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Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel

Meeting Notes

**Council Chamber, The Symington Building,
Adam & Eve Street, Market Harborough**

Wednesday 4th November 2015

Commencing: 2.00 pm

Councillors Present: Holyoak, King (Chair), Mrs Page, Rickman & Tomlin.

Officers Present: D. Atkinson (DA), H. Chadwick (HC) & S. Pointer (SP).

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Councillors Galton and Dr Hill.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that Councillors Galton and Dr Hill had requested that the date of this meeting be changed as it clashed with another meeting they had. It had not been possible to change the date and no substitute members had been arranged.</p> <p>It was noted that Councillor Rickman had replaced Councillor Hall as a member of the Panel for the remainder of the 2015/16 year.</p>	
<p>2. Notes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2015 were agreed as a correct record with the addition of Councillor Rickman as a substitute for Councillor Hall and signed by the Chairman</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising</p> <p>It was noted that the date of the public surgery at Kibworth on the Engagement and Communication Plan had been brought forward a week in September and that the green Wedge review had been included in the Work Programme.</p>	
<p>4. Local Plan Options Consultation - verbal report</p> <p>SP presented a verbal report on the consultation on the Local Plan options which ended on 30th October 2015. Approximately 570 individual responses had been received, including 390 on line and 260 either by email or hard copy. A total of 2,757 individual points had been made and it was anticipated this would rise to 5,000 once all responses had been collated. A petition had also been received, containing 111 names, in support of the designation of Great Easton as a selected rural village.</p> <p>Members stated that they had received concerns from members of the public who had not found the Planning Portal easy to use and had chosen to use other methods for response. DA had been asked to look into this issue and to report to the Panel regarding consultation on the next phase of the Local Plan.</p> <p>Information on the geographical spread of responses would be presented in the</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>SP</p>

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detailed report to a future meeting of the Panel.

A petition from Kibworth had been considered by full Council on 2nd November 2015 and referred to the Panel. It would be considered by the Panel on 9th December, along with a report from Legal officers which would detail the context of the issues raised in the petition. DA

The Strategic Planning and Housing Manager indicated that he had accepted an invitation to attend a public meeting arranged by Lutterworth Town Council to inform the public about their response to the Options consultation, although officers had not attended other public meetings arranged by local Councils.

The Panel noted the update on the Local Plan Options consultation.

5. Renewable Energy Policy

SP presented a report indicating the need to undertake detailed work on areas identified as suitable for large scale wind turbines in the Local Plan policy following a statement from the Secretary of State in June 2013, which had resource implications. It was anticipated that the identification of suitable sites would be completed in February 2016 to feed into the draft Local Plan.

The Panel suggested that a short consultation might be undertaken once a scope had been agreed and that the sensitivity of sites, landscape impact and cumulative impact should be taken into account. SP indicated that the current work programme would not allow for any further public consultation on this matter. Members asked that all forms of renewable energy (not just wind turbines) should be considered. It was suggested that cross-border sites should also be considered. DA stated that it was hoped to create the criteria for a flexible policy in the Local Plan taking into account those issues. SP

The Panel noted the additional work requirements listed in the report and the proposals for carrying out the work.

6. Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on Planning Obligations

SP informed the Panel that 228 responses had been received to the public consultation on the Draft SPD which had ended on 30th September 2015. The key points were summarised in the report. Some issues, such as speeding up the planning obligation process, were national issues. Officers considered that a number of points raised warranted further consideration and, if taken further, would require amendment to the draft document. Members indicated that they would like to see the actual responses rather than a summary of them. SP

Members asked if a further report could be brought to a subsequent meeting of the Panel prior to consideration by Executive. SP

Members asked for a briefing note regarding the Planning and Housing Bill. SP

There was some discussion on how Ward Members could be involved in pre-application discussions and a request that this be considered by officers. DA

DA stated that work was underway to see the extent to which the Development Management Review report had been implemented. DA

The Panel noted the areas of comment received and that the final SPD would be reported to the Executive in February 2016 for adoption. SP

7. Market Harborough Transport Strategy

SP presented a report on the Market Harborough Transport Strategy, which had

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been considered the day before this meeting by the Harborough Highways Partnership. A project group had been formed and would meet in November.

The Panel stated that HDC had made a total contribution of £100,000 to the project and that there was some Section 106 funding available for project works.

It was noted that there were practical difficulties with respect to the suggested A508/A6 connection. It was also noted that LCC had no costed schemes for Market Harborough "on the shelf."

The Strategy would concentrate on Market Harborough, with work with Lutterworth and Kibworth being carried out through the Local Plan process.

The Panel noted the progress on the Strategy.

8. Lubenham Neighbourhood Development Plan – Pre-submission Consultation

SP reported that the consultation on Lubenham Parish Council had just started announced a six week consultation on the pre-submission of their draft Neighbourhood Plan. The closing dates for comments was 27th November 2015, with comments being sent direct to the Parish Council. The officers would consult with the Portfolio Holder to finalise the response to the Neighbourhood Plan. SP

The Panel noted the consultation.

9. Dates of Future Meetings

- 9 December 2015
- 13 January 2016

Members asked that the draft Local Plan information be sent to the Panel in the build up to the pre-submission dates. SP

Officers were asked to send out information in the next week, if possible, on the workshops on 20th January and 20th April 2016. SP

The meeting closed at 3.55p.m.

..... Chairman

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