

Forest Heath District Council

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Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing and Transport

LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP

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(UPDATE)

JOINT DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES – SUBMISSION VERSION CONSULTATION (Forward Plan Reference JUL 12(a)/03)

Summary and reasons for recommendation(s)

This update report introduces some modest amendments that have been made to Policy DM13 following the original publication of the agenda.

Recommendation(s)

That the Local Plan Working Group resolve to recommend to the Joint Development Management Committee that this document be agreed for public consultation as the Council's 'submission version' joint Development Management Policies Development Plan Document.

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Key issues and Discussion

1. For details and overall recommendation please see the main report.
2. A further amendment is proposed to Policy DM13, as set out in the attached extract from the original document. This removes one paragraph from the policy since the text here is not really worded as policy; merely something the Authority must do, and cannot, as worded, effectively be used to consider a planning application. The paragraph is nonetheless worthy and useful and has therefore been moved to the supporting text to the policy, as additional paragraph 4.8. This addition has therefore required consequential amendments to all the following paragraph numbers in Chapter 4.
3. Further, the following paragraph has been added to Policy DM13, in order to better enable the Authorities to secure funding, where justified, for contributions towards biodiversity improvements.

All new development (excluding minor household applications) will be required to make appropriate contributions through CIL (or S106 agreements prior to 2014), towards management and/or monitoring visitor pressure and urban effects on key biodiversity sites.

4. Finally, it is noted that within Chapter 9 (Horse Racing) there is reference variously, and inconsistently, to 'Training Yards', 'Stable Yards' and 'Racing Yards'. It is proposed to amend the document to apply the term 'Training Yards' consistently since this is the term which is specifically defined in paragraph 9.3 as follows - *'Training yards are enclosed areas containing stable boxes to accommodate racehorses undergoing training and frequently, but not necessarily, are associated with paddocks and other buildings such as a trainer's house, ancillary accommodation for stable lads and other staff and ancillary buildings for storage and ancillary uses required for the operation of the yard'*.
5. The remainder of the document remains as set out in the Working Paper to the main report. It is recommended that Members note these updates in considering the main recommendation set out in the original covering report.

Documents attached

Working Paper 1 – Extract for DM Policies in relation to Policy DM13 and supporting text.