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Meeting: Local Development Plan Member Working Group
Venue: Online via Microsoft Teams
Date: Tuesday 30 November 2021
Time: 18:00-19:30

Members Present: Cllr Thomas Bridge, Cllr Jon Cloke (Chair), Cllr Philip Mynott, Cllr Dominic Naylor, Cllr Olivia Sanders

Officers Present: Jonathan Quilter (JQ), Corporate Manager – Strategic Planning
Andrea Pearson (AP), Senior Policy Planner
Thom Hoang (TH), Senior Policy Planner

Apologies: Cllr T Barret

1. Notes from last meeting

- a) Notes from the last meeting (15/09/2021) were circulated for review.
- b) No comments received.

2. Local Plan Examination Update and Main Modifications Consultation

- a) JQ provided overview of the consultation. Approximately 356 representations were received, 250 of which regarding development in Blackmore.
- b) The main issues raised regarding Blackmore included flooding, the change in site capacity for indicative number of homes and Blackmore's position/category in the settlement hierarchy.
- c) Officers are processing representations. A summary will be sent to the Inspectors, who will consider and provide the Council with a report setting out their recommendations.
- d) Representations received from statutory bodies include Essex County Council (ECC), Marine Management Organisation (MMO), NHS East of England Ambulance Service, Natural England, Sport England, and Transport for London.
- e) Several representatives of omission sites responded, generally focussing on the five year housing supply calculation and the plan review policy MG06.
- f) Cllr Bridge asked whether there had been any feedback from the Environment Agency. JQ responded that no comments had been received, the Main



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Modifications consultation is focussed on necessary changes, and so it is possible that the Environment Agency felt no further comments were required.

- g) Current and next steps include processing representations, providing them to the Inspectors, Inspectors to consider and provide a report, and present the Council with a final version of the plan to adopt (currently anticipated in February 2022). If the Plan is adopted, there is a six-week window for any legal challenge to be made on the basis of process.
- h) Cllr Cloke asked whether this was likely to be an Extraordinary Council meeting. JQ responded that this was the expected approach currently being considered.
- i) Cllr Mynott asked whether the Use Class Order change affects the policies and if this was discussed at the hearing sessions? It would be useful to discuss implications of retail to residential conversion at a future working group meeting. JQ responded that the Inspectors had set out their questions regarding changes to the use classes order via a formal letter, asking whether this would have implications on the policies, which the Council responded to (all correspondence is publicly available online as part of the examination library). This subject was discussed during a hearing session, which informed relevant proposed modifications. Similarly, if there are further changes that would have implications to the policies, the Inspectors will set out their questions via a formal letter.

3. AOB

- a) Cllr Cloke asked whether the need to accommodate the Ingatestone GP surgery at a larger site might be something the Council could explore? JQ responded that site options would need to be considered with potential to form part of the early review of the plan.
- b) Members asked if there was any update on the National Highways works to M25 Junction 28. JQ & AP responded to advise that the cycle path across Brook Street roundabout was included in the Development Consent Order (DCO) process, supported by the Council, Essex CC and London Borough of Havering. There are no further updates to the scheme, other than what is planned. The decision from Inspectors on the DCO is awaited. Members asked if an update could be provided National Highways when the DCO is approved. JQ advised that this will be considered as part of ongoing work with National Highways.
- c) Cllr Mynott asked whether the 256 responses to the Main modifications consultation was the number of people or representations made? JQ advised that this is the number of people. A final update on the total representations received will be provided at the next working group meeting.
- d) Next meeting scheduled for 19 January 2022.