



St Edmundsbury  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# D376

## Cabinet 15 May 2013

### Vision 2031: Recommendations from the Sustainable Development Working Party: 14 May 2013 (May13/01)

**Cabinet Members:**  
Cllrs Terry Clements; and  
Peter Stevens

**Chairman of the Working Party:**  
Cllr Terry Clements

#### 1. Vision 2031 – Submission Version Consultation (Report D371)

**RECOMMENDED:**

***That, subject to the approval of full Council, the recommendations of the Rural Area Working Party, Haverhill Area Working Party and Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party relating to the Vision 2031 Submission Version documents, as set out in Appendix A to Report D371, and the proposed minor amendments to the draft documents arising from the aforementioned Working Party meetings or identified by officers, as set out in Appendix B to Report D371, be approved, subject to:***

- (i) the wording contained in Paragraph 6.1 of the draft Haverhill Vision Infrastructure Delivery Plan, contained in Appendix 9 to Report D368, to include reference to the ambition to facilitate a rail link for Haverhill.***

Since early 2011 the Council has been preparing three Vision documents for the Borough that will provide both a planning and service delivery strategy for the period to 2031. In 2011 consultation took place on Issues to be considered in the documents and in 2012 consultation on the first draft Vision 2031 documents took place, following consideration by Members and approval to consult. Following the 2012 round of consultation, the draft documents have been revised to take into account comments received and to include updated information.

Due to the location specific nature of the Vision 2031 documents and their wider than planning policy content, the final draft documents have been considered by the respective Area Working Parties. Members of the Sustainable Development Working Party have received copies of the papers for these Working Party meetings and at its meeting on 14 May 2013, considered all three Vision 2031 documents.

In addition, as detailed in Appendix A to Report D371, the Sustainable Development Working Party considered the revised recommendations to the Rural Area Working Party meeting held on 7 May 2013 (in relation to the Rural Vision 2031 document), the Haverhill Area Working Party meeting held on 9 May 2013 (in relation to the Haverhill Vision 2031 document) and the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party meeting held on 13 May 2013 (in relation to the Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 document). A further attachment, at Appendix B to Report D371, provided details of proposed amendments to the draft documents which have arisen as a result of consideration by the Area Working Parties. In addition, minor changes and corrections have been identified by officers since the publication of all the Working Party papers which were also set out in Appendix B.

For ease of reference, Appendices A and B to Report D371 are attached to this report.

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**APPENDIX A  
TO REPORT D371**

**Rural Area Working Party – 8 May 2013**

**Paper D367 – Recommendations**

That

- (1) the Working Party **RECOMMENDS** to Cabinet that the Rural Vision 2031 submission document (Appendix 2), Policies Map Book (Appendix 5), Infrastructure Delivery Plan (Appendix 6), Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix 8), and the Habitat Regulations (Screening) Assessment (Appendix 9) be approved for public consultation.
- (2) the Working Party **notes** the rural site submissions (Appendix 7) and that site SS12.13 has been included in the revised Rural Vision 2031 document, but that SS12.12 and SS12.14 have not been included.
- (3) delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, to make any necessary minor typographical, grammatical or similar textual changes to the draft Rural Vision 2031 submission document prior to publication for consultation purposes.

## Haverhill Area Working Party – 9 May 2013

### Paper D368 – Recommendations

That

- (1) the Working Party **RECOMMENDS** to Cabinet that the Haverhill Vision 2031 submission document (Appendix 2), Policies Map Book (Appendix 6), Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix 7), and the Habitat Regulations (Screening) Assessment (Appendix 8) be approved for public consultation.
- (2) in accordance with the Council's concept statement protocol, the Working Party **RECOMMENDS** to Cabinet that the North East Haverhill Concept Plan (Appendix 5) be adopted.
- (3) the Working Party **RECOMMENDS** to Cabinet that the Draft Haverhill Infrastructure Delivery Plan (Appendix 9) be approved for consultation.
- (4) delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport to make any necessary minor typographical, grammatical or similar textual changes to the draft Haverhill Vision and the Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan prior to publication for consultation purposes.

## **Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party – 13 May 2013**

### **Paper D370 – Recommendations**

That:

- (1) the Working Party **RECOMMENDS** to Cabinet that the Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 submission document (Appendix 2), Policies Maps (Appendix 5), Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix 13), Habitat Regulations (Screening) Assessment (Appendix 14) and Draft Bury St Edmunds Infrastructure Delivery Plan (Appendix 6) be approved for public consultation.
- (2) the Working Party **NOTES** the site submissions (Appendix 7) and that none of these sites have been included in the revised Bury St Edmunds 2031 submission document.
- (3) In accordance with the Council's Concept Statement Protocol, the Working Party **RECOMMENDS** to Cabinet that the Bury St Edmunds Strategic Growth Area Concept Statements (Appendices 8 to 12) are adopted; and
- (4) delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, to make any necessary minor typographical, grammatical or similar textual changes to the draft Bury St Edmunds Vision and the Draft Bury St Edmunds Infrastructure Delivery Plan prior to publication for consultation purposes.

**APPENDIX B  
TO REPORT D371**

**Rural Vision 2031**

**Changes agreed by Rural Area Working Party – 7 May 2013**

| <b>Chapter/paragraph</b> | <b>Change agreed</b>   |
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| 3 – Profile              | Add comparative data for other rural areas in Suffolk where possible.  |
| Para 9.38                | Strengthen paragraph to emphasise that if we cannot demonstrate a 5 year supply of gypsy and traveller sites then we are vulnerable to speculative development                         |
| Para 10.4                | Amend to state that employment in agriculture has declined rather than agriculture itself  |
| Para 3.11                | Describe more fully the value of the historic and natural assets to the area. Add the number of Grade 1 listed buildings and the number of listed buildings on the “at risk” register. |
| New Para 16.12           | Include reference to importance of rural footpaths, bridleways and river paths to providing opportunities for walking and improving health and fitness levels.                         |
| Para 34.5                | Amend to state that Hundon Parish Plan is now complete   |

**Minor Changes proposed by Officers**

| <b>Chapter/Appendix</b>               | <b>Change</b>   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix H) | Two new indicators added to Objective 14 - <i>Effects on reducing contributions to climate change</i> (as a result of the consultation comment on the Bury Vision SA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compliance with Part L of the Building Regulations</li> <li>- Energy-efficiency and other CO<sub>2</sub> reduction projects funded through community infrastructure levy and allowable solutions</li> </ul> |

## Haverhill Vision 2031

### Changes to document following Haverhill Area Working Party 9 May 2013

| Document/page/para number  | Change   |
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| Haverhill Vision 2031, paragraph 15.4 action b                     | Add ' <u>including the pedestrian environment</u> ' to the end of the action to 'Enhance the High Street'. |
| Draft Haverhill Infrastructure Delivery Plan, page 13, 6.3, line 9 | Insert "not" between "could" and "be".   |

### Changes proposed by Officers

| Document/page/para number  | Change  |
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| Haverhill SA (changes made and revised version issued 7.5.13)                  | <p>The corrections were made in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Para 6.23 of the main report</li> <li>- Issue 9 - <i>Rich Archaeology and Cultural Heritage</i> in the Appendix C</li> <li>- Monitoring Framework in the Appendix H</li> </ul> <p>Two new indicators added to Objective 14 - <i>Effects on reducing contributions to climate change</i> (as a result of the consultation comment on the Bury Vision SA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compliance with Part L of the Building Regulations</li> <li>- Energy-efficiency and other CO<sub>2</sub> reduction projects funded through community infrastructure levy and allowable solutions</li> </ul> |
| Paragraph 5.58 to align with change made to the Rural Vision suggested by RAWP | Strengthen paragraph to emphasise that if we cannot demonstrate a 5 year supply of gypsy and traveller sites then we are vulnerable to speculative development  |
| Policy HV11 – for consistency with the Bury St Edmunds document                | <u>Proposals for additional floorspace in excess of 1,000 square metres gross will be required to submit an impact assessment with planning applications. This threshold is set in accordance with the recommendations of the Retail Appraisal and paragraph 26 of the NPPF.</u>  |

| Document/page/para number                    | Change  |
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| Policy HV16                                  | Delete underlining and struck-through text  |
| Draft Haverhill Infrastructure Delivery Plan | <p data-bbox="863 304 1390 398">Insert following paragraph and amend subsequent paragraph numbers accordingly</p> <p data-bbox="863 434 1390 752"><b>6.10 Influencing Travel Choice:</b><br/>In conjunction with physical measures, it is important to provide mechanisms by which people can make a choice of mode of travel. Smarter Choices are techniques for persuading people's travel behaviour towards more sustainable options such as enabling school, workplace and individualised travel planning.</p> <p data-bbox="863 788 1390 1460"><b>6.11</b> The Haverhill Vision 2031 aspiration of creating walkable neighbourhoods that provide attractive routes for short cycling and walking trips provides a mechanism whereby people can have an attractive alternative to the car for some journeys. School and workplace travel plans are further mechanisms where, when successfully implemented, significant reductions can be made to the number of car journeys. Funding of specific infrastructure to support Smarter Choices will require capital funding, whereas the travel planning and provision/promotion of transport services will require revenue support. The estimated cost of this initiative is £200,000 per annum (revenue expenditure) therefore totalling £3.8 million over the period 2012-2031.</p> |



## Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031

### Changes to document following Bury Area Working Party 13 May 2013

No changes resulting from meeting

#### Minor Changes proposed by Officers

| Document/page/para number  | Change   |
|--|--|
| Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031: para 6.53 to align with change made to the Rural Vision suggested by RAWP   | Strengthen paragraph to emphasise that if we cannot demonstrate a 5 year supply of gypsy and traveller sites then we are vulnerable to speculative development   |
| Para 7.25 of the Bury document should be included in the policy text for BV17  | Proposals for additional floorspace in excess of 1,000 square metres gross will be required to submit an impact assessment with planning applications. This threshold is set in accordance with the recommendations of the Retail Appraisal and paragraph 26 of the NPPF.  |
| Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031: Aspirations under action 14 in the Infrastructure section of the document were not included in the document in error. | <p>14h. Address existing areas of flood risk, including the provision of advice to owners of current properties that are at an increased risk of flooding, and adopt flood prevention measures.</p> <p>14i. Work with National Grid to ensure that supply is able to maintain pace with demand.</p> <p>14j. Ensure that any new development makes adequate provision for the sensitive provision of electricity sub-stations to meet demand.</p> <p>14k. Work with Suffolk County Council to ensure that household waste disposal/recycling will meet the needs of the town.</p> <p>14l. Encourage the utility companies to relocate the electricity supply underground beyond the south western strategic site area as a continuance from the development.</p> <p>14m. Promote the importance of waste prevention and, where produced, its segregation.</p> |
| Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031: Action 17 in health and wellbeing section amended for plain English purposes  | 17b exploit advances in technology, <del>both</del> to support elderly people, those with long term conditions, and the wider community;   |

| Document/page/para number   | Change  |
|---|---|
| Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031: Action 24a in Education and Skills amended for consistency with Haverhill document | 24a work with local employers <u>and key partners</u> to improve the information about work received by school pupils, for example through the county council's aspiration escalator model; and         |
| Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031: Action 28a in Town Centre section amended to accord with Haverhill                 | 28a develop the town centre as a destination for shoppers and visitors by maintaining and enhancing the current retail, <del>and</del> leisure <u>and culture</u> offer;                                |
| North-east Bury St Edmunds Concept Statement (Appendix 11) - Plan   | The plan accompanying the concept statement for north-east Bury St Edmunds has been amended to clarify the relationship of the development with existing property in Cattishall and providing a buffer. |

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