

Extraordinary Council – 21 November 2013

Minutes of the meeting of **Council** held on **21 November 2013** when there were present:-

Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs J R Lumley

Cllr Mrs P Aves	Cllr Mrs C M Mason
Cllr C I Black	Cllr J R F Mason
Cllr Mrs L A Butcher	Cllr D Merrick
Cllr M R Carter	Cllr Mrs J A Mockford
Cllr J P Cottis	Cllr T E Mountain
Cllr T G Cutmore	Cllr R A Oatham
Cllr R R Dray	Cllr Mrs C E Roe
Cllr K J Gordon	Cllr C G Seagers
Cllr J E Grey	Cllr S P Smith
Cllr Mrs D Hoy	Cllr D J Sperring
Cllr M Hoy	Cllr M J Steptoe
Cllr Mrs G A Lucas-Gill	Cllr I H Ward
Cllr C J Lumley	Cllr Mrs C A Weston
Cllr M Maddocks	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P A Capon, Mrs T J Capon, Mrs H L A Glynn, J D Griffin, Mrs A V Hale, K H Hudson, Mrs J E McPherson, Mrs M J Webster and Mrs B J Wilkins.

OFFICERS PRESENT

A Dave	- Chief Executive
S Scrutton	- Head of Planning and Transportation
N Khan	- Principal Solicitor
S Hollingworth	- Team Leader (Planning Policy)
S Worthington	- Committee Administrator

238 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J P Cottis declared a pecuniary interest in item 3 of the Agenda by virtue of his family's ownership of land within the District and left the Chamber during debate of that item.

239 ALLOCATIONS DOCUMENT – RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS

Council considered the report of the Head of Planning and Transportation setting out a schedule of modifications to the Allocations Document submitted for examination, prepared in response to the Planning Inspector's suggested modifications contained within his interim report on the soundness of the Plan.

A motion that the proposed modifications to the Allocations Document, as set out in the officer's report, be approved for public consultation and that any representations received be sent to the Planning Inspector post public

consultation was moved by Cllr K J Gordon and seconded by Cllr M J Steptoe. An amendment to the motion that all references to the removal of the 5% cap for residential extensions be deleted from the Allocations Document was moved by Cllr C I Black and seconded by Cllr J R F Mason.

In favour of the amendment to the motion, reference was made to the removal of the 5% cap for residential extensions resulting in unlimited development within the District and unacceptable density of housing. Further reference was made to the potential for changes in planning over the next 5 years and the potential impact on sites identified within the Document for development in the longer term.

Against the motion the risk of the Allocations Document being declared unsound by the Inspector was emphasised. Examples were cited of developments that had commenced on sites identified within the Document, none of which exceeded the number of housing units specified in the Document.

Responding to questions, officers confirmed that the deletion of the 5% cap within the Document would result in the inspector declaring it unsound. Each of the policies within the Document included safeguards around specified numbers of housing units for the identified sites. The inspector would make a final judgment and issue his final report after consideration of the results of the public consultation on the proposed modifications to the Document.

On a show of hands the amendment to the motion was declared lost and it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That the schedule of modifications to the Allocations Submission Document (April 2013) be accepted for consultation as part of the examination process, as set out in the report.
- (2) That, following this consultation, the representations received will be sent to the Planning Inspector to be considered before he finalises his report on the soundness of the Allocations Document. (HPT)

(Note: Cllrs C I Black, Mrs D Hoy, M Hoy, Mrs C M Mason, J R F Mason and R A Oatham wished it to be recorded that they had voted in favour of the proposed amendment to the motion, but against the above decision.)

240 HOCKLEY AREA ACTION PLAN – RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS

Council considered the report of the Head of Planning and Transportation setting out a schedule of modifications to the Hockley Area Action Plan (HAAP) submitted for examination, prepared in response to the Planning Inspector's suggested modifications contained within his interim report on the soundness of the Plan.

On a motion moved by Cllr K J Gordon and seconded by Cllr M J Steptoe it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That the schedule of modifications to the HAAP Submission Document (November 2012) be accepted for consultation as part of the examination process, as set out in the report.
- (2) That, following this consultation, the representations received will be sent to the Planning Inspector to be considered before he finalises his report on the soundness of the HAAP. (HPT)

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

Chairman

Date

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