

DEVELOPMENT PLAN PANEL

24TH JANUARY 2006

PRESENT Councillor A Carter in the Chair
Councillors D Blackburn, Blake, Harker
Leadley, Minkin (substitute for Councillor Congreve)
and J Procter

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors Fox and McArdle

52 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of legal advice relating to (minute 56) on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information or confidential information, defined in Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(12)

53 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Congreve

54 Declarations of interest

Councillor Leadley declared a personal interest as Chair of the Scrutiny Commission (Flooding in Leeds) for the purpose of Section 81(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 13 of the Members Code of Conduct in item 7 – Leeds UDP Review – Response to the Inspector's Report on Chapter 5, Environment which dealt with areas of flood risk (minute 57 refers)

55 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Development Plan Panel meeting held on 3rd January 2006 be agreed as a correct record

56 Leeds UDP Review – Response to the Inspector's report on Policy N34(Protected Areas of Search (PAS) and long term growth

Further to the meeting on 3rd January where consideration of this report was deferred for further information, Members received a report from the Director of Development setting out the Inspector's recommendations on Policy N34. Appended to the report was a copy of the proposed modifications for Members' consideration

Members discussed the approach taken by the Inspector on strategic PAS sites and the six sites which were not objected to and therefore were not part of the Inquiry

The Panel considered information provided by the Panel's legal adviser in private session

RESOLVED –

- (i) To note Members' disappointment and serious concern at the Inspector's recommendations, but to agree the report as the City Council's response to the Inspector's recommendations and in respect of Chapter 5 (Alteration 5/001, 5/002 and 7/005)
- (ii) To accept the Inspector's recommendations in respect of Alteration 5/001, 5/002 and 7/005
- iii) Within the context of the overall strategic recommendations on Policy N34, to agree the retention of the sites listed in paragraphs 5.4 and the schedule appended to the submitted report as PAS (40 in total)
- vi) That officers be instructed to bring forward suggestions as to how the Authority can return PAS land to Green Belt prior to 2016 and suggest ways of safeguarding green field and PAS land from development generally
- v) To recommend approval of these recommendations to Executive Board in due course

57 Leeds UDP Review - Response to the Inspector's report on Chapter 5, (Environment)

The Panel considered a report setting out the Inspector's recommendations for Chapter 5 (Environment) and the suggested modifications to the UDP Review, which were appended to the report for the Panel's consideration

RESOLVED - To agree the report as the City Council's response to the Inspector's recommendations in respect of Chapter 5 and to recommend its approval to the Executive Board in due course

58 Leeds UDP Review – Response to the Inspector's report on Chapter 6 (Transport)

Members considered a report of the Director of Development setting out the Inspector's recommendations for Chapter 6 (Transport)

A copy of the proposed modifications was appended to the submitted report for Members' consideration

Concerns were raised at the Proposed Alteration 6/005 – Public Transport Contributions, which stated 'where public transport accessibility to a proposal would otherwise be unacceptable, the Council will seek Developer contributions or action to make enhancements, the need for which arises from the proposal'. Members considered such an amendment could weaken the Authority's ability to refuse planning applications on the grounds of poor public transport accessibility, and that the proposed amendment was not robust enough to ensure that enhancements/ contributions would be made

In response, the Chief Strategy and Policy Officer stated that a stronger proposal had been rejected but that further work could be done to strengthen the supporting text

In relation Proposed Alteration 6/018 – long stay car parking Members discussed this issue and its importance in ensuring long-term regeneration of areas within the city and continued development of the outer townships

Regarding references to Supertram, Members suggested some statement regarding this should be included in the final document

RESOLVED –

(i) To agree the report, with the exception of the Proposed Modifications 6/005 and 6/018 as the City Council's response to the Inspector's recommendation in respect of Chapter 6 and to recommend its approval to the Executive Board in due course

(ii) To request a further report be submitted to the next Panel meeting addressing Members concerns regarding :

- Proposed Alteration 6/005, and including comments from the Area Planning Managers for City Centre, West and East areas
- Proposed Alteration 6/018

(ii) To note that a reference to the position regarding Supertram would be placed in the Foreword of the document

59 Leeds UDP Review – Response to the Inspector's report on Chapter 22 (South Leeds)

The Director of Development submitted a report setting out the Inspector's recommendations for Chapter 22 (South Leeds). Proposed amendments relating to the two sites which were the subject of objection, ie Beeston Hill/Holbeck Area Regeneration /Neighbourhood Renewal and Sharp Lane Strategic Housing Site, Middleton were appended to the submitted report for Members' consideration.

RESOLVED - To agree the report as the City Council's response to the Inspector's recommendation in respect of Chapter 22 and to recommend its approval to the Executive Board in due course