



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

D334

Cabinet 27 March 2013

Recommendations from the Sustainable Development Working Party: 12 March 2013 (Mar13/08)

Cabinet Members:
Cllrs Terry Clements; and
Peter Stevens

Chairman of the Working Party:
Cllr Terry Clements

1. Draft East Cambridgeshire Local Plan - Consultation **(Report D322)**

RECOMMENDED:

That East Cambridgeshire District Council be thanked for consulting the Borough Council on the draft Local Plan, and that the content of paragraphs 4.1 to 4.9 of Report D322 form the basis of the Council's response to the consultation.

Report D322 advised that East Cambridgeshire District Council was consulting on a draft Local Plan. As a neighbouring local planning authority, the Borough Council is a statutory consultee for the plan.

The report, which summarises the main content of the draft Local Plan, concludes that the content of the draft East Cambridgeshire Local Plan is unlikely to have any significant detrimental impact on the economy and environment of St Edmundsbury. It is therefore considered that no objections be made, other than requesting a potential amendment to ensure that the implementation of strategic green infrastructure projects has regard to the strategies of neighbouring districts, in order that a cohesive approach to delivery can be sought.

2. Developing a West Suffolk Contaminated Land Strategy **(Report D323)**

RECOMMENDED:

That the proposed West Suffolk Contaminated Land Strategy presented at Appendix 1 to Report D323 be approved for stakeholder consultation.

Report D323 advised that, in order to achieve a shared approach to policy and service delivery for the people of West Suffolk and meet statutory obligations under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Forest Heath District Council (FHDC) and St Edmundsbury Borough Council (SEBC) has developed a draft West Suffolk Contaminated Land Strategy. This will be subject to stakeholder consultation, and once adopted, will replace the two Councils' current strategies.

West Suffolk is generally fortunate to have experienced relatively little historical land use which has led to land becoming so damaged as to pose a serious threat to health or the environment, so cases which require significant involvement from the Borough Council are rare. Nevertheless, contaminated land is frequently reported to the Council through the planning process or direct to Environmental Health, and in each case a proportional approach is taken based on risk.

The proposed joint Strategy forms part of a framework affecting the quality and use of land locally, and complements planning policies contained in the Local Development Framework (Vision 2031).