

Minutes

Local Development Framework Panel

1st March 2012

Present:

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
D L Bebb	Yes	Lady Newton	Yes
G Butland	Apologies	W D Scattergood	Yes
A V E Everard	Yes	C Siddall	Yes
M C M Lager	Apologies	M Thorogood	Apologies
J T McKee	Apologies	R G Walters	Yes

35 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

INFORMATION: The following interests were declared:-

All Councillors declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5 - Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and Draft Inset Plans as Mr N McCrea, who was speaking during Question Time, was known to them as a former District Councillor and Chairman of the Local Development Framework Panel.

Councillor W D Scattergood declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5 - Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and Draft Inset Plans as Mr M Jackson, the Agent for Mrs Hennessey who was speaking during Question Time was known to her as he was a former Braintree District Council Planning Officer.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillors remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion, unless stated otherwise, when the respective matters were considered.

36 **MINUTES**

INFORMATION: There were no Minutes for approval.

37 **QUESTION TIME**

INFORMATION: There were two statements made. Details of the people who spoke at the meeting are contained in the Appendix to these Minutes.

Principally, these Minutes record decisions taken only and, where appropriate, the reasons for the decisions. An audio recording of the meeting is available from Member Services.

SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DRAFT INSET PLANS FOR ASHEN, BELCHAMP OTTEN, BELCHAMP ST PAUL, STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD, STURMER, BORLEY, STAMBOURNE CHAPEL END, STAMBOURNE DYERS END AND HALSTEAD

INFORMATION: Mrs E Dash, Planning Policy Manager, presented a report on the preparation of the Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and the Draft Village Inset Plans to be included within it.

The report included proposed Village Inset Plans for Halstead and villages in the District together with Town/Parish Councils' views on proposed development sites. It was anticipated that further development sites would be put forward by landowners/agents following public consultation on the Site Allocations and Development Management Plan.

It was reported that Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy identified a minimum housing provision target of 300 dwellings in Halstead from 2009 to 2026. Between 2009 and 2011 66 dwellings had been completed and 166 had been granted planning permission. Therefore, a minimum of 68 dwellings needed to be allocated through the Site Allocations Development Plan Document.

Members were advised that the Braintree District Local Plan Review showed a proposed route for a bypass of Halstead and although Government guidance indicated that Site Allocations and Development Management Plan Documents should only identify allocations which were likely to be forthcoming within the Plan period, Halstead Town Council considered that the route of the bypass should continue to be shown on the Plan. Whilst evidence suggested that the proposed bypass may not be deliverable, it was proposed that the bypass should be shown until Essex County Council resolved to formally abandon the project.

DECISION:

That the draft Village Inset Plans for Ashen, Belchamp Otten, Belchamp St Paul, Steeple Bumpstead, Sturmer, Borley, Stambourne Chapel End, Stambourne Dyers End and Halstead and the specific recommendations set out in the report relating to these settlements be approved for the purpose of consultation, subject to the following amendments:-

Steeple Bumpstead – That site STE1 – land between Freeze's Barns and 22 Water Lane, Steeple Bumpstead be included within the village envelope and allocated as a housing site for 10 or more dwellings, subject to a Flood Risk Assessment and to the views of the Environment Agency.

Halstead Map 1 – That land at and to the rear of the Senior Citizens Centre, Halstead referred to as Areas A and B of HTR6 be allocated for residential purposes (10 or more dwellings); and the land referred to as Area C of HTR6 be allocated as formal recreation, and Map 1a annotated accordingly.

Halstead Map 2 – That HAS7 – land at Fenn Road, Halstead up to the Brook and HAS28 SHLAA – Fenn Road Depot, Halstead be allocated for residential purposes (10 or more dwellings) and HAS7 included within the town development boundary, subject to the Highways Authority being requested to investigate widening of Fenn Road.

At the close of the meeting, the Chairman reported that the Panel's meeting scheduled for 21st March 2012 had been cancelled, but that a meeting of the Panel would take place in April 2012 to consider site allocations for Witham which had been deferred. The date of this meeting had yet to be confirmed, but it would be held in Witham.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and closed at 7.50pm.

Councillor R G Walters

(Chairman)

APPENDIX

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PANEL

1ST MARCH 2012

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Details of Questions Asked / Statements Made During Public Question Time

Statements Relating to Item 5 - Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and Draft Inset Plans

- (i) Statement by Mr Nigel McCrea, Street Farm, The Street, Ashen (Ashen Village Inset (ASH3))
- (ii) Statement by Mrs Pauline Hennessey, Treeways, Church Street, Great Maplestead (Halstead Inset (HTR3))