

## Co-operation for Sustainable Development (Officers') Group - note

Tuesday 12 January 2016 - Epping Forest District Council

### Attendance

East Herts DC	Claire Sime
Harlow DC	Dianne Cooper, Paul MacBride, Graeme Bloomer, Vicky Forgione
Uttlesford DC	Andrew Taylor, Richard Fox
Essex CC	David Sprunt, Zhanine Smith
Epping Forest DC	Derek Macnab(Chair), Kassandra Polyzoides, Ken Bean, Alison Blom-Cooper, Adele Niinemae, John Houston
Chelmsford CC	Claire Stuckey
Hertfordshire CC	Roger Flowerday
L B Redbridge	Ian Butcher
	Richard Philips
Epping Forest Conservators	Jeremy Dagley
LSCC	John McGill ,

\* **Actions are in bold**

### 1. **Apologies**

Glen Chipp - Chief Executive - EFDC  
Martin Paine =- Broxbourne  
Lauren Miller- LB Havering  
Phil Drane- Brentwood BC  
Gerry Ansell- Enfield

### 2. **Draft notes of meeting 26 November 2015 – including review of action points**

- Glen Chipp had written on behalf of the Co-op group encouraging LB Enfield's engagement, re NGAP and including reference to wider consultation on strategic matters. Response awaited.
- ECC to submit spatial distribution information already used for the Harlow modelling exercise to LB Enfield on behalf of the Co-op group. Complete.
- Co-op group to share responses to Crossrail 2 consultation.
- Letter to be sent to ECC supporting the second modelling team with the objective of moving forward in a more timely manner the information needed to inform the Local Plan. Action outstanding.

### 3. **Update on cross-boundary/strategic matters:**

#### a. **Strategic OAN options and site assessment work around Harlow/Strategic Sites Coordinator post**

The Strategic Sites Coordinator will be starting at the end of January and will be based in Harlow's offices. At the SHMA officer meeting the group discussed the work priorities for the

post to ensure that it is complementary to the ATLAS support and strategic SA work that AECOM are already undertaking. Harlow will organise a date to introduce him to the Coop officer Group. (Note – Philip James will be attending the meeting on 11 February 2016)

A meeting had been arranged on 29 January 2016 to discuss further results from the transport modelling and agree spatial options for testing across the SHMA area with the support of AECOM.

**b. Green Belt Reviews (Harlow, Epping Forest, Broxbourne, Uttlesford)**

Harlow has completed stage 2 of their GBR and is in the process of finalising stage 3. The GBR had been done in order starting with a high level assessment moving to a more detailed assessment. Harlow intends to meet with EFDC to discuss the emerging GBR to ensure that a consistent approach has been taken across boundaries.

**Action: Harlow to arrange meeting with EFDC to discuss Stage 3 GBR findings**

Epping Forest DC had appointed LUC to carry out stage 2 of the GBR. The approach and methodology has been agreed and they are currently carrying out site assessments on broad locations identified at the end of Stage 1. On the 2 February 2016 the Council will be hosting a workshop for the consultants Fregonese Associates to share the methodology and approach for the the Settlement Capacity Study and LUC to share the Stage 2GB methodology and emerging findings. EFDC will confirm and send a formal invitation for this event.

Broxbourne were not present at the meeting for comment on their GBR.

Uttlesford had appointed ARUP to undertake a two stage approach to their GBR. Stage 1 has recently been completed and provides a high level assessment of the GB parcels. Consultants are in the process of carrying out stage 2, a more detailed analysis, which will be complete towards the end of February and will be shared with the SHMA authorities. The methodology has been shared with Uttlesford's working group and member's task force.

It was agreed that discussions will need to take place between Harlow, EFDC, East Herts and Uttlesford to make sure that the emerging findings are consistent where parcels cross District boundaries.

**c. Hertfordshire County Council Transport Vision document**

The stage 2 consultation of the HCC Transport Vision document has now finished. The next step is to look at the outputs of the model, which should be complete by the end of February. It is anticipated that this will be reported to cabinet for a decision in summer 2016.

**d. Crossrail 2 consultation – joint response?**

EFDC took a draft response to their overview and scrutiny committee, which is responsible for consultation responses. Whilst supporting Crossrail 2 there was a general concern about the capacity of the London Underground Central line and the need for maintained investment in this line..

The Cross Rail 2 consultation has now closed and the all district level responses apart from Harlow have now been shared amongst the coop group. It was agreed that a joint response should still be prepared on behalf of the board, to show a joint vision that includes Cross

Rail 2. It is understood that TFL and network rail are open to receiving comments after the deadline.

The business case for West Anglia Main Line twin tracking is loaded on the point of existing development due to cost..

TFL have met with East Herts, Uttlesford and Harlow. There has been mixed messages from the different areas about the proposal for Crossrail 2. It was suggested that TFL were more interested in how much development could be provided if CrossRail 2 were to extend to Harlow, rather than the vision and design. Unless there is a vision for substantial housing and job growth it is going to be difficult to demonstrate the need for Cross Rail 2. The proposed vision for the core LSCC area would help as a basis of a case to support Crossrail 2.

It was agreed that the group would use ECC's consultants Jacobs to filter through the submitted consultation responses and identify the common themes. The draft is to be circulated to the officers for agreement and checked with members, before it is submitted. Harlow, Broxbourne and East Herts to share consultation responses with David Sprunt

**Agreed: ECC to consider individual responses with a view to distilling common themes into a proposed draft joint response.**

#### **4. LSCC – report back on visioning workshop on 2 December 2015 and next steps**

A report is being prepared on the outcomes of the visioning workshop held on 2 December 2015. The proposal is for a joint vision statement to be prepared to sit as the strategic vision at the front of all the emerging local plans. A task and finish group had been established to look at this and also to ensure that there is no duplication in the groups that meet in the core area to ensure that member and officer time is utilised in the most efficient way. The first meeting is on 4 February 2016. The date to report back to the leaders and members has not yet been confirmed, however there is a member group and LSCC group in early March so it is likely that recommendations will be reported to them to ensure that the right approach has been taken.

It was understood that each of the authorities will have prepared a vision as part of the local plan and that these visions would be shared in preparation for this group.

**Action: Each of the authorities to share their local plan visions**

#### **5. Enfield – Local Plan update– Consultation on a new Local Plan for Enfield 2017-2032**

No representatives available from Enfield.

Enfield's timetable suggests that they will be going out to the Issues and Options regulation 18 consultation in spring 2016; regulation 19 in autumn 2016; with submission to the Planning Inspectorate in Winter 2016, examination in public spring 2017 and adoption summer 2017. This appears an extremely ambitious timetable.

The Enfield core strategy was adopted in 2010. Since then a series of area action plans, as well as a development management DPD have been adopted. They are now in the process of updating their evidence base work before they can go out to consultation.

It is believed that Enfield will be carrying out a green belt review, as well as an economic assessment to inform the new plan. It is not known whether or not the new plan will include the area action plans as one complete document. The plan will cover the period 2017- 2032

and it is expected that the current population of 325,000 will increase to 400,000. It is expected that the additional 25,000/ 30,000 households will have to be accommodated at a rate of 900 households per year. It is also believed that Enfield will be making provisions for 13,000 new jobs, sporting infrastructure, new schools and 65,000 sqm of retail space.

#### **6. *Lea Valley - Food Task Force update***

The Food Task Force have a planning workshop on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016. The group is initiating a discussion with the GLA about designating a food zone for London. There are issues around integrating the food zone with planning policy and also the north London energy strategy.

The group is looking to agree a planning framework, to see if glasshouses can be developed in the zonal area with the same buying requirements and planning breaks to potentially create a food enterprise zone and to identify the links between glasshouses and pharmaceutical companies. At the moment it is believed that there is a constrained demand for half the size of the existing glasshouse foot print, so there will need to be approximately a 50% increase of glasshouses in this area.

At this stage Lea Valley Regional Park are not participating in the Food Task Force, however they are informed of the outcomes of the meetings.

An outline paper has been drafted and officers have been asked to check that it is compatible with what their authority is trying to achieve. The document will then need to be reviewed before it can be shared with the board.

**Action: update to be provided to the next coop meeting on the 11 February 2016.**

Other cross-boundary studies include tourism, which forms part of the economic strategy. EFDC are currently working with East Herts, Broxbourne, Enfield and Hertfordshire CC to establish 'Visit Hertfordshire' and tourism has been highlighted as a key area of growth in the plan. It was suggested that it would be helpful if other authorities shared their tourism strategy and how it will be addressed in their local plan.

**Action: Item on tourism for the 11 February 2016 agenda**

#### **7. *Transport modelling A414 capacity, M11 junctions 7, 7a and 8***

Further work on transport modelling was to be reported to the meeting on 29 January 2016 and would be brought back to the 11 February 2016 meeting. The Local Plan modelling team are now in place and a programme is being developed.

**Action: full report to 11 February meeting**

#### **8. *Chelmsford – Issues and Options Consultation on the Local Plan***

Chelmsford had published their Issues and Options Local Plan consultation document. The consultation finishes on the 21 January 2016. The document is for the period up to 2036 and will be a single local plan.

It is the first formal stage of consultation under Regulation 18 and covers a number of issues that Chelmsford need to plan for over the next 15-20 years, as well as some broad ideas of locations where development can be accommodated with three options.

Chelmsford is testing up to 14,000 new homes, which is approx. 995 homes a year. They are also testing a higher employment/jobs figure of just under 900, which is approx 13,000 new jobs over the plan period. This is higher than the east of England forecasting model.

The OAN report covers the SHMA area of Braintree, Colchester, Tendring and Chelmsford. It is understood that all of authorities in the SHMA area are looking to accommodate their own need. Chelmsford are testing a higher figure in case the housing requirement goes up.

**9. Agenda items for Member Co-op. meeting on 18 January 2016 in Harlow at 6pm**

It was agreed that as there was no substantive item that subject to agreement with the Chair of the Board Councillor Bassett that the meeting would be cancelled. (Cllr Bassett agreed this and an email was sent advising all authorities).

**Action: Items for 7 March meeting to include**

- LSCC task and finish groupfeedback
- GBR
- food task force
- transport

10. A.O.B.

none

11. Future Co-op. Officer meeting dates

- Thursday 11 February 2016 (10.30am, Epping Forest DC)
- Monday 21 March 2016 (2:30pm, Epping Forest DC)
- 13 April 2016 (2pm Harlow) prior to Coop Board on 19 April 2016