

## **Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 19 March 2003**

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee** held on **19 March 2003** when there were present:-

Cllr P A Capon (Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs R Brown (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr C I Black  
Cllr C A Hungate

Cllr P K Savill  
Cllr P F A Webster

### **SUBSTITUTES**

Cllr D F L Flack

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT**

S Scrutton	Head of Planning Services
A Bugeja	Head of Legal Services
A Meddle	Team Leader, Local Plans
S Worthington	Committee Administrator

### **137 ESSEX & SOUTHEND REPLACEMENT STRUCTURE PLAN REVIEW – CONSULTATION ON OPTIONS**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services which provided details of an options consultation document on a replacement for the Essex and Southend Structure Plan, looking ahead to 2021.

Members believed that paragraph 7.1 of the report should be reworded to appropriately reflect this Committee's lack of support for Growth Futures 2, 3 and 4. On a motion moved by Cllr P F A Webster, amended by Cllr C I Black and seconded by Cllr C A Hungate it was:-

**Recommended** to the Environmental Services Committee:-

That paragraph 7.1 be reworded as follows:-

“It is proposed that the County Council and Southend be informed that Rochford opposes Futures 2, 3 and 4. The environmental impact of these on the District would be very significant indeed. Furthermore, Rochford District should not be the repository for housing for Southend.” (HPS)

While Members believed that this Council's response should also address the issue of any proposed outer bypass road for the Southend area running through this District, it was felt, on balance, that the matter should be deferred to a future meeting of this Committee at such time that the County Council's policy with

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respect to a new bypass was known.

On a motion moved by Cllr P F A Webster and seconded by Cllr C A Hungate it was:-

### **Resolved**

That any discussion by this Committee on the proposed new bypass for Southend be deferred until such time as County Council policy is determined. (HPS)

Concluding the discussion, it was further:-

**Recommended** to the Environmental Services Committee:-

That, subject to the comments from Members above, this report forms the basis of the Council's response to the consultation document on the replacement Essex and Southend Structure Plan 2001-2021. (HPS)

### **138 ROCHFORD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN – POLLUTION**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services which sought Members' views on a new chapter to be included in the First Deposit Draft of the Replacement Local Plan. The Plan would replace the existing Rochford District Local Plan First Review, and provide a policy basis for the control of development in the District up to 2011.

**Recommended** to the Environmental Services Committee:-

That the Committee approves the contents of the proposed Pollution chapter, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes, for inclusion in the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan. (HPS)

### **139 REPLACEMENT LOCAL PLAN – MONITORING**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services which sought Members' views on a new chapter to be included in the First Deposit Draft of the Replacement Local Plan.

**Recommended** to the Environmental Services Committee:-

That the draft monitoring chapter, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes, be approved for inclusion in the Replacement Local Plan. (HPS)

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### **140 ROCHFORD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN – UTILITIES, HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services which sought Members' views on a new chapter to be included in the First Deposit Draft of the Replacement Local Plan.

Members believed that paragraph 10.4 of the draft new chapter should be re-worded to take account of the fact that surface water discharges from newly developed sites could be too great for existing water courses to handle.

Similarly, with respect to paragraph 10.7, Members believed that surface water drainage systems should be effective and sustainable in the long term to prevent occurrences of silting.

#### **Resolved**

That Officers consult with the Environment Agency about appropriate wording for chapters 10.4 and 10.7 for consideration by the Environmental Services Committee in April. (HPS)

Members were also concerned that paragraph 10.36 made no provision for permanent, rather than temporary, classrooms to be linked to major new developments.

#### **Resolved**

That an amendment addressing the issue of permanent classroom provision with respect to major new developments be considered at the next meeting of the Environmental Services Committee. (HPS)

Concluding the discussion, it was:-

**Recommended** to the Environmental Services Committee:-

That, subject to Members' comments above, the Committee approves the contents of the draft Utilities, Healthcare and Social Services Chapter. (HPS)

### **141 ROCHFORD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN – AMENDMENT TO THE LEISURE AND TOURISM CHAPTER**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services which sought Members' views on an amendment to the Leisure and Tourism chapter to be included in the First Deposit Draft of the Replacement Local Plan.

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**Recommended** to the Environmental Services Committee:-

That draft Policy LT22 be omitted from the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan.

### **142 ROCHFORD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN – PROPOSALS MAPS**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services which sought Members' views on the proposals maps to be included in the First Deposit Draft of the Replacement Local Plan.

**Recommended** to the Environmental Services Committee:-

That the Committee approves the Proposals Maps, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes, for inclusion in the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan. (HPS)

### **143 REPLACEMENT LOCAL PLAN – SPG6 MOBILITY STANDARDS FOR NEW HOUSING**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services which sought Members' views on new supplementary planning guidance to be included in the First Deposit Draft of the Replacement Local Plan.

**Recommended** to the Environmental Services Committee:-

That the Committee approves the contents of the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance for Mobility Standards in New Housing, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes. (HPS)

### **144 REPLACEMENT LOCAL PLAN – SPG7 DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR CONSERVATION AREAS**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services which sought Members' views on new supplementary planning guidance to be included in the First Deposit Draft of the Replacement Local Plan.

**Recommended** to the Environmental Services Committee:-

That the Committee approves the contents of the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance for Design Guidelines in Conservation Areas, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes. (HPS)

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**145 REPLACEMENT LOCAL PLAN – LPSPG8 SHOP FRONTS – SECURITY & DESIGN**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services which sought Members' views on new supplementary planning guidance to be included in the First Deposit Draft of the Replacement Local Plan.

**Recommended** to the Environmental Services Committee:-

That the Committee approves the contents of the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance for Shop Fronts – Security & Design, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes. (HPS)

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Chairman .....

Date .....