Plan Part 2

## . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

## . MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2020 were approved as a correct record.

## . DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

## . QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.3

No questions had been received under Council Procedure Rule 10.3.

## . PRE-SUBMISSION EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN PART 2

The Planning Policy Manager presented a report which sought approval to carry out consultation under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 for the East Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2, and following

that consultation period to submit the Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The report also detailed the work that had been completed to reach the current position with the Local Plan, and the intention to undertake the statutory 6 week Regulation 19 consultation from 5 February to 19 March 2021. Officers also presented the associated documents contained in several appendices to the report.

The Committee considered the documents and appendices in detail, and the following changes were proposed:

#### Section 4.0, Spatial Development Strategy.

No amendments were proposed, although the Committee sought assurance that the Council were in a strong position to retain open space in respect of the Bedford Road housing supply land allocation. Officers advised the Committee that it was proposed to allocate greenfield land to meet the strategic housing requirements, and the Council would be well placed to resist further development as there would be no justification for it.

#### Section 5.0, Natural Capital.

The title of the link to the website on page 4 to be updated to reflect the correct date. It was noted that the link did lead to the correct web page.

It was requested that reference be made to the A605 at 5.14, Policy EN7.

#### Section 7.0, Economic Prosperity.

At 7.19 clarification was requested regarding the number of jobs delivered by Primark in Islip. The figure of 1300 was derived from the planning permission.

At 7.42, table 12 contained references to businesses that had since closed and it was suggested that these be removed.

At 7.40, Members requested that clarification of Nene Valley Business Park (Oundle) being separate to the recycling centre be made.

Typographical errors on pages 16 and 18, making reference to EN21 would be amended.

At 7.71, it was proposed to rename London Road/Warth Park, Raunds to London Road/Michael Way Hub.

*Councillor Peacock left the meeting at 20.30.*

#### Section 8.0, Housing Delivery.

At 8.9, reference to 376 dwellings to be amended to 306 dwellings.

At 8.29, the Committee noted that there was no reference made to speed limits or visibility splays.

At 8.30, Cllr Vowles advised that the site was not in the middle of a housing area, but bordered by the A605, a bridleway and playing field.

#### Section 9.0, Delivering Sustainable Urban Extensions.

No amendments were suggested, although the Committee did seek assurance regarding the 5 year housing land supply, and the risk of non-delivery in relation to the Irthlingborough West site. Officers advised that there was no reliance on the Irthlingborough West site to achieve housing numbers, and that there should be no issues with the 5 year housing land supply.

#### Section 10, Town Strategies.

References to London Road/Warth Park, Raunds would be amended to London Road/Michael Way Hub, as at Section 7.0.

At 10.60, Members advised that the former car park at Herne Park was still in use.

At 10.62, Members advised that the owner of the Riverside Hotel was due to submit a planning application in the near future.

References to EN40 on pages 15 and 23 to be amended to read as EN42.

## **SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8**

At 20.56pm, it was proposed that Council Procedure Rule 8 (Duration of Meeting) be suspended to enable the Committee to continue with the business on the agenda.

### **RESOLVED:**

That Council Procedure Rule 8 be suspended to enable the Committee to continue the business on the agenda.

Section 11, Monitoring and Implementation.

The Committee noted that there were several typographical errors and some numbering issues to be rectified throughout Section 11. Officers noted this, and advised that the addendum to the report highlighted where the policies needed to be realigned.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That being satisfied that the preparation of the Local Plan has complied with the relevant regulatory requirements and being of the view that the Regulation 19 pre-submission Local Plan is ready for submission to the Government for independent examination, to endorse the decision to approve the Regulation for pre-submission Local Plan for consultation.
- (ii) Following the conclusion of the Regulation 19 consultation period, agrees the submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination, together with the submission documents prescribed by Regulation 22 of the 2012 Regulations by 31 March 2021, unless matters arising from the consultation raise issues of fundamental significance in respect of the strategy of the Plan
- (iii) To delegate any non-material, typographical formatting, mapping and other minor amendments to the Plan, as required, prior to the submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State, to the Head of Planning Services in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Planning Policy Committee and to the Chairman of the Rushden East Project Board as maybe appropriate.

*(Reason: to ensure that the Council can progress its Local Plan to submission in accordance with the timescales set out in the Local Development Scheme and to allow the Local Plan to be examined in advance of its adoption.)*

**Chairman**