



Cabinet 26 May 2010

Recommendations from Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party: 11 May 2010 (Jun10/06)

Chairman of the Working Party: Councillor Robert Everitt

1. Replacement Local Plan – Policy BSE3: Suffolk Business Park, Moreton Hall, Bury St Edmunds. Approval of Masterplan (Report A676)

RECOMMENDED:- That, subject to full Council approval:-

the masterplan for the development of Suffolk Business Park and the Eastern Relief Road, Bury St Edmunds, attached as Appendix B of Report A676, be adopted as non-statutory planning guidance.

Land East of Suffolk Business Park, Bury St Edmunds is allocated for development in the Replacement Local Plan. The Local Plan states that development cannot proceed until masterplans have been adopted for both sites and these are to be informed by concept statements. A draft masterplan was prepared by consultants on behalf of one of the major landowners in respect of the land at Suffolk Business Park. Public consultation took place in January and February 2010 and the masterplan has been amended in the light of the comments received.

Officers are satisfied that the masterplan and the proposals within it, have been prepared in accordance with the adopted Replacement Borough Local Plan and the protocol for preparing masterplans and should be adopted as non-statutory planning guidance.

2. Engineering Services Works Programme (Report A677)

RECOMMENDED:- That,

- (1) the changes to the management of parking in parts of Queen's Road and York Road, as set out in section 3.2 of Report A677, be approved; and***
- (2) the outcome of the recent consultation with the local community in Risbygate Street/St Andrews Street North be noted and the proposal for a way forward as detailed at paragraph 4.3 of Report A677 be approved.***

The Working Party considered highway schemes within Bury St Edmunds, namely:-

- (1) Highways maintenance capital programme 2010/2011;
- (2) Traffic Management programme for the next few months;
- (3) integrated transport and safety programme of works;
- (4) proposals for changes to the parking arrangements in the Queen's Road/York Road area; and
- (5) the outcome of consultation with community in Risbygate Street/St Andrews Street North.

3. Temporary Park and Ride Site: Rougham Airfield (Report A678)

RECOMMENDED:-

That, the initiative to provide a temporary park and ride site at Rougham Airfield, as outlined in Report A678, be agreed in principle, subject to Suffolk County Council funding being available, additional negotiations and the necessary planning consent.

To cope with periods of exceptional demand for car parking in Bury St Edmunds, such as the immediate pre-Christmas weekends, the Borough Council has been operating temporary park and ride sites for a number of years. This type of operation is especially important during the Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre, when very large numbers of visitors are attracted to the town. Although many arrive by coach from across the country, 160 last year, many others arrive by car. To cater with this demand in 2009, temporary park and ride sites were operated from both Olding Road and the Moreton Hall area. The car parking at Moreton Hall area relies on the goodwill of local businesses to make their car parks available and in consequence is only available at the weekend, similarly the car park at Olding Road supporting West Suffolk House is also unavailable on a Friday. Also, the available car parking at Moreton Hall and Olding Road were under pressure on the Saturday of the last Christmas Fayre.

To address the need for the park and ride to operate for all three days of the Christmas Fayre and to be of sufficient capacity an alternative solution has been investigated. Initial discussions have been held with the owners of the Rougham Airfield to accommodate a temporary park and ride facility in this area.