

Local Plan & Planning Policy Task Group

Notes of a Meeting of the Local Plan & Planning Policy Task Group held on the **25th April 2016**.

Present:

Cllr. Clarkson (Chairman);
Cllr. Bennett (Vice-Chairman);

Cllrs. Mrs Blanford, Britcher, Burgess, Clokie, Galpin, Michael, Wedgbury.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 1.2(iii) Councillor Burgess attended as Substitute Member for Councillor Shorter.

Apology:

Cllr. Shorter.

Also Present:

Cllrs. Dehnel, Ovenden, Smith.

Simon Cole – Head of Planning Policy & Economic Development; Ian Grundy – Principal Policy Planner; Ashley Taylor – Principal Policy Planner; Jeremy Baker – Principal Solicitor (Strategic Development); Danny Sheppard – Senior Member Services & Scrutiny Support Officer.

1 Declarations of Interest

- 1.1 Councillor Britcher made a Voluntary Announcement that she lived in Kennington and was a core member of the Kennington Community Forum.
- 1.2 Councillor Smith made a Voluntary Announcement that he was the adjacent Ward Member to the Newtown area. He was also treasurer for the SWAN Community Group.
- 1.3 Councillor Wedgbury made a Voluntary Announcement that he was the Kent County Council Member for Ashford Central.

2. Notes of the Local Plan and Planning Policy Task Group Meeting held on 13th April 2016

- 2.1 The Task Group Members agreed that the Notes of the Local Plan and Planning Policy Task Group Meeting held on 13th April 2016 were an accurate record.

3 Strategic Site Allocations

Land to the North of Willesborough Road, Kennington

- 3.1 The Principal Policy Planner (AT) introduced this item. She gave a short presentation on the draft policy for this site.
- 3.2 The Chairman said he understood there were concerns locally about this particular site and they had listened to and tried to accommodate Ward Members' requests where possible, but it was important to put forward a realistic number of sites in the Draft Local Plan for consultation.
- 3.3 During the following debate, Members discussed the site policy in some detail and asked questions.
- 3.4 Councillor Michael asked that his opposition to this site being taken forward to consultation in the Draft Local Plan be noted.

Conningbrook Residential – Phase 2

- 3.5 The Principal Policy Planner (IG) introduced this item. He gave a short presentation on the draft policy for this site.
- 3.6 During the following debate, Members discussed the site policy in some detail and asked questions.

Eureka Park

- 3.7 The Head of Planning Policy & Economic Development introduced this item. He gave a short presentation on the draft policy for this site and displayed an indicative plan supplied by the developer in order to give a better indication of the make-up of the site and the individual areas in question.
- 3.8 During the following debate, Members discussed the site policy in some detail and asked questions.

Newtown and Klondyke Works

- 3.9 The Principal Policy Planner (IG) introduced this item. He gave a short presentation on the draft policy for this site. One question that would need particular attention was whether there should be two policies (one for each site) or one policy for the two sites combined.
- 3.10 During the following debate, Members discussed the site policy in some detail and asked questions. The Task Group supported two policies as they considered each site was very different and had their own particular relationship with nearby residents, although it would be important to retain flexibility as there were some uses that would be acceptable on either site.

Resolved:

That the Local Plan and Planning Policy Task Group agree the draft site policies set out in the report for inclusion in the Draft Local Plan

4 Date of Next Meeting

- 4.1 The date of the next meeting was Wednesday 11th May, at 2pm in the Council Chamber.

Councillor Clarkson (Chairman)
Local Plan & Planning Policy Task Group

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