

# **EPHING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Committee:** Council **Date:** 18 October 2016

**Place:** Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Time:** 6.30 - 8.45 pm

**Members Present:** Councillors J Lea (Chairman), D Stallan (Vice-Chairman), N Avey, R Baldwin, R Bassett, A Beales, H Brady, R Brookes, G Chambers, K Chana, D Dorrell, R Gadsby, L Girling, A Grigg, S Heap, L Hughes, R Jennings, J Jennings, H Kane, S Kane, H Kauffman, P Keska, J Knapman, Y Knight, A Lion, M McEwen, L Mead, A Mitchell, G Mohindra, R Morgan, S Murray, S Neville, A Patel, J Philip, C P Pond, C C Pond, C Roberts, D Roberts, B Rolfe, B Sandler, M Sartin, G Shiell, S Stavrou, B Surtees, E Webster, C Whitbread, H Whitbread, J H Whitehouse, J M Whitehouse and D Wixley

**Apologies:** Councillors N Bedford, A Boyce, W Breare-Hall, R Butler, S Jones and G Waller

**Officers Present:** G Chipp (Chief Executive), D Macnab (Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Neighbourhoods), C O'Boyle (Director of Governance), R Palmer (Director of Resources), S G Hill (Assistant Director (Governance & Performance Management)), A Hall (Director of Communities), R Perrin (Democratic Services Officer), A Rose (Marketing & Digital Content Officer), P Seager (Chairman's Secretary), S Mitchell (PR Website Editor), T Carne (Public Relations and Marketing Officer), J Leither (Democratic Services Officer), S Tautz (Democratic Services Manager), A Hendry (Senior Democratic Services Officer), G J Woodhall (Senior Democratic Services Officer), K Polyzoides (Assistant Director (Policy & Conservation)), A Blom-Cooper (Local Plan Consultant) and D Bailey (Head of Transformation)

## **50. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION**

The Assistant Director of Governance and Performance Management reminded everyone present that the meeting would be broadcast live to the Internet, and that the Council had adopted a protocol for the webcasting of its meetings.

## **51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(a) Pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct, Councillor R Gadsby having sought advice of the Monitoring Officer declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 4, Draft Epping Forest District Local Plan for Consultation in relation to SRO417 (land east of Church Lane/west of Harrison Drive, North Weald) by virtue of a 25% equity share within a third party trust which she had fully declared in her register of interests and in relation to that site, would not participate, vote or remain. However, she had no interest in relation to any sites identified – either within North Weald Bassett or anywhere else in the Draft Local Plan and intended to fully participate in the interests of both her local constituents and the District as a whole.

## **52. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised that Councillor T Boyce was in hospital and the Council would send all their best wishes.

**53. DRAFT EPPING FOREST DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN FOR CONSULTATION****Mover: Councillor J Philip, Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy**

Councillor J Philip submitted a report endorsing the Draft Local Plan and non technical summary of the Sustainability Appraisal for the proposed consultation, which would commence for a six-week statutory period. He advised that the Draft Local Plan contained the Council's vision and preferred approach for development in the District over the next 17 years and included draft policies to be used in determining planning proposals. Consideration had been given to reasonable alternatives as required by legislation. The Portfolio Holder drew attention to Appendix 2 of the report which contained the Non-Technical Summary of the Interim Sustainability Appraisal.

**Amendment moved by Councillor C C Pond and Seconded by Councillor D Wixley**

"subject to the removal from chapter 5 of any site which is public urban open space"

Councillors H Kauffman, S Murray, C C Pond, C P Pond and D Wixley requested a recorded vote.

There voted for the recommendation: (30) namely: N Avey, R Bassett, H Brady, G Chambers, K Chana, D Dorrell, R Gadsby, A Grigg, L Hughes, H Kane, S Kane, P Keska, Y Knight, J Lea, A Lion, M McEwen, A Mitchell, G Mohindra, R Morgan, A Patel, J Philip, B Rolfe, B Sandler, M Sartin, G Shiell, D Stallan, S Stavrou, E Webster, C Whitbread and H Whitbread.

There voted against the recommendation: (16) namely: Councillors R Baldwin, A Beales, R Brookes, L Girling, S Heap, B Jennings, J Jennings, H Kauffman, L Mead, S Murray, S Neville, C C Pond, C P Pond, C Roberts, D Roberts and D Wixley.

Abstentions: (4) namely: Councillors J Knapman, B Surtees J H Whitehouse and J M Whitehouse.

**Lost**

Following a further debate Councillor J Philip moved the recommendations on the agenda together with the following amendments to the Draft Local Plan, Chapter 5;

a) to clarify that for the purposes of the Draft Local Plan there would be an addition to paragraph 5.103 to make it clear that when reference was made to 'North Weald Bassett' it referred to the settlement of North Weald Bassett, recognising that the Parish encompasses North Weald Village, Thornwood and Hastingwood; and

b) to revise Figure 5.9 in relation to the site allocations of Waltham Abbey, to show the indicative green belt boundary amendment to run to the North of SR 0061B along the M25.

**Carried**

**RESOLVED:**

(1) That the Draft Local Plan as set out in report and the non technical summary of the Sustainability Appraisal as set out in the supplementary agenda be endorsed for the purposes of the proposed consultation;

(2) That consultation on the Draft Local Plan under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 be commenced for a 6 week statutory period from 31 October to 12 December 2016 inclusive in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement, and any representations received after 5.00pm on 12 December 2016 be deemed invalid;

(3) That the Draft Local Plan be endorsed as a material consideration to be used in the determination of planning applications and enforcement decisions in accordance with paragraph 216 of the National Planning Policy Framework;

(4) That the Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Planning Policy Portfolio Holder, be granted delegated authority to make any necessary minor non-material amendments to the Draft Local Plan prior to the commencement of public consultation on 31 October 2016; and

(5) That two minor amendments to the Draft Local Plan in Chapter 5 be made as follows;

a) to clarify that for the purposes of the Draft Local Plan there would be an addition to paragraph 5.103 to make it clear that when reference was made to 'North Weald Bassett' it referred to the settlement of North Weald Bassett, recognising that the Parish encompasses North Weald Village, Thornwood and Hastingwood; and

b) to revise Figure 5.9 in relation to the site allocations of Waltham Abbey, to show the indicative green belt boundary amendment to run to the North of SR 0061B along the M25.

**CHAIRMAN**

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