

**SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE held at  
7.30 pm at COUNCIL OFFICES GREAT DUNMOW on 10 APRIL 2002**

Present:- Councillor Mrs J F Cheetham – Chairman.  
Councillors W F Bowker, Mrs C A Cant, Mrs C D Down,  
Mrs E J Godwin, D M Jones, Mrs E Tealby-Watson,  
A R Thawley and P A Wilcock

Also present at the Chairman's invitation:- Councillors R P Chambers,  
R J Copping, M A Gayler and Mrs J E Menell

Officers in attendance:- J B Bosworth, Mrs M Cox, R Harborough,  
J Mitchell and B D Perkins

**ET47 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R C Smith.

Councillor P A Wilcock declared a pecuniary interest in Item 3 in so far as it related to retailing services.

**ET48 GREATER CAMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP**

At the meeting on 18 September, the Committee had considered whether to join the Greater Cambridge Partnership. This was a public/private sector partnership that aimed to provide an overall direction for the area, influence plans and strategies and to lobby Government. It had been agreed that further information should be sought about the partnership before a decision was taken. Councillors Mrs J F Cheetham and Mrs E Tealby-Watson had attended a meeting with the Chief Executive of Cambridge City Council and the Director of the Partnership. Members had been impressed with the work being undertaken by the group and with the number of partners involved. The Committee considered that it would be worthwhile to become a member of the partnership.

RESOLVED that

- 1 The Council be a full member of the Greater Cambridge Partnership for an initial period of one year with an annual subscription of £5,000 and officers investigate suitable funding provision.
- 2 The Member representative be appointed at the next meeting of the Council.

ET49

## UTTLESFORD LOCAL PLAN DEPOSIT DRAFT OCTOBER 2001 - REPORT OF REPRESENTATIONS COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Members received the summary of representations of support and objection to the deposit Local Plan. All the representations had been commented upon and a recommendation made as to whether the Plan should be changed in the light of the objections made. Subject to the decisions made at this meeting, a revised Plan would be produced and a further period of consultation would take place in the summer. At that stage, objections or representations would be limited to those proposals which the Council had changed between the deposit and revised deposit stage. A local inquiry to consider any outstanding objections was expected to be held in Spring 2003.

The meeting considered each of the policies and in particular the changes suggested by officers

A number of Members raised concern at the distribution of dwellings proposed under Policy H1 – Housing Development, and in particular the increase in dwellings proposed for Takeley and Priors Green. Officers agreed to consider this matter further and would report to the next meeting of the Committee on 11 June 2002. There were other matters in the report relating to, or affecting the distribution of, housing and these were also deferred.

A letter was read from Councillor O'Neill relating to the housing reserve site at Ashdon Road, Saffron Walden. There was also some concern about the proposal for a Primary School at the former Newton Works and the policy relating to White Street Car Park extension Great Dunmow. These three policies were also referred to the next meeting.

Councillor Mrs Tealby-Watson spoke against the proposed extension of the Chesterford Park development zone. She thought that development could be achieved within the current park boundary, so avoiding expansion into the open countryside. Officers also agreed to look again at the use of the London Road, Great Chesterford employment site.

RESOLVED that the suggested changes to the deposit plan be agreed subject to

- (i) Policy H1 in relation to the distribution of housing, proposed new policy H# relating to a housing reserve site at Ashdon Road, Saffron Walden and other local policies relating to, or affecting, the distribution of housing be deferred for further consideration.
- (ii) Policies GD3 relating to the White Street Car Park extension, Great Dunmow and proposed Policy GD# relating to the former Newton Works be deferred for further consideration.
- (iii) The following amendments

Policy S2 settlement boundaries for Oakwood Park, Felsted/Little Dunmow and Priors Green, Takeley.

Amend the second bullet point as follows:

“The proposed Oakwood Park development in Felsted & Little Dunmow”

### **Policy S8 The Countryside Protection Zone**

Amend the second sentence

“In the countryside protection zone planning permission will only be granted for development that **is required to be** there, or appropriate to a rural area”

### **Policy GEN2 Design**

Amend criterion

c) It provides **an** environment which **meets** the reasonable needs of all potential users.

Add an additional criterion

g) It helps to reduce waste production and encourages recycling and re-use.

**Explanatory text to clarify that additional supplementary planning guidance will be prepared by the Council on design issues. This will include open space provision and play equipment and emphasise that measures to reduce waste and enable recycling will be required.**

### **Policy GEN3 Flood protection**

Rearrange paragraphs (4 3 1 2)

### **Policy GEN5 Light pollution**

Include in the text that applicants should use the best available technology.

### **Policy GEN7 Nature conservation**

Amend second sentence

“a nature conservation survey will be required”

Amend the last sentence by deleting where appropriate:

“The creation of appropriate new habitats will be sought”

Explanatory text at paragraph 5.13 to state “bats, barn owls, badgers, great crested newts or water voles.”

### **Policies E3 and E4 Farm Diversification and Re-Use of Rural Buildings**

In d) insert “countryside character” after “road safety”

### **Policy ENV1 Design of Development in Conservation Areas**

Text to state that supplementary planning guidance will be prepared on this issue and also that Conservation Area statements will be prepared.

### **Archaeological sites**

Additional explanatory text after paragraph 5.6 referring to the Structure Plan policies HC5 and HC6 and PPG16 and emphasising the importance of such sites as a planning consideration.

### **Policy H2 Infilling with new houses**

Ensure that the list of settlements relates precisely to all those settlements that have development limits.

### **Policy H6 Replacement dwellings**

Make reference in the text that supplementary planning guidance is being prepared.

### **Policy H10 Affordable housing on Exception Sites**

Consider the possibility of using as an alternative the term “village housing”.

### **Special housing needs**

Insert in text that, where appropriate, special housing needs are taken into account.

### **Policy LC5 Play facilities**

Insert in text that supplementary planning guidance will be prepared.

### **Policy RS2 Retention of retail and other services in rural areas**

Include in text that community run schemes will be encouraged.

### **Policy T4 telecommunications equipment**

Amend criterion d) as follows:

d) There would be no material harm to the amenities of residential areas **or community** facilities.

### **Chesterford Park Local Policy 1**

Delete the proposed additional land.

Great Chesterford Local Policy 2 London Road employment site

Reconsider the future use of this site.

### **Start Hill Local Policy 1**

Amend the proposed new Policy by inserting an additional sentence:

“Access should be through the existing Distribution Centre and there should be a landscaped buffer zone between the new development and the rear gardens of adjoining dwellings”

### **Takeley Local Policy 4 The mobile home park**

Add the following sentence to the proposed policy:

“Any additional mobile homes must respect the existing layout, open space provision and quality of landscaping”.

- 3 Officers to authorised to make detailed textual changes.
- 4 A report be considered at the next meeting of the Committee to deal with all outstanding issues.

The meeting ended at 10.15 pm.