

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting held: 5th July 2017

Present: Councillor Mike Tebbutt (Chair)
Councillor Linda Adams, Duncan Bain, Ash Davies and
Mark Rowley and Jan Smith

17.PP.01 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cedwien Brown, Ruth Groome and Ian Jelley.

17.PP.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

17.PP.03 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Policy Committee held on 19th April be approved and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendment to Minute No.16.PP.34 in relation to Newton:-

“RESOLVED that site RA/130 be recommended for future investigation for housing allocation in the draft plan”

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Policy Committee held on 25th April be approved and signed by the Chair.

17.PP.04 SITE SPECIFIC PART 2 LOCAL PLAN – RURAL AREA

A report was submitted which updated Members of the initial draft text covering the Rural Area, for inclusion in the emerging Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan, and for Members to comment on the draft text covering the Rural Area as outlined in Section 3 of the report.

The report was updated at the meeting in respect of Paragraph 2.4, and it was noted that the residual requirement to allocate land to meet the JCS requirement was 140 dwellings.

Members were reminded that it had been recommended at the meeting on 19th April that prior to concluding on the suitability of sites for allocation in Broughton, Cranford, Geddington, Newton and Stoke Albany, further work was required on a number of outstanding matters. It was noted that since this meeting officers had been progressing with this work in consultation with statutory undertakers, but some matters were still outstanding in relation to technical surveys and other information required. These sites would be reported back to Members as soon as possible.

Discussion was then held on the Rural Area Chapter, recognising that in the case of Broughton a draft neighbourhood plan had been published for consultation. An errata sheet to Appendix 3 was circulated at the meeting, as was a summary of Appendix 4 which had been reproduced in tabular form to aid debate on individual villages.

Members commented as follows:-

Braybrooke

It was pointed out that the school was no longer in existence. The plan should be amended to reflect the site under construction, together with a planning application reference number.

Cranford

Mr Stephen Pickard attended the meeting and addressed the Committee under the Council's Right to Speak Policy.

Mr Pickard stressed that he was speaking in a private capacity, and sought reassurance that the 2015 desktop survey options would be complemented by a site visit in respect of a property he owned. This property was now deemed to be outside the village boundary. He asked that a site visit be carried out before

a final decision was made.

In response it was noted that officers were aware of potential omissions and were keen to ensure a consistent approach. Arrangements were to be made to look into any anomalies before site investigations later this year which would take place before the document was published for consultation.

In respect of the Old Rectory, which appeared to be not fully included within the boundary, it was noted that because potential applications were not yet approved, plans would be brought back to members before the final plan was published for consultation, taking into account any new planning permissions.

Harrington

Officers were requested to check the boundaries.

Mawsley

Playing fields should be included in the future options paper.

In summary, members were advised that playing fields and open spaces would be surveyed as part of a recreation and playing fields study. Discussion was held on private provision of outdoor gyms and playgrounds by local companies promising grants and it was agreed that officers would flag this practice up with Community Services to ensure they were aware of this.

Members stressed that open spaces should be protected from development and it was noted that officers were looking at tightening-up this element and finding a solution in consultation with Environmental Care, but any land in private ownership would be subject to planning permission for any proposed development.

Officers were thanked for the quality of the report.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the update on the development of the Rural Area chapter and named villages be noted; and
- (ii) comments made on the initial draft text covering the Rural Area be developed further, for inclusion in the emerging draft Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan and published for consultation purposes.

17.PP.05 **AGREEMENT TO REMOVE THE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ALLOCATIONS POLICY FROM THE SITE SPECIFIC PART 2 LOCAL PLAN**

A report was submitted which sought Members' approval to remove the matter of the allocation of land for gypsy and travellers' accommodation from the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan, and prepare for this topic to be considered through a standalone Development Plan document.

RESOLVED that the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Policy be removed from the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan and that it be progressed as a standalone Development Plan document.

(The meeting started at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.40 pm)

Signed
Chair

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