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SECOND DESPATCH

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2022

Further to the agenda for the above meeting which has already been circulated, please find attached the following:-

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**LEICESTER LOCAL PLAN (2020 - 2036) - PUBLIC
CONSULTATION ON SUBMISSION PLAN (REGULATION
19)**

Minute Extracts from:

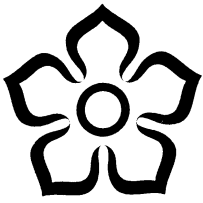
1. Heritage, Culture, Leisure and Tourism Scrutiny Commission – Tuesday 20th September 2022
2. Joint Meeting of Adult Social Care, Children, Young People and Education, and Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Commissions – 21st September 2022
3. Housing Scrutiny Commission – 22nd September 2022

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Minutes of the Meeting of the
HERITAGE CULTURE LEISURE AND TOURISM SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Held: TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2022 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Halford (Chair)

Councillor Dr Barton

Councillor March

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63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Byrne, Pickering and Shelton.

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interest they had in the business to be discussed.

Councillor Barton declared an interest in the open spaces discussed for the Leicester Local Plan (2020-2036) item, as they had used, archaeologically studied and campaigned for the spaces in prior years.

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, the interest was not considered so significant that it was likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest. The Member was not, therefore, required to withdraw from the meeting.

65. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members were asked to confirm that the minutes of the meeting of the Heritage, Culture, Leisure, and Tourism Scrutiny Commission held on 9 August 2022 were a correct record.

Joanna Jones, Head of Arts and Museums, requested change to the Ugandan Asians 50 Anniversary item, as the commemorative statue was not funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, which funded the exhibition for the Ugandan Asian

Anniversary at Leicester Museum and Art Gallery. It was also noted that the exhibition was not currently touring, and the deadline had been extended to January 2023, therefore the statement referring to the exhibitions return on 23 December 2023 was invalid.

AGREED:

That the minutes from the Commission meeting held 9 August 2022 be amended as noted above and confirmed as a correct record.

67. PETITIONS

The Monitoring Officer reported that no petitions had been received.

68. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CASE

The Monitoring Officer reported that no questions, representations or statements of case had been received.

69. LEICESTER LOCAL PLAN (2020-2036) - PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON SUBMISSION PLAN (REGULATION 19)

Members of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Commission were invited to jointly participate in the agenda item.

The Director of Planning, Development and Transportation submitted a report and a presentation which outlined the main strategies and proposed site allocations of the Local Plan for the City of Leicester. Members of the Heritage, Culture, Leisure and Tourism, and Members of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Commissions were recommended to note the key local plan strategies, policies, site allocations, and provisions for consultation and provide comment to the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation if they so wished.

All Members were requested in an email sent out earlier in the day, to submit their questions early to allow for a more detailed answer by Planning Officers present.

The Chair reminded Members present to limit any questions to be asked to the terms of reference of the Heritage, Culture, Leisure and Tourism Scrutiny Commission and the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Commission.

Grant Butterworth, (Head of Planning), Rachael Mkanza (Senior Planner) and Joseph Todd (Planner), were present to answer any questions put forward by Members of the two Commissions.

The Head of Planning presented the report and associated presentation and outlined the following:

- Comments made during the meeting would be referred back to in

Overview Select Committee on Tuesday, 27 September, before being put forward to Full Council on 11 October 2022.

- The Draft Leicester Local Plan had been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through since the last consultation, 3,500 representations had been received.
- According to Government changes to Housing guidance and legislation, Leicester was required to increase the housing available by 35%, equivalent to 39,424 dwellings, or 2,464 per annum.
- Policy changes and impacts on the hospitality sector, energy, environment, and public health and equalities had been assessed during the consultation stage to inform the plan and ensure the viability of the final proposal.
- The current proposed submission for the Local Plan includes 4 strategic housing sites, of which the Leicester General Hospital, part of land North of the A46 bypass had since been removed. A further 21 smaller sites had been removed on the grounds of representations, availability, biodiversity, and loss of open space.
- The Strategic Growth Plan for Leicester and Leicestershire had sets the context for a Statement of Common Ground which had been signed by a number of Authorities, to secure redistribution of the shortfall number of 18,700 dwellings, and 23 hectares of employment land.
- An error was noted in the report regarding the hectares the proposed plan was able to meet for employment need, with 30 hectares being the correct number.
- Regarding the Central Development Area (CDA), capacity for provision of dwellings had been increased from 4,900 to 6,286. The focus of the area was for commerce, retail, culture, leisure, and entertainment. Emphasis was placed on protecting and enhancing historic sites and environment, as well as to improve current open green spaces. Further detailed Tall Building policies in the form of Supplementary Planning Guidance would need to be developed for consultation post the adoption of the Local Plan in line with the Government's New National Design Code.
- It was noted that some green wedge will be lost, and quantity of public open space would be reduced, although removal of sites had reduced this loss significantly.
- It was noted that there would be a 30% policy provision of affordable housing on greenfield sites
- The Local Plan would link to Leicester's Local Transport Plan and Transforming Cities Programme, to improve transport hubs and connections. The Plan would promote walking, cycling and sustainable transport.

Members of the Commission discussed the report, which included the following points:

- An important factor was to meet the target set and to evidence that sites that were deliverable during the Plan period with and indication of when delivery might be achieved.

- The next consultation stage tested the suitability for the Plan to be submitted to Government.
- The Local Plan housing target had been informed by a range of factors including population growth, migration, and changes in housing markets, both locally and nationally. A new approach to setting housing targets was being developed by the Government.
- The increase in planned dwellings in the Central Development Area had been assessed allowed for delivery with National Internal Space Standards.
- Impact on green spaces would be minimised as much as possible and retained open spaces would be enhanced to mitigate any loss. Most of the Plan supply was planned to be delivered on brown field land..
- The number of sites proposed on playing fields had been reduced to three sites at Manor House (Narborough Road), Judgemeadow Community College and Welford Road playing fields. Two of these would retain sports use on part of the site. Sport England had objected to a range of sites and the consultation response was an important factor in the assessment process.
- Decisions regarding the Council's proposal to deliver the housing schemes on Council owned sites was a future matter for the Executive, and not set through allocation in the Local Plan. The Local Plan effectively established the acceptability of the principle of development, and subsequent decisions would be taken on the method of delivery, which would belong to the Council outside of the planning process. Future planning applications would be submitted to the Planning and Development Control Committee by whoever was developing the site after adoption of the Local Plan confirmed the acceptability of the proposed allocations.
- With regard to issues such as heritage and archaeology at strategic sites such as Western Park Golf Course, it was confirmed that all proposed sites had been sifted through and investigated for suitability and deliverability. Further detailed assessment and mitigation would need to be carried out at the planning application stage.
- Loss of open space such as at Rancliffe Crescent had been considered carefully in proposing sites for allocation including local sufficiency of provision and potential mitigation options on and off site.
- With regard to the allocation adjacent to the Great Central Railway at Redhill, it had been proposed to improve the facility in line with a previous Heritage Lottery Fund application. The whole of the allocation was not likely to be required as there were a range of constraints which would need to be considered in more detail when the scope of proposal was confirmed.

AGREED:

1. That the Leicester Local Plan report be noted.
2. That in taking decisions on the delivery of the allocations in the Local Plan (once it is confirmed), the executive seeks to maximise the social housing delivery on Council owned sites (wherever possible).
3. That in regard to green spaces used for non-housing uses,

(such as leisure) the green space impact should be minimised and mitigated and be fully justified.

4. That new development should be designed to deliver a distinctive sense of place and character.
5. That the recommendations be passed to the Overview Select Committee on Tuesday, 27 September 2022.



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Minutes of the Meeting of the
JOINT MEETING OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE; CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE
AND EDUCATION; HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMISSIONS

Held: WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2022 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Pantling - Chair
Councillor Batool
Councillor Kaur Saini
Councillor Khan
Councillor March
Councillor Dr Moore
Councillor O'Donnell
Councillor Patel
Councillor Riyait

In Attendance

Deputy City Mayor Councillor Russell
Asst City Mayor Councillor Cutkelvin

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1. ELECT A CHAIR FOR MEETING

Councillor Pantling was elected as Chair for the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Joshi, Councillor Westley, Janet McKenna, Martin Samuels and Sophie Maltby.

It was also noted that Councillor Batool and Councillor Dr Moore would need to leave the meeting early due to other commitments.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any pecuniary or other interests they may have in the business on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. LEICESTER LOCAL PLAN (2020-2036) - PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON SUBMISSION PLAN (REGULATION 19)

The Director of Planning, Development and Transportation submitted a report outlining the main strategies and proposals of the submission for the City of Leicester Local Plan for public consultation in November 2022.

The Chair noted that this was a joint meeting of the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission, the Children Young People and Education Scrutiny Commission and the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission convened specially to scrutinise this item and members from all three commissions were invited equally to contribute to the discussion.

The Chair asked members to restrict their questions to the terms of reference of the three commissions and thanked those that had submitted any questions in advance which officers would attempt to answer as part of the presentation.

Grant Butterworth Head of Planning introduced the report and presented an overview of the background and details of the current position since the last consultation and the processes being followed to bring matters to scrutiny before proceeding to Full Council in October.

During the presentation it was noted that:

- The final stage of public consultation (subject to Council approval) would begin in November 2022, that would be the final consultation before the local plan was submitted to the independent planning inspectorate for an examination in public (EIP) early next year.
- The local plan covered the period 2020 to 2036 and sought to meet the need for additional housing, jobs, retail, and leisure by allocating sites for development but also protecting important sites such as those with heritage value.
- The local plan also set out a range of policies that would guide decisions on planning applications and sought to protect the environment and balance with economic and social objectives too.
- The local plan would need to be evidenced as viable and deliverable.
- The previous Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation and the revisions to the plan now were in the context of consideration given to responses made at that stage
- At the conclusion of the previous stage the government had increased targets and issued a new standard method of calculating housing need.

In terms of housing need for the city, that now stood at 39,424 dwellings, an increase of 35% since the last consultation. This was a challenging increase that had required substantial partnership work with districts to meet that increase in targets. It was noted that agreement was being sought on a Statement of Common Ground on the redistribution of unmet housing need as well as finding areas for employment land within Leicester and Leicestershire.

Regarding housing supply, the full list of the strategic sites and other sites allocated for housing were appended to the report and it was noted there had been a net reduction of 23 sites from the local plan since the Regulation 18 version.

Members' attention was drawn to the key strategies and policies included in the Regulation 19 local plan, the work that had gone in to fulfilling those and the evidence reworked to make those fit for purpose: e.g., Climate Change included air quality, transport, energy and flooding; Health and Wellbeing included open spaces, design and connection with existing programmes i.e., cycling and walking; Biodiversity involved protecting designated sites and support for biodiversity net gain.

Members noted that the local plan included provisions for a substantial proportion of employment land, and consideration had been given to balance the pressure for meeting housing targets, employment land and open space without undermining amenities and provision in the city. Although some green space would be lost there were a range of policies in the plan to mitigate that and to enhance biodiversity in smaller sites and adjacent areas, as well as some opportunity to secure new open space on strategic sites and enhance the quality of existing public space.

In relation to transport, policy would be aligned closely to the council's local transport plan and would include improving key transport hubs, provision for walking and cycling as well as network access to local transport services.

17.54 Cllr Batool left the meeting; noted the meeting remained quorate.

Members were asked to note the key local plan strategies, policies, site allocations and provisions for consultation and were invited to discuss the report and ask questions.

Members welcomed the report and congratulated officers on this enormous task.

The ensuing discussion included the following comments:

The plan was speculative since no-one could predict what the world would be in the future and suggested areas may not be approved for development or the types of housing that would be needed. The longer term demographic as far as numbers of single occupants, families, children etc would also need to be known when deciding factors such as the types of housing to be built and the number of schools needed.

In response it was advised that work had been undertaken to explore evidence around housing demand and projected trends as well as exploring the current demographic make up to predict those points, however the nature of development would evolve, and delivery of housing developments was not all controlled by the council. In relation to the number of schools, planning officers had worked closely with education colleagues to look long term at potential

school numbers/places and to consider infrastructure commitments as well as educational provision and that was within the supporting documentation.

Concern was expressed at the loss of green and open space, and it was queried how that loss was measured in terms of health and wellbeing impacts. It was also commented that the open spaces spread across the city were often in densely built up areas where people needed green space. Further concerns were raised about losing such areas to housing development and it was suggested that where possible the council should look to prioritise the building of more purely social housing on its own sites.

Deputy City Mayor Councillor Russell commented on the importance of supported living arrangements and there was a brief discussion around that, and the issues involved with the local authority building their own sheltered accommodations due to the way in which government funding worked. It was indicated that the council were keen to build their own where they could, but account needed to be taken of such issues as those that had been incurred in other recent developments such as Tilling Road.

There was further discussion about the distinctions between sheltered housing, affordable housing and the specific need for social housing and a commitment to the council building its own social housing where possible was sought.

The Head of Planning clarified in so far as the delivery of housing, the local plan could not dictate the method of delivery on site as that would be for the Executive to decide, however the local plan was the mechanism to establish the principle for development by allocating potential sites. It was noted that the plan only specified policy on s106 contributions for affordable housing need at this stage. There would be more discussion needed around methods of delivery of housing by the Executive and Council and that those decisions would be informed by the plan and supplementary guidance would follow to develop other s106 contribution levels in the context of viability assessment work.

In relation to concerns about cumulative health impacts through loss of open space, it was advised that the local plan process had started with reviewing over 1000 sites and through the various stages of consultation the number of open spaces proposed for allocation had been substantially reduced - there had to be a balanced recognition of what had been retained against the overall loss now proposed. A health impact assessment had been carried out although that did not provide a quantitative measure, the proposals put forward tried to balance the benefits of design of open spaces with meeting housing need as well as weighing the costs of reducing green space.

In terms of enhancing open spaces and how development would be funded, it was explained that the nature of the local plan allowed development to happen, and allocation would uplift value that would incentivise and fund the development delivery including measures to retain and enhance local open space on site or nearby. .

As far as engaging with young people and incorporating their “voice” into the plan, during the last consultation officers had sought to engage as widely as possible albeit during the covid pandemic. In respect of young people, a lot of engagement had been facilitated through councillors and by dialogue held in schools, these talks were very constructive, and a number of the sites removed near schools were driven by the arguments put forward by school children which had formed a powerful part of the assessment.

Concerns were expressed about the current pressures on health service delivery such as availability of GP services and access to dental practices, and the risks that would be brought by building more houses in areas that were already seeing health or educational inequalities etc leading to further crisis.

It was indicated that as the local plan was a 15 year plan it provided a framework that meant those managing the programmes of investment could see where growth was planned to be and could work to align Infrastructure provision to serve that growth. Delivery of health and education although separate from the local plan was covered via a link through the infrastructure study which defined the investment needed over a range of infrastructure and services over the period, and that was derived through conversations with all the partners involved in providing the infrastructure so there was value in the process.

Members discussed the “ownership” of the plan noting that the next 15 years were likely to see more challenges and less funding that may lead to a need to change the plan. It was advised that the government required the local plan to be reviewed every 5 years and delivery against the targets to be monitored, this could be by way of a partial review, and was monitored through an annual assessment of housing delivery. In terms of ownership, once approved the plan was owned by the Council.

As far as holding the council to account if the designation of an area within the plan had to be changed due to responding to a change in need it would depend on the strength of designation, e.g., green wedge had a higher level protection and would be very difficult to do that, whereas open space designation was a lesser designation in terms of protection. Once the local plan was adopted it held a lot of weight, however as time goes on the plan becomes more out of date and there had to be a complex weighing up of the plan to national planning guidance, e.g., the rules dealing with the national framework would have more weight than an out of date local plan.

As regards the current process, once the next public consultation had been completed the local plan would be submitted to the independent planning inspectorate for an examination in public (EIP) early next year. The inspector would examine the local plan including whether it was viable and if it were to find it unsound it could effectively go back to start of process, however it was the aim for the inspectorate to make recommendation for modifications and those would come back to full council to consider and approve.

18.27pm Councillor Moore left the meeting – noted meeting remained quorate.

Members were keen to understand better the quotas around sheltered housing and how the council would meet those. It was also queried whether there was anticipation of additional extra care housing. Deputy City Mayor Councillor Russell explained that the term supported housing was now carefully used to cover all types of different housing need and to keep options open and flexible for those different housing needs which were all supported housing.

It was advised that there was no way to guarantee how much of one provision should be provided over another within the plan. Whilst the plan sought to look at the requirements of a whole range of supported accommodation and demands, and plan would go as far as it could in terms of what standards could be provided, the directional lead on that would come forward relied on funding programmes and through other policies and executive decisions.

There was concern that the housing mix needed would not be reflected and issues raised about existing properties e.g., flats for sole occupants or designated housing for over 65's were sitting vacant and not being repurposed. Regarding the housing mix and whether the right types of homes would be provided it was reiterated that the local plan could only seek to achieve the right number of housing need but whilst details of the overall plan for the mix of housing would be defined in policy, the plan did not drill down into detailed delivery on a site by site basis as that would be a matter for subsequent planning applications.

As far as meeting the overall plan target, that was set by government assessment and the council had to evidence this as being deliverable and the studies showed that proposing the delivery of all the housing sites by the Council could not deliver all the housing need. In terms of any "wrong" types of housing built, in a crude sense those would still contribute to the target, and national Government planning policy did not allow the council to be so interventional about conversion of existing properties.

The Chair thanked officers for the report and drew the discussion to a close and noted the recommendations put forward during discussion which were formally agreed.

AGREED:

1. That the key local plan strategies, policies, site allocations and provisions for consultation be noted.
2. That it be recommended at Full Council that where possible the Council should look to prioritise the building of more purely social housing on Council owned sites.
3. That it be recommended at Full Council that where possible the Council should act to minimise the impact of new developments on existing inequalities (such as health, education and social etc) especially on sites owned by the Council.

5. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None notified.

The meeting closed at 18:40 hours



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MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the
HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Held: THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2022 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Westley (Chair)
Councillor Chamund (Vice Chair)

Councillor Ali
Councillor Gee

Councillor Aqbany
Councillor Pantling

In attendance:

Councillor Kitterick
Councillor Sandhu
Councillor Waddington

Councillor Rae Bhatia
Councillor Valand
Councillor Whittle

Councillor Cutkelvin – Assistant City Mayor (Housing and Education)

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28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fonseca, and from Councillors Joel and Porter as invitees of the Economic Development, Transport and Climate Emergency Scrutiny Commission (Minute 33 refers).

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest separate from those recorded in the Members' Register.

30. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

AGREED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 1 August 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

31. PETITIONS

The Monitoring Officer reported that no petitions had been received, in accordance with Council procedures.

32. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS OR STATEMENTS OF CASE

The Monitoring Officer reported that no questions, representations or statements of case had been received, in accordance with Council procedures.

33. LEICESTER LOCAL PLAN (2020 - 2036) - PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON SUBMISSION PLAN (REGULATION 19)

The Chair reminded the Commission that Members of the Economic Development Transport and Climate Emergency Scrutiny Commission had been invited to attend the meeting and welcomed their participation.

The Head of Planning then submitted a report which outlined the main strategies and policies of the submission of the Local Plan for public consultation in November 2022. A presentation was also given, which covered the content of the report and related details.

It was reported that the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) required all local planning authorities to produce a local plan and in view of this officers had been working on a new plan which would replace the current core strategy and saved policies from the previous Local Plan of 2006. The key consultation stages were outlined.

It was noted that the draft plan would cover the period 2020–2036 sought to:

- Meet the needs for homes, jobs, shopping, and leisure
- Allocate sites for development including strategic development sites
- Protect important sites such as those with heritage value
- Set clear policies that guide decisions on planning applications
- The plan was required to be viable and deliverable

It was clarified that it was the final consultation stage before the plan was submitted to the Independent Planning Inspectorate for an Examination in Public (EIP). The Chair commented on the consultation process, which involved submission of comments to the Overview Select Committee prior to final consideration by Full Council.

The Chair then referred to the attendance Members of the Economic Development, Transport and Climate Emergency Scrutiny Commission, and Councillor Kitterick who was allowed to participate in discussions at the meeting under Scrutiny Procedure rules.

The presentation detailed the questions received in advance from Councillors Kitterick and Waddington and the following key points were noted:

In respect of the documents supplied referring to site allocations, it was suggested that they did not appear to be included within the policies document, and in response it was clarified that:

- Space standards had been considered and the issue with the potential "studio" loophole had been covered in the Draft Plan as defined in previous consultation in 2020. It was proposed that the standards would apply to all residential C3 accommodation, and it was confirmed that the case would be made to apply the standards to studio flats.
- In terms of the retention of "whole" houses and resisting sub-division of houses into flatted units, where there was a proven demand for whole house accommodation it was clarified that the new Policy drafted sought to secure the objective within approved Article 4 Direction areas.
- Purpose built student accommodation would be considered with the same criteria-based policy to that set out in the Regulation 18 Draft Plan
- An adapted policy on Hostel accommodation to the previous version was proposed which sought to strengthen management controls.
- With regards to the Tall Buildings policy and city centre streetscape, it was reported that Character Area assessments published in full at the previous consultation stage had been refreshed in line with new Government Guidance, and new Supplementary Design Guidance to deal with specific tall building policy application would need to be prepared for further detailed consultation after the Local Plan adoption.

In terms of site allocations, it was questioned whether there had been any consideration to a much broader approach to changing planning designations where it was clear the location no longer fitted the use. The recent development of the Freeman's Common area was debated. In response it was noted that allocations could only be made for sites which could be proven as available and deliverable, and as the estate was fully occupied it did not therefore comply with those requirements. It was also noted that as well as housing, the Plan would accommodate employment need and the implications of the reliance on Charnwood District Council accommodating the unmet employment need was recognised and acknowledged.

It was also questioned that some of the figures for residential capacity were dubious where it was clear that capacity was greater than quoted and it was suggested that those should be explored further.

It was reported that the capacity formulas had been revised and reviewed, especially in respect of the Central Development Area, resulting in a substantial increase in plan supply capacity, and considered emerging proposals and planning approvals.

In respect of brownfield sites, it was requested that a map of sites should be made available, for example, the derelict factory sites in Woodgate in private ownership, to include proposals and recommendations for their future use for housing or employment.

In response it was noted that the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment was a full comprehensive database to support the Plan and further documents would set out how site allocations were arrived at to provide the requested information.

The Chair thanked the Head of Planning and all Officers involved in the process for their detailed work in preparing the Local Plan.

Particular comments from Commission Members, and Members of the Economic Development, Transport and Climate Emergency Scrutiny Commission were noted as follows. It was confirmed that the issues would be considered separately, and Members would be advised of updates accordingly:

- Details of the sites assessed including in the Woodgate area and the associated flood risks would be circulated.
- The previously submitted petition concerning the designation of land on the allocation 309 on Land adjacent to Anstey Lane would be clarified, it being noted that the allocation would not specify detailed site and open space layouts. The issue would be explored with the site promoters, and outcomes would be circulated.
- Similar to the above point, residents' concerns about the proposed allocation on land at Netherhall Drive were reported. It was confirmed the Local Plan allocation was to identify around half the site for future potential land use, but planning applications for development were not expected in the short term as there would be local engagement on site development and subsequent applications should the Plan be adopted. It was confirmed residents would be able to register concerns at the upcoming consultation stage should it be approved by Council.
- Further information concerning the allocation and designation of permanent and temporary travellers' sites was requested. It was confirmed that the revised Plan took forward the permanent site proposed at Western Park Golf Course as per the previous consultation, together with options for transit provision which would need to be subject to further consultation post Local Plan adoption.

Commission Members and invitees confirmed that they were satisfied with the responses provided arising from their questions and previous concerns.

The Assistant City Mayor (Housing and Education), Councillor Cutkelvin, was invited to comment, and it was confirmed that full consultation on any proposals would involve residents, relevant stakeholders and partner organisations to ensure that any development was sympathetic and of benefit to local communities. In respect of the ongoing process, the Head of Planning also confirmed and advised that the comments on the Local Plan to be submitted to Overview Select Committee and Full Council would allow a further consultation period throughout November 2022.

In conclusion, the Chair thanked Members of the Economic Development, Transport and Climate Emergency Scrutiny Commission, together with Councillor Kitterick for their input and participation.

AGREED:

That the key local plan strategies, policies, site allocations, and provisions for consultation be noted and supported prior to further consideration at Overview Select Committee and Full Council.

