

Committee: Scrutiny

Agenda Item

Date: 21 May 2012

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Title: Local Plan Consultation

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Susan Barker

Key decision: No

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for Public Participation on the Draft Local Plan.

Recommendations

2. To approve the Local Plan policies for public consultation between Friday 8 June and Monday 23 July 2012 with any amendments subject to delegation to the Assistant Director Planning and Building Control in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

Financial Implications

3. Costs of the consultation can be met through existing budgets.

Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

Local Development Scheme – fifth and sixth Revision – Approved by Uttlesford District Council on August 2011

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	A range of means of communication and consultation is proposed.
Community Safety	n/a
Equalities	The consultation will be available in different formats on request.
Health and Safety	n/a
Human Rights/Legal	The Council's Statement of Community

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Implications	Involvement will be complied with.
Sustainability	The document has been the subject of a Sustainability Appraisal
Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	n/a

Situation

6. The Council is in the process of replacing the Uttlesford Local Plan 2005 with a new Local Plan which will comprise a Strategic Policies; Development Management Policies and Site Allocations.
7. The approved timetable for this process is set out in the Local Development Scheme. The key stages are set out below.

	Public Participation On Preferred Options	Publication And Pre Submission Consultation	Submission To Sec of State	Examination	Adoption
Strategic Policies	June/July 2012	Oct/Nov 2012	March 2013	June 2013	Nov 2013
Development Management Policies					
Site Allocations Policies					

8. This consultation asks for people's views on the draft Local Plan. The purpose of Local Plan policies is to deliver the Strategic vision and objectives. The policies need to be consistent with National Policy, be based on evidence and be sound and reasonable in the light of alternative policy approaches.
9. The existing Adopted Local Plan policies have been reviewed in relation to planning appeals; the Annual Monitoring Report and against the National Planning Policy Framework.
10. The public Consultation will run from Friday 8 June to Monday 23 July 2012. The consultation will be advertised by
 - Adverts in local papers
 - Posters sent to Parish Councils, libraries and District Council offices
 - Leaflets handed out at rail stations
 - Leaflets given to schools to hand out
 - Feature in Uttlesford Life delivered to properties across the District
11. The following events have been organised or will be used to explain the consultation:-
 - Specific briefings for District Councillors, Parish Councils and Regular agents

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- North Area Forum 14 June
- South Area Forum 19 June

12. Manned exhibitions have been organised in the towns and key villages as follows. They will be open between 10am – 8pm.

- Saffron Walden: Town Hall 19 June
- Newport: Church House 20 June
- Takeley: Priors Green Centre 21 June
- Thaxted: CIC 22 June
- Elsenham: Memorial Hall 24 June
- Great Dunmow: Foakes Hall 26 June
- Great Chesterford: Community Centre 27 June
- Stansted: Day Centre 28 June

Consultation document

13. The Consultation Document falls into a number of different sections. These are set out in the attached document and cover:

- a. Vision and Objectives
- b. Strategic Policies
- c. Allocations (including Residential, Employment)
- d. Development Management Policies
- e. Settlement Maps

14. The consultation document will be formed from these policies and include the reasoned justifications to the policies together with questions to be asked as part of the public consultation.

15. The consultation will include a Development Management policy to assess applications for Gypsy and Traveller provision. The consultation will not however consider the allocation of specific sites which will be dealt with later in a separate document as set out in the new Local Development Scheme included elsewhere on this agenda.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That the consultation may fall behind schedule.	The work programme is considered to be realistic	Delay in the progress leading to the absence of an	Documents discussed in draft at the Local Development Framework Working

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	and additional resources are being deployed to assist in delivery.	up to date plan and planning applications being determined in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework including its presumption in favour of sustainable development.	Group. Ensure sufficient resources are available to support project work.
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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.