

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP held at
COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at
12.00pm on 3 NOVEMBER 2011**

Present: Councillor J Ketteridge – Chairman.
Councillors S Barker, C Cant, J Cheetham, E Godwin, J
Loughlin, J Menell, E Oliver and V Ranger.

Also present: Councillor J Redfern.

Officers in attendance: M Cox (Democratic Services Officer), R
Harborough (Director of Public Services), H Hayden
(Planning Officer), M Jones (Principal Planning Officer), S
Nicholas (Senior Planning Officer), and A Taylor (Assistant
Director - Planning and Building Control).

LDF26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Crome, H Rolfe
and D Watson.

LDF27 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2011 were received and
signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

LDF28 BUSINESS ARISING

Minute LDF23 – Historic Lanes Study

This item had been referred to the Cabinet meeting on 10 November
2011 and the study would commence as soon as the funding had been
approved.

LDF29 5 YEAR LAND SUPPLY UPDATE

The Assistant Director - Planning and Building Control reported progress
on bringing forward sites to address the 5 year land supply. Meetings
had been continuing with parish councils, ward members and developers
and sites would continue to be brought forward in due course.

The working group said that it was important to involve members in this
process and to reiterate the Council's obligations regarding the 5 year
land supply and why it had been agreed that this proactive approach
should be taken in order to address the deficit.

LDF30 DISTRICT RETAIL STUDY

The working group was advised that a report would be made to the next meeting.

LDF31 OPEN SPACE SPORTS FACILITIES AND PLAYING PITCH STUDY

The Senior Planning Officer presented the open space, sports facilities and playing pitch study that looked at the provision of these facilities in the district. It would be used as a background study and provided information on the quality and quantity of the existing facilities to assist in the planning of future provision in the district. It also gave clarity for developers in terms of the amount of recreation and open space that would be required.

The study concluded that overall the district was well provided for but new facilities would be required to support population growth and new developments.

Members made a number of comments about the information provided in their areas. Officers had already sent in their comments on the study and, if there was time, hoped to re circulated the document to parish councils and sports clubs to ensure the information was correct and up to date. The current data was however, considered to be sufficient for draft policies to be prepared for consideration in January.

LDF32 SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF NEW DEVELOPMENT

Further to the request at the last meeting, the Committee considered a number of scenarios for the spatial distribution of housing based on a range of annual growth figures. These scenarios took into account the response to consultation in earlier stages, concentrated development in the larger settlements and key villages, and reflected the scale of development necessary to support new infrastructure and community facilities.

The next meeting would consider the content of the upcoming consultation on the options for distribution of development and make a recommendation to the Cabinet meeting in December.

LDF33 FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates and times of future meetings were agreed as follows

Friday 2 December – 9.30am
Friday 6 January - 9.30am
Friday 3 February – 9.30am

The meeting ended at 2.30 pm.