

FOREST HEATH DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP

WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 2014

4.00 PM - 4.22 PM

Members Present

Mrs R E Burt (Chairman)
W J Bishop
W Hirst

R D S Hood
M J Jefferys
T Simmons

Also in attendance

M Magnusson, Planning Officer
B Nicholas, Principal Planner (Conservation & Design)
S Turner, FHDC Cabinet Officer/Committee Administrator

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C F J Lynch and R J Millar.

Councillor W E Sadler was also unable to attend the meeting.

Substitutes

There were no substitutes at the meeting.

SCHEDULE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

	ITEMS OF BUSINESS	RECOMMENDATION
274	<u>SCHEDULE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MEETINGS OF THE LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2013 AND 8 NOVEMBER 2013</u> The schedule of recommendations from the meetings held on 30 October 2013 and 8 November 2013 were received and noted. Councillor W J Bishop wished it to be recorded that he had abstained from voting on this item.	NOTED
275	<u>JOINT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI) - ADOPTION (REPORT NO LOP14/017)</u> The Planning Officer presented this report which explained that the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act required local planning authorities to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement, (SCI), which was essentially a strategy for involving the community in the local plan and planning application processes.	

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	<p>Given the approach to a shared planning service for Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council, it was considered appropriate to have a joint SCI that set out a consistent 'engagement' strategy for application across both authorities.</p> <p>The SCI had been subject to a four week public consultation from 15 October 2013 to 12 November 2013. Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Council Borough Council Officers had considered all of the responses made during this period of consultation, (as set out in Appendix B) and had made consequential amendments to the document in light of these and prior to seeking formal adoption of the SCI, (as set out in Appendix A). Some further amendments were made by Officers post consultation and these were identified at Appendix C.</p> <p>It was recommended that the Joint Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) be adopted, subject to the following amendments:</p> <p>(a) <u>Page 13 – Concept Statements, Masterplans and Development Briefs – Third sentence</u> – the word '<i>normally</i>' to be deleted from this sentence. The sentence to now read:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"These documents will be considered for adoption by the Council and at that time a report of consultation and the changes to the draft document made as a result of the consultation, will also be published."</i></p> <p>(b) <u>Page 15 – 1.4 Our methods for community engagement</u> – The Newmarket Horseman's Group to be included within the harder-to-reach groups within the shared 'Local Plan contact list'.</p> <p>(c) <u>Page 33 – Appendix C: FHDC/SEBC 'Principal Offices' – Forest Heath District</u> – the address for the Brandon Area Office was incorrect, therefore, the address be amended to read:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FHDC Customer Information The Brandon Centre Bury Road Brandon IP27 0BQ</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED</p>

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276	<p data-bbox="277 208 619 241"><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p data-bbox="277 277 906 311">The following item of business was raised:</p> <p data-bbox="277 347 1126 421">(a) <u>Single Issue Review Local Plan Document (SIRLPD)</u></p> <p data-bbox="373 456 1126 629">At the request of Members, the Principal Planner (Conservation & Design) provided an update on the progress with the preparation of the Local Plan consultation documents for the Single Issue Review.</p> <p data-bbox="373 665 1126 987">The Officer confirmed that the consultation was programmed to be undertaken from late February 2014 for an eight week period. However, Officers were currently seeking further advice on the Habitat Regulations Assessment and the Sustainability Appraisal. Once this advice had been received, then the precise date for the commencement of this consultation would be able to be confirmed to Members accordingly.</p>	NOTED