

Development Plan Panel

Tuesday, 30th April, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor N Taggart in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, C Campbell,
M Coulson, C Fox, P Gruen, T Leadley,
J Lewis, K Mitchell and N Walshaw

80 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests declared at the meeting, however:-

Councillor T Leadley drew the Panel's attention to the fact that he knew land owners in East Ardsley and occasionally rented land that was included in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).

81 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Harington.

82 Minutes - 29 January 2013

RESOLVED- That the minutes of the Development Plan Panel meeting held on 28 March 2013 be approved.

83 SHLAA 2012 Update

The report of the Director of City Development advised Development Plan Panel of how Leeds' Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) was updated for 2012.

Members were asked to:

- Endorse the SHLAA Update 2012 for publication
- Endorse changes to the membership of the SHLAA Partnership as set out in the report.

The Panel was informed of proposed changes to membership of the SHLAA Partnership which would include two more Elected Members and a representative with professional expertise for the development of brownfield sites.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the SHLAA Update 2012 be endorsed for publication.
- (2) That the changes to the membership of the SHLAA Partnership as set out in paragraphs 3.17 to 3.21 be endorsed.

84 Site Allocations DPD - Issues & Options

The report of the Chief Planning Officer sought endorsement of the site allocations as set out in the report and the agreement that this could be recommended to the Executive Board to enable public consultation to take place in June/July 2013.

Further issues highlighted in relation to the report included the following:

- The issues and options documents were not a draft plan but initial ideas to engage stakeholders. Consultation was expected to commence in June 2013.
- Reference to amendments to employment sites and safeguarded waste sites following Development Plan Panel workshops.
- Sustainability Appraisal – the Panel were given an overview of the sustainability appraisal and methodology applied.

In response to Members comments and questions, the following issues were discussed:

- Methodology used in the sustainability assessment considered social, economic and environmental factors. There was no weighting applied to the separate factors considered. Mitigating evidence could still be considered.
- Future education provision – issues affecting this included birth rates and availability of land. Land for education provision would be sought where there were large developments and the possibility of expanding current schools had been considered. There was also a working group which monitored the need for future school places.
- Consultation with Ward Members and Area Committees – use of local knowledge and Neighbourhood Plans.
- The density figures made allowance for uses other than housing such as schools and greenspace and there would not be a need to reduce numbers of proposed housing units.
- Greenspace – quantity, quality and accessibility. Analysis had been undertaken in relation to housing market characteristic areas.

Members' attention was brought to the site allocation proposals for each housing market characteristic area. The following issues were discussed:

Aireborough

Members discussed issues surrounding Leeds Bradford International Airport including possible future expansion and employment. Transport links to the airport were also discussed. Suggested amendments were made.

City Centre

Members were given an explanation of changes to bulky goods areas.

RESOLVED – That the Site Allocations Plan Issues and Options documents be recommended to the Executive Board for the purposes of public consultation.

85 Site Allocations DPD - Consultation Strategy

The report of the Director of City Development set out the broad principles and key features that would form the basis for the consultation on the Leeds Site Allocations Plan. Subject to the approval of the Development Plan Panel's and Executive Board's consideration of the material, the consultation was planned to commence in early June for an 8 week period.

Members' attention was brought to the proposed consultation events outlined in the report. Members expressed concern regarding some of the areas proposed to hold the 'Drop In' sessions as it was felt some of the characteristic areas had distinctly different areas within. The Chair considered that given the size of the District, accessibility issues and the resources available, 'Drop In' events needed to be targeted in the City Centre and Major Settlements as the priority. Cllr Campbell requested if a 'consultation pack' could be made available to members for the purposes of consulting with local community groups. This was agreed. It was reported that there would be other forms of consultation available including online consultation. There was a need to consult as widely as possible and there would be widespread notification of the consultation.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

86 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 5 June 2013 at 1.30 p.m.