



Cabinet 17 September 2008

Sustainable Development Panel: 19 August 2008 (Sep 08/07)

Report	Title	Recommendations
Z174	'Building for Life' Policy	<p>(1) The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) 'Building for Life' criteria be used forthwith as a tool for the consideration of the design quality of proposals for new housing schemes in St Edmundsbury; and</p> <p>(2) any housing schemes funded by the Growth Area Fund should meet the 'very good', 'Building for Life' standard.</p> <p><i>(On 14 August 2008, the St Edmundsbury Growth Area Partnership Board also recommended the above for approval, minute 17 refers).</i></p>
Z176	Proposed Second Runway at Stansted Airport	<p>(1) The Borough Council objects to the proposal to construct a second runway at Stansted Airport on the following basis:-</p> <p>(a) that although the existing and potential economic benefits to the Borough, and especially Haverhill, are recognised, the Borough Council remains unconvinced of the need for further expansion over and above the maximum use of one runway;</p> <p>(b) there remains a lack of commitment from the airport operator to create direct and attractive links to the airport from the St Edmundsbury area by public transport and that, should consent be granted for this proposal, there should be a requirement to provide an improved service from the Borough's main towns; and</p> <p>(c) that the Council has already strongly objected to the proposed revisions to airspace recently proposed by National Air Traffic Services (NATS) and, in the case of this proposal, does not believe that sufficient work has been undertaken to assess the capacity of the</p>

		<p>airspace that serves the airport, including the need for additional aircraft holds and the potentially unacceptable impact on the environment and residential amenity of residents of St Edmundsbury.</p> <p>(2) the Borough Council be represented by the officers at the 'called-in' Planning Public Inquiry to present the Council's objections.</p> <p>(3) a letter be written to Stansted Airport requesting an explanation for the recent increase in noise levels in the south of St Edmundsbury.</p>
Z177	Suffolk County Council Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Minerals Specific Site Allocations Submission August 2008	<p>(1) Suffolk County Council be thanked for consulting the Borough Council on its Minerals Specific Site Allocations Submission document; and</p> <p>(2) the suggested responses, contained in paragraph 3.6 of Report Z177, be approved as the Borough Council's formal response to the consultation on the Minerals Specific Site Allocations Submission document.</p>
Z178	Forest Heath Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Final Policy Option Consultation August 2008	<p>Forest Heath District Council be informed that St Edmundsbury Borough Council:-</p> <p>(1) supports the proposed settlement policy that seeks to accommodate the majority of new housing development in the market towns and key service centres as detailed in paragraph 2.5 of Report Z178;</p> <p>(2) supports the use of the joint Employment Land Review to inform the District Council's employment policy; and</p> <p>(3) seeks more evidence that the proposed retail floorspace requirements will not have a detrimental impact on the retail economy of towns in St Edmundsbury.</p>