



Minutes

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date:	Wednesday, 30 November 2016
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee Members:	Councillor Trevor Fiddler (Chairman) Councillor Richard Redcliffe (Vice- Chairman) Councillors Julie Brickles, Peter Collins, Michael Cornah, Neil Harvey, Barbara Nash, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, Ray Thomas.
Officers Present:	Paul Walker, Mark Evans, Julie Glaister, Eddie Graves, Sara Jones, Stephen Smith, Lyndsey Lacey-Simone.
Other Attendees:	2 members of the public were in attendance.

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Development Management Committee held on 2 November 2016 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 25:

Councillor Ray Thomas for Councillor Christine Akeroyd.

Councillor Julie Brickles for Councillor Jan Barker.

Councillor Peter Collins for Councillor Heather Speak.

Decision Items

4. Submission of the Fylde Local Plan to the Secretary of State

By way of introduction, the Chairman, Councillor Trevor Fiddler stated that the Fylde Local Plan process had been a long and sinuous journey. He added that the Local Plan had been subject to six separate rounds of consultation in order to reach the current stage and once adopted, the plan will give greater certainty as to where development will take place and where not, and to the types of development that will be considered acceptable.

The Chairman then invited Eddie Graves (Planning Policy Officer) to the table to present the comprehensive report on the submission of the Fylde Local Plan to the Secretary of State. In doing so, Mr Graves referred members to a Late Observation (previously circulated) that had been received from Highways England. He explained that this related to a minor factual correction to paragraph 12.31 which was considered acceptable and helpful clarification, the changes were recommended as additional items for inclusion within Appendix B, the Schedule of Proposed Minor Modifications.

Further to the above, Mr Graves went on to refer to the various stages of the Plan process, consultation arrangements and the associated examination of the soundness of the plan. He also highlighted the important timelines for submission of the relevant documents.

Mr Graves reminded members that consultation on the Publication Version Local Plan was approved at the Fylde Council Development Management Committee meeting of 15th June 2016 and the subsequent consultation was undertaken from 11th August to 22nd September 2016. He added that the consultation elicited responses from 71 individuals, landowners, councils and other consultees.

Members were advised that the next stage of the process is the submission by the Council to the Secretary of State of the Local Plan, the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, the accompanying technical reports and the documents set out in Appendices A and B to the report. Following submission, an Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State, to carry out an Examination in Public, anticipated for February 2017 onwards. Final adoption of the Local Plan would follow in late spring 2017.

The following appendices were made available to members: Included at Appendix A of the report was the 'Statement of Regulation 20 Consultation' which provided a summary of the responses received together with the Council's draft comment on each, and a summary of the main issues. Also, a separate Schedule of Proposed Minor Modifications to the Fylde Publication Version Local Plan was included at Appendix B of the report. These were draft minor edits proposed by the Council, arising from representations made in the latest consultation. Mr Graves stated that these would be considered by the Inspector alongside the Plan following submission.

Various members commented and/or sought clarification on different aspects of the report including: robustness of the Local Plan; ability for developers to seek planning permission on sites not identified in the Local Plan; 'Duty to Co-operate' with neighbouring authorities on housing related matters; potential additional sites for gypsy and traveller accommodation; primary and secondary school provision, with particular reference to Wesham, alongside the need to ensure on-going dialog with the County Council regarding school provision generally, and the proposed defending arrangements for the Local Plan at the Inquiry. These were addressed in turn by the appropriate officer.

Following a detailed debate and consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED:

1. That the Publication Version Local Plan, Policies Map and all necessary accompanying documents be submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination.
2. That the Statement of Regulation 20 Consultation and the Schedule of Proposed Minor Modifications to the Fylde Publication Version Local Plan be approved for submission incorporating the changes detailed in the late item and added to the items listed in 1 above.

3. That the surplus words “help mitigate the impact of the potential job losses at the Warton base and the wider impact this will have on the Lancashire economy.” (Appendix B - paragraph 9.28 refers) be deleted.
4. To make appropriate arrangements to seek an urgent meeting with Lancashire County Council Education Authority with regard to the provision of primary and secondary schools within the borough.
5. That in connection with 4 above, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor Liz Oades together with County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson (Portfolio holder for Children, Young People and Schools) and appropriate officers be invited to attend.
6. To pass on the committee’s thanks and appreciation to all the key officers involved in the preparation of the Local Plan for their due diligence and hard work.

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