



Leicester  
City Council

**MINUTE  
EXTRACT**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 2006 at 5.00pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Farmer - Chair  
Councillor Kitterick – Labour Spokesperson  
Councillor Renold – Liberal Democrat Spokesperson  
Councillor Porter – Conservative Spokesperson

Councillor Bhatti

Councillor Clair

Councillor Saleh

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**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act applied to them.

There were no declarations.

**10. ABBEY MEADOWS STRATEGY GUIDANCE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The Service Director, Planning and Policy submitted a report covering the preparation of a Supplementary Planning Document for the proposed 'Abbey Meadows' area of the city and in particular the recently completed public consultation exercise.

Members of the Committee queried the fact that a number of planning applications had already been approved in this area and queried the timeliness of the document. The Senior Planner commented that the Urban Design Group were working closely with developers to achieve good design on current proposals. He also said that the document would assist with the development of the rest of the area.

Another point raised by a Member referred to 4.2 of the report which talked of

making the development highly accessible by all private traffic modes. This could be seen as encouraging car use. It was felt that car use shouldn't be encouraged and it conflicted with the aims of the Local Transport Plan to encourage the use of public transport. Officers agreed the wording in this area could be reconsidered.

Members of the Committee also considered the effectiveness and worth of a consultation exercise where 3000 leaflets were circulated but only eight responses were received. The Senior Planner commented that the Leicester Regeneration Company had previously undertaken a similar consultation exercise which would have considered most matters raised. Other members of the Committee felt that it was important to be seen to be making the effort to consult. It was also felt that further consideration could be given to making the consultation more effective.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) that officers be requested to use their discretion in changing the wording relating to encouraging further car use;
- (2) that further consideration should be given to the consultation processes used as part of the development of Supplementary Planning Documents to ensure its effectiveness;
- (3) that the Committee receives a further report on this document when it has passed the draft stage.