

Committee: LDF Working Group

Agenda Item

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Title: Consultation Responses and Officer Recommendations on Selected Policies

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Key decision:

Summary

1. This report updates Members on the situation with the representations received in response to the Draft Local Plan. It also begins the process of advising Members of the comments to inform the preparation of a report on the representations and any proposed changes to the Draft Plan which will be presented to Cabinet in due course.

Recommendations

2. Members consider the attached report.

Financial Implications

3. There are no financial implications.

Background Papers

3. There are no background papers – all the representations are available to view on the Consultation Portal

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Consultation was carried out in accordance with the Council's statement of Community Involvement
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	An equalities impact assessment was carried out on the Draft Plan.
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	A Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Plan

	has been carried out.
Ward-specific impacts	All wards
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

Situation

5. Consultation on the draft plan took place between 8 June and 23 July 2012. The group was appraised of the results from the Exhibitions and the Area Forums at the meeting on 2 August 2012.
6. At the time of writing 13,331 comments from 3,847 people had been registered on the on-line database and available for people to view. A relatively small number of standard representations are still outstanding but everything should be entered before the meeting when a verbal update on the final number will be given.
7. Officers are now starting to prepare reports detailing the comments which have been received on the policies and proposals in the draft plan. A document is attached which summarises the representations and officer views on a number of the development management policies relating to:
 - Design (Policies DES1 and DES2)
 - Protection of the Countryside (C1 – C4)
 - Historic and Natural Environment (HE1-HE5)
 - Parking (TA1 and TA2)
 - Community Facilities (INF1- INF3)
8. It is the intention to bring reports on the remaining policies to the next three working groups as set out in the following table:

5 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Strategy (Policies SP2 and SP3), • DM Policies EMP1 and EMP2 and Question 3 • Retail Strategy (Policy SP4) • DM Policies RET1, RET2 RET3 and Question 2 • Employment Site Allocations
19 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Environmental Policies SP8-SP14

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Natural Resources Policies EN1 - EN8 • Strategic Access Policies SP15 and SP16 • Strategic Infrastructure Policies SP17 and SP18
2 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Strategy (Policies SP5 , SP6 and SP7) • DM Policies Housing Policies HO1 - HO10 • Policies SP1 and Question 1 • Site Allocations

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That Councillors have sufficient information to make an informed decision.	1. Low likelihood of un-informed decisions being made due to information and advice made available.	3. High impact on Local Plan process if unsound decisions are made.	All comments received have been processed and summarised and are included within the report. Officers have considered all the comments and have made professional recommendations.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.