

Minutes

Planning and Licensing Committee Tuesday, 12th March, 2019

Attendance

Cllr Ms Sanders (Chair)	Cllr Nolan
Cllr McCheyne (Deputy Chair)	Cllr Mrs Pound
Cllr Chilvers	Cllr Reed
Cllr Keeble	Cllr Mrs Slade
Cllr Morrissey	Cllr Trump
Cllr Mynott	

Apologies

Cllr Haigh

Also Present

Cllr Foan – West Horndon Parish Council

Officers Present

Surinder Atkar	-	Planning Solicitor
Philip Drane	-	Director of Strategic Planning
Andrea Pearson	-	Senior Policy Planner
Jonathan Quilter	-	Strategic Planning Manager
Jean Sharp	-	Governance and Member Support Officer
Lorne Spicer	-	Business Development and PR Manager
Jill Warren	-	Senior Policy Planner

364. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Haigh.

365. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committee meeting held on 19 February 2019 were agreed to be a true record.

366. Recreational disturbance Avoidance Mitigation: Supplementary Planning Document Consultation

Members were advised that the Essex Coast Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (the “*Essex Coast RAMS SPD*”) aimed to deliver the mitigation necessary to avoid significant adverse effects from impacts of increased recreational pressure from new residential development; thus protecting the internationally important coastal habitats sites in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

Following evidence gathering and survey work, provided in the Essex Coast Recreational Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy Document (the “*Essex Coast RAMS Document*”) the extent of this recreational impact had been gauged to establish a Zone of Influence. It was proposed that new residential developments within the Zone of Influence were included in the Essex Coast RAMS SPD.

The Essex Coast RAMS Document identified a programme of strategic mitigation measures which were to be funded by developer contributions from residential development schemes, to be implemented by a Supplementary Planning Document (*Essex Coast RAMS SPD*), which required public consultation.

The report before Members sought approval to carry out a joint consultation with 12 other boroughs on the Essex Coast RAMS SPD. Having taken consultation responses into account, the final Essex Coast RAMS SPD would be brought back to committee for approval to adopt as planning policy.

Cllr Ms Sanders **MOVED** and Cllr McCheyne **SECONDED** the recommendations and following a discussion a vote was taken on a show of hands and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

- 1. That the Committee note the Essex Coast RAMS Document, including technical report and mitigation report (Appendix A);**
- 2. That the Committee approve the Essex Coast RAMS Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for public consultation (Appendix B), with a proposed a tariff of £122.30 per new home in the RAMS Zone of Influence;**
- 3. To delegate authority to the Chair of the Planning and Licensing Committee, in consultation with the Chief Executive and Director of Strategic Planning, to finalise and approve the document, as set out in 2.**

above for public consultation, including to make non-material or minor amendments to the proposed RAMS SPD prior to consultation; and

4. To present the final version of the Essex Coast RAMS SPD to Planning and Licensing Committee, with amendments after consultation, for adoption by Brentwood Borough Council.

Reasons for recommendations

Brentwood Borough Council is duty bound to undergo an assessment of the impact of new development in their local plans on the internationally important wildlife sites. The proposed RAMS SPD (Appendix B) addresses this requirement.

The Essex Coast RAMS Document (Appendix A) aims to outline key issues and remaining concerns within the context of ongoing partnership and joint working.

367. Response to the Thurrock Local Plan Issues and Options Stage 2 Consultation

The report before Members sought approval on a formal response from Brentwood Borough Council to the Thurrock Issues & Options (Stage 2) Local Plan, January 2019 Document (Regulation 18).

The proposed response conveyed broad support of Thurrock Borough Council's aims in the preparation of their local plan and addressed concerns around the proposed option for development south of West Horndon. The Thurrock Local Plan was in the early stages of the plan-making process, focused on asking questions around spatial strategy and development options.

Cllr Foan, on behalf of West Horndon Parish Council, expressed concern at the effect the proposal to build a settlement of 10,000 homes on Green Belt land south of West Horndon would have on the village of West Horndon. He advised that the Parish Council had already had discussions with Thurrock Council regarding the proposals.

Cllr Ms Sanders **MOVED** and Cllr McCheyne **SECONDED** the recommendations and following a discussion a vote was taken on a show of hands and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the response to the Thurrock Local Plan Issues & Options (Stage 2) consultation, as set out in Appendix A to the report.

Reasons for recommendation

Thurrock Council are at the early stages of the plan-making process, Issues & Options (Stage 2) (Regulation 18). Housing delivery options are being explored to determine the preferred development strategy.

It is considered appropriate that Brentwood Borough Council express broad support for Thurrock Borough Council's efforts to prepare a local plan which seeks to meet its full objectively assessed housing needs and associated employment. However, of the three-housing delivery options concern should be raised regarding Option 3 (a new settlement in the Green Belt south of West Horndon), for reasons set out in Section 4 of the report (sub-section "Housing Delivery Options").

368. Response to the Southend Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

The report before Members sought approval on a formal response from Brentwood Borough Council to the Southend New Local Plan Issues & Options consultation document (Regulation 18).

The proposed response conveyed broad support of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's aims in preparing a new local plan. The Southend Plan was currently at the early stages of the plan-making process with little specific details provided on the strategic approach for the area.

Brentwood Borough Council had signed a Memorandum of Understanding for joint working with other South Essex local authorities, including Southend Borough Council. The Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA) met regularly on a number of workstreams including strategic planning and cross-boundary issues.

Cllr Ms Sanders **MOVED** and Cllr McCheyne **SECONDED** the recommendation and following a discussion which highlighted concerns regarding the pressure additional traffic would cause on local roads, especially the A127, a vote was taken on a show of hands and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the response to the Southend New Local Plan Issues & Options consultation, as set out in Appendix A to the report.

Reasons for recommendation

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council are at the early stages of the plan-making process. No policies or site allocations have been proposed as part of this consultation and so the proposed response focuses on high-level strategic issues.

It is considered appropriate that Brentwood Borough Council expresses broad support for Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's efforts to develop a local plan in accordance with national policy and guidance, and the commitment to continued collaboration through the duty to cooperate on strategic planning matters that affect South Essex.

368. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 7.45pm