

Decision by Portfolio Holder



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**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Planning and Governance

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Subject: Epping Forest District Council's Response to Lee Valley Regional Park Authority's Park Development Framework Draft Strategic Policies and Draft Amended Proposals for Areas 6, 7 and 8 Consultation.

Decision:

To confirm the District Council's response to Lee Valley Regional Park Authority's Park Development Framework Draft Strategic Policies and Draft Amended Proposals for Areas 6, 7 and 8 Consultation.

- a) to support the overall approach of the proposals in the context of the statutory functions of the Park Authority i.e. in relation to (i) sport and recreation, (ii) leisure, (iii) education, and (iv) landscape, heritage and nature conservation.
- b) To express concern regarding the possible extent of new building in the Green Belt but to recognise the Local Planning Authority's role in managing such development and responding to applications within the national policy context.
- c) To express concern regarding the proposed approach to glasshouse development in the Park but to recognise the Local Authority's role in managing such development and responding to applications within the national and local policy context together with the Councils' aim to support the vitality and expansion of protected horticulture in the District.
- d) To express concern regarding the desire to ultimately remove valuable industrial and commercial uses from the Park, and the Councils' aim to protect employment uses in the District.

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I have read and approve/ do not approve (delete as appropriate) the above decision: Comments/further action required:	
Signed: Cllr J Philip	Date: 8 th June 2018
<i>Non-pecuniary interest declared by Portfolio Holder/ conflict of non-pecuniary interest declared by any other consulted Cabinet Member:</i> None	<i>Dispensation granted by Standards Committee:</i> Yes/No or n/a N/A
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Reason for decision:

This report sets out the District Council's response to the Consultation on the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority's Park Development Framework Draft Strategic Policies and Draft Amended Proposals for Areas 6, 7 and 8. The most recent Park Plan was adopted in 2000 and the Park Development Framework (PDF) is intended to replace it. The current consultation initially ran from 18 April 2018 to 30 May 2018 but has been extended to 22 June 2018.

A background report on the proposals and a draft response are attached as appendices.

Options considered and rejected:

Not to respond to the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority's Park Development Framework Draft Strategic Policies and Draft Amended Proposals for Areas 6, 7 and 8 Consultation. However, the District Council would not be discharging its responsibilities to work in partnership with this statutory body.

Resource Implications:

The review of the documents and preparation of the report are from within existing resources available to the Planning Policy Team.

Legal and Governance Implications:

The Regional Park and the Regional Park Authority were established by the Lee Valley Regional Park Act 1966. The Authority is required by statute to encourage or work with others to provide and manage facilities for "leisure, recreation, sport, games or amusements or any other similar activity, the provision of nature reserves and for the provision and enjoyment of entertainments of any kind". While it is not a planning authority, there is also a duty to prepare plans for the

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management and development of the Park. Under section 14 (2) (a) of the 1966 Act, a local planning authority must include in its development plan relevant parts of the park plan. Section 14 (2) (b) clarifies that such inclusion “*shall not be treated as indicating the approval of the planning authority to such plan*”.

Epping Forest District Council works with the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority with regard to its plans and responding to the Plans is a positive way of ensuring ongoing joint and coordinated working.

Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications:

None specific at this stage.

Consultation Undertaken:

Invitation to Officers to input to the response.

Background Papers:

Epping Forest District Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee 10 February 2015 and Minutes of the Meeting.

Epping Forest District response to Park Development Framework – Areas 6, 7 and 8 Consultation February 2015.

Epping Forest District Local Plan Submission Version December 2017

Draft Consultee Responses Proposed Amendments LVRPA March 2018

Lee Valley Regional Park Draft Strategic Planning Policies

Draft Amended Proposals for the Regional Park from the River Lee Country Park to the Lee Navigation in Ware, Areas 6, 7 and 8.

Impact Assessments:

No specific.

Risk Management:

No specific risks identified.

Key Decision Reference (Y/N): N

Equality Analysis:

The Equality Act 2010 requires that the Public Sector Equality Duty is actively applied in decision-making. This means that the equality information provided to accompany this report is essential reading for all members involved in the consideration of this report. The equality information is provided as an Appendix 1 to the report.