

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

9th October 2008

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Bladen (Chairman), Councillor Ford (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Mrs. Patten, Stanton, Timms and Watson.

Labour Group

Councillors Mrs. Lane, Rhind, Southerd, Taylor and Tilley.

Independent Member

Councillor Mrs. Brown

In Attendance

Councillors Jones and Mrs. Wheeler (Conservative Group) and Councillors Lane and Richards (Labour Group).

EDS/20. **MINUTES**

The Open and Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th August 2008 were taken as read, approved as true records and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/21. **DRAFT EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY – SECRETARY OF STATE’S PROPOSED CHANGES**

A report was submitted advising Members of the publication of the Secretary of State’s (SoS) modifications to the draft East Midlands Regional Plan (RSS), and to formulate a response.

The background to the RSS was given, and it was confirmed that this would set out the broad development strategy for the East Midlands, and the sub-areas within it, for the twenty-five year period 2001-2026. The draft RSS was published for public consultation in September 2006. A public examination took place between May and July 2007, and the Panel subsequently recommended the set of changes to the SoS. The SoS had now considered the Panel’s Report and published ‘Proposed Changes’ to the draft RSS. Comments were required to be submitted to the Government Office for the East Midlands by 17th October 2008, and it was noted that the consultation only related to the ‘Proposed Changes’, rather than those parts of the plan which were unchanged since it was consulted upon in 2006.

The report detailed the main Proposed Changes, which affected the District, together with recommended responses for the Government Office. Responses were given on the following sections:

- Policy 2 – Promoting Better Design.
- Policy 3 - Concentrating Development in Urban Areas.
- Policy 12 – Development in the Three Cities Area.
- Policy 13 – Regional Housing Provision.
- Policy 14 – Affordable Housing.

- Policy 16 – Provision for Gypsies and Travellers.
- Policy 17 – Managing the Release of Land for Housing and Three Cities Policy SRS3 – Housing Provision.
- Policy 21 – Strategic Distribution.

Members were given the opportunity of considering each response, and alternative wording was requested for one item. The item to be amended was Policy 21 and it was suggested that the wording be amended as follows:

Priority should be given to sites, which could be:

- a) served by a rail freight and operate as inter-modal terminals, and
- b) provide good access to the strategic highway network and to appropriate points on the trunk road network, thus avoiding use of local roads.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Secretary of State's Proposed Changes to the proposed draft Regional Plan be noted.***
- (2) That the suggested responses as set out in the report, listed at Appendix 1, subject to an amendment of wording of Policy 21, be submitted to the Government Office for the East Midlands.***

EDS/22.**WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were asked to consider the updated work programme and review it's content where appropriate. An update was given on proposed Spatial Strategy Reports.

A question was asked with regards to the proposed report on Parking Orders, and it was requested that the District Council continue to look into the issue of cars for sale being parked on grass verges. It was also raised that a police car was regularly parked on the grass verge outside the police station on Civic Way.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee approves the updated work programme.

J. BLADEN

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.30 p.m.