

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, The Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

5 March 2018

commencing at 6.30p.m.

Present:

Councillor Spendlove-Mason (Chairman)

Councillors: Ackerley, Bannister, Bateman, Bilbie, Bowles, Mrs Burrell, Champion, Chapman, Dann, Dunton, Elliott, Evans, Galton, Graves, Hadkiss, Hall, Dr Hill, Holyoak, Johnson, King, Knowles, Modha, Nunn, Mrs. Page, Rickman, Mrs Robinson, Rook, Mrs Simpson, Tomlin and Mrs Wood.

Officers: D. Atkinson, S. Hamilton, B. Jolly, N. Proudfoot, S. Riley, R. Thornhill and V.Wenham

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Beesley-Reynolds, Brodrick, Hallam, Hammond, Liquorish and Pain

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor Nunn declared that she had a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Executive Recommendation – Harborough Local Plan: Submission, through her role at Leicestershire County Council and stated that she had been advised not to take part in the meeting and thereby left the room.

Councillor Galton declared a personal interest in the Executive Recommendation – Harborough Local Plan: Submission. The reason for the declaration of interest is that he is also a County Councillor.

Councillor Dr Hill declared a personal interest in the Executive Recommendation – Harborough Local Plan: Submission. The reason for the declaration of interest is that she is also a County Councillor.

Councillor Mrs Page declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in the Executive Recommendation – Harborough Local Plan: Submission. The reason for the declaration of interest is that she is also a County Councillor.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION – HARBOROUGH LOCAL PLAN: SUBMISSION

The Council considered the Executive Recommendation on the submission of the Harborough Local Plan to Government for Examination and noted the letter submitted from Mrs Shiela Carlton, on behalf of the Magna Park is Big Enough Campaign.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing, Economic Development and Regeneration asked for thanks to be placed on record to all Members of the Planning Advisory Panel, previous Planning Portfolio Holders, Officers from the Strategic Planning team and members of the Corporate Management Team for all the substantial work and effort over the past five years that has produced such a major piece of work for the Authority.

A very comprehensive debate took place and it was acknowledged that there were a number of elements within the Local Plan that Members of Council didn't agree with, in particular regarding the proposed modifications, and specifically the modification relating to GD3.1 Development in the countryside, which would state, "the delivery of strategic distribution development in accordance with Policy BE2.2".

It was moved by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Rickman and

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the Harborough Local Plan 2011 – 2031 be submitted to Government for Examination, along with the associated Policies Map, and relevant supporting evidence and documentation;
- (ii) the Consultation Statement (Appendix A to the report) and Duty to Cooperate Statement (Appendix B to the report) be noted;
- (iv) the appointed Inspector be requested to recommend modifications to the submitted Local Plan, in the event that the Inspector considers that such modifications would make the Plan sound and/or legally compliant;
- (v) authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, in consultation where necessary and expedient with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, to:
 - a) complete any documents required to fulfil the regulatory requirements at Local Plan submission, as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and to meet the best practice advice of the Planning Inspectorate and Planning Advisory Service; and
 - b) agree actions and make decisions that are necessary during the examination to ensure that the Local Plan can be found sound and that any legal compliance issues are resolved; and
 - c) if needed, provide a list of minor changes for publication during the Examination;
 - d) make any inconsequential changes and typographical changes to the submission Local Plan, Policies Map, and other associated documentation that are identified before the date of submission.

At the request of a Member, the vote was recorded:

Recorded vote

For: Cllrs Mrs Ackerley, Bannister, Bateman, Bilbie, Bowles, Champion, Chapman, Dann, Evans, Graves, Hadkiss, Hall, Holyoak, King, Modha, Mrs Page, Rickman, Mrs Robinson, Rook, Tomlin and Mrs Wood (21)

Against: Cllr Dunton (1)

Abstention: Cllrs Mrs Burrell, Elliott, Galton, Dr Hill, Johnson, Knowles, Mrs Simpson and Spendlove-Mason (8)

It was moved by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Rickman and

RESOLVED that:

(iii) the schedule of modifications to the Local Plan (Appendix C of the report) be agreed;

At the request of a Member, the vote was recorded:

Recorded vote

For: Cllrs Mrs Ackerley, Bannister, Bateman, Bilbie, Bowles, Champion, Dann, Evans, Graves, Hadkiss, Hall, Holyoak, King, Modha, Rickman, Rook, Tomlin and Mrs Wood (18)

Against: Cllrs Dunton, Johnson, Mrs Page and Mrs Robinson (4)

Abstention: Cllrs Mrs Burrell, Chapman, Elliott, Galton, Dr Hill, Knowles, Mrs Simpson and Spendlove-Mason (8)

Summary of Reasons

1. Work on preparing the Harborough Local Plan 2011 – 2031 (the Local Plan) is now at an advanced stage. In September 2017 Members agreed to publish the Local Plan for public consultation. This consultation is now complete and the main issues raised are summarised below.
- 2 It is considered that the responses received to the consultation do not raise any issues of soundness that cannot be resolved during the Local Plan Examination. As such the Executive is advised to recommend to Council that the Local Plan be submitted to Government for Examination.
- 3 The Local Plan is based on a significant amount of evidence which underpins its policies and proposals. This evidence was prepared taking into account the current national, sub-regional and local planning context. It is therefore important that the Local Plan is submitted, before the value of that investment declines with the passage of time and the publishing of new material by others that could undermine it.

URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

The Meeting ended at 7.25 pm