

21st October 2020

Policy, Resources and Economic Development Committee

Chair's update report

Members to note updates from Officers set out below.

Local Development Plan

The LDP examination process continues. Initial questions were received from the appointed inspectors in May 2020. Throughout July to September several documents have been published in response to those questions, in the form of examination notes and topic papers. The following matters have been published on the Council's website as part of the examination (www.brentwood.gov.uk/examination):

Matter	Document	Published
Legal compliance (duty to cooperate and other matters)	Supplementary information to the Duty to Cooperate Statement and examination note	24 July
South Essex JSP	Examination notes	
Retail		
Historic environment		
Open space	Topic papers	28 August
Sustainability Appraisal process		
Dunton Hills Garden Village		
Gypsies and Travellers		
Housing need		
Housing supply		
Affordable housing		
Housing standards and mix		
Employment		
Transport infrastructure		
Air quality		
General matters	Examination notes	4 September
Spatial strategy		
Green Belt		
Use classes order	Examination note	

Moving forward, more information is to be published in response to inspectors' questions about minor modifications to policy wording. We expect to hear from the inspectors soon about timeframes for next steps, including receipt of the Matters, Issues and Questions, and examination hearing sessions.

Delivery of Dunton Hills Garden Village is a key part of the LDP strategy. As reported last month, a community engagement co-design process was undertaken over the summer to inform detailed design guidance being prepared. This guidance is to be brought to Policy, Resources and Economic Development Committee soon before it is published for public consultation.

Economic Development Strategy

The Place Audit for Brentwood, Shenfield and Ingatestone was brought to Policy, Resources and Economic Development Committee in September. Several recommendations are made in the document. To consider these, alongside recommendations made in the Economic Development Study (March 2020) and prioritise objectives to be set in the emerging Economic Development Strategy, a workshop was agreed to be set-up. This is to take place on Monday 5 October 2020 with committee members and representatives from Brentwood Business Partnership, Brentwood Chamber, and Ingatestone & Fryerning Parish Council.

The working group will consider the points raised on Parking with a view that any outcomes or suggestions from this work will assist to form the specification that will be put together to work with a consultant in order to develop a long term parking strategy for the Borough

This working group will consider and provide thoughts on those issues raised within the document including but not limited to:

- The exploration of mixed use solutions for car parking spaces
- Implement a consistent car park timing system
- Explore implementation of ANPR system for parking
- Provide electric charging points and favourable options for eco cars
- Invest in signage to assist in parking availability
- Provide consistency across borough in times for stopping
- Explore implementation of new systems like ANPR

This work will feed into the development of the strategy through the use of a consultant that will be guided by the outcomes of the working group discussions and other background documents

Remembrance Day

- There will be no parade (due to the gathering of crowds)
- No official wreath laying will take place at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. However, due to protocol, the RBL will lay a wreath at the memorial at 10:00am to commemorate the day.
- A private church service will take place St Thomas church on Remembrance Day at approx. 10.50am. Invitation only (up to 90 people – social distancing). The people invited to attend, will be dignitaries i.e Deputy Mayor, CEO, Lord/Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Group Leaders, MP, together with rep from the uniform organisations, RBL, Band and Clergy. Service to be streamed live by St Thomas's Church for the public to view.
- The wreaths will remain there, until Wed 11th Nov, they will then be collected and taken to the War Memorial, when the official wreath laying ceremony will take place, where a small services will take place with up to 30 people social distancing. St Thomas will live stream this service too.
- Virtual activities to mark Remembrance Day will be available on the Council's Facebook.
- Remembrance Day flag to be flown and the Town Hall building will be lit up in red to commemorate the week of remembrance.

Member's Interests

With regards to the Motion at Ordinary Council in January, moved by Cllr Tumbridge and Seconded by Cllr Hossack.

We have reviewed the current Member's Interest Form; however the completed forms are unable to be edited. Therefore, a new process will be put in place to update Members Register of Interests forms.

A new template is being put together which when completed by the Member will be uploaded to the website as usual. This will be a word document to help make future amendments. This will be which will be pdf protected before being uploaded.

Members can request to update their Register of Interests form - their current form will be sent to them by Democratic Services - this version will allow for any necessary amendments and when returned to Democratic Services will be uploaded to the website.

An updated version will be required from all members annually - this will be after May elections to capture all new members information at the same time.

Members are reminded that their Register of Interests form should be updated and amended when any changes occur that are relevant within the form. Your revised Member's interest in this format will be circulated within the next couple of weeks for you to update.