

MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING
of the SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on 13th June 2016
at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Stanton (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Mrs Brown, Mrs Coe, Coe, Mrs Coyle, Mrs Farrington, Ford, Grant, Mrs Hall, Harrison, Hewlett, MacPherson, Muller, Mrs Patten, Mrs Plenderleith, Roberts, Smith, Swann, Watson, Wheeler and Mrs Wyatt.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Chahal, Dunn, Dr Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Mrs Stuart and Taylor.

CL/28 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Atkin, Murray (Conservative Group) and Southerd, Tilley and Wilkins (Labour Group).

CL/29 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

CL/30 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Chief Executive made reference to the EU Referendum, in that 73,000 residents had thus far registered to vote in the District, 13,000 of those for a postal vote. To date, 7,000 postal votes had been received and were currently being processed.

The Chief Executive also referred to the growing recognition the Sainsbury's Waste Less Save More project was attracting, with the Government's Chief Scientific Officer, Sir Ian Boyd, now looking to undertake a fact-finding visit to the District.

CL/31 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council were informed no questions had been received.

CL/32 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council were informed no questions had been received.

Councillor MacPherson joined the Meeting at 6.05pm.

CL/33 **ADOPTION OF SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LOCAL PLAN PART 1**

The Chief Executive introduced the report to Council, confirming that the Local Plan Part 1 had been deemed sound and legally compliant by a Government Inspector.

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to Council, summarising the process to date, including the three modifications as required by the Inspector to ensure the Plan was sound and legally compliant.

Councillor Watson thanked officers for their efforts in completing the comprehensive Local Plan Part 1, an exercise Members had been kept informed of throughout.

Councillor Shepherd acknowledged that this represented the most important item he had dealt with since becoming a Member, but, as voiced before, he and Councillor Chahal considered the development in their area excessive and that other sites could be deemed more suitable. Reference was made to costs incurred by the Council through Planning Appeals and the costs associated with planned road infrastructure projects required in the area. Citing the overdevelopment of the Stenson Fields ward and the inadequate road infrastructure, the Councillor stated that he and Councillor Chahal could not support the recommendations.

Councillor Taylor recognised the efforts made by officers in reaching this point and acknowledged that despite some disagreement and external delays, the focus had remained on realising the Local Plan aims. However, given that the Plan includes sites that are not sustainable and suitable, the Councillor stated that he could not support the Plan in its current form.

Councillor Watson, whilst expressing some disappointment with the previous comments, stated that the Local Plan Part 1 was an accurate consensus of public, officer and Member views, adding that if the Plan was not accepted, there would be a need to start the process again. .

In line with the Council's Procedure Rules, Members requested a recorded vote on this matter.

The Members who voted for were: Councillors Billings, Mrs Brown, Mrs Coe, Coe, Mrs Coyle, Mrs Farrington, Ford, Grant, Mrs Hall, Harrison, Hewlett, MacPherson, Muller, Mrs Patten, Mrs Plenderleith, Roberts, Smith, Stanton, Swann, Watson, Wheeler and Mrs Wyatt.

The Members who voted against were: Councillors Bambrick, Chahal, Dunn, Dr Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Mrs Stuart and Taylor.

RESOLVED:-

That Council adopt the Local Plan Part 1 2011-2028 incorporating all the main modifications set out by the Inspector and the additional modifications proposed by the Council including any consequential and other appropriate alterations for the purposes of clarification or typographical corrections.

CL/34 DRAFT SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LOCAL PLAN PART 2

Councillor Taylor outlined his broadly positive view of the Local Plan Part 2, particularly in that it allows an opportunity for some villages to grow. However, the Councillor expressed concern regarding the Woodville site, given the current congestion around the Tollgate Island area and the seemingly diminishing prospect of the Woodville Regeneration Scheme proceeding.

Furthermore, Councillor Taylor referred to Local Green Spaces and queried how such areas are defined and defended, a point responded to by the Planning Policy Manager.

Councillor Watson reminded Members that the recommendation was to endorse for consultation, not approve the Local Plan Part 2 and that a working party would regularly report to the Environmental and Development Services Committee with updates. The first consultation had generated over 2,000 comments which had been registered from 318 parties. The Councillor also referred to the educational responsibility on Derbyshire County Council to notify the Council of a location for an 800 place secondary school.

RESOLVED:-

That Council endorse the publication of the Draft Local Plan Part 2 (Appendix A) for the purposes of public consultation.

CL/35 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**RESOLVED:-**

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as indicated in the reports of Committees.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NUMBER 11

Council were informed that no questions had been received.

The Meeting terminated at 6.45pm

COUNCILLOR M STANTON

VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL