

Minutes



Local Development Framework Panel

7th December 2011

Present:

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

Councillors J E Abbott, J C Beavis, D Mann and R Wright were also in attendance.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

INFORMATION: The following interests were declared:-

Councillor J E Abbott declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5 - Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and Draft Village Inset Plans and, in particular, Kelvedon Village Inset (Durwoods Hall – partly in Rivenhall Parish) as Braintree District Council Ward Member for Bradwell, Silver End and Rivenhall and Chairman of Rivenhall Parish Council.

Councillor G Butland declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5 - Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and Draft Village Inset Plans and, in particular, Gestingthorpe Village Inset as three friends lived in the village and owned property there. Councillor Butland did not speak during the consideration of Gestingthorpe Village Inset, or vote on the matter.

Councillor M C M Lager declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 – Growth Area Funding – Update as a Member of both Essex County Council and Witham Town Council.

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.

17 MINUTES

DECISION: The Minutes of the meeting of the Local Development Framework Panel held on 8th September 2011, as amended, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Mr J Hayden, Director of Sustainable Development, reminded

Members of the Panel that the second part of the Decision to Minute 14 (Growth Area Funding – Update) had been amended to a recommendation to Cabinet and Council.

18 **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.

Councillor J E Abbott and Councillor S Bolter attended the meeting and spoke during the consideration of the Kelvedon and Gestingthorpe Draft Village Inset Plans.

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.

19 **SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DRAFT VILLAGE INSET PLANS FOR AUDLEY END, BLACK NOTLEY, CASTLE HEDINGHAM, COGGESHALL, COLNE ENGAINE, CORNISH HALL END, EARLS COLNE, EARLS COLNE AIRFIELD, FINCHINGFIELD, GESTINGTHORPE, GREENSTEAD GREEN, KELVEDON, LITTLE MAPLESTEAD, PANFIELD, RAYNE, RIDGEWELL, SIBLE HEDINGHAM, SILVER END, TERLING, TOPPESFIELD and WHITE COLNE**

Councillor J E Abbott, District Ward Councillor for Bradwell, Silver End and Rivenhall and Chairman of Rivenhall Parish Council, joined the meeting and spoke on the Kelvedon Village Inset Plan and, in particular, KEL6 Durwoods Hall (adjacent to A12) which was partly within Rivenhall Parish. Councillor Abbott endorsed the recommendation not to support an employment boundary.

Councillor J E Abbott, District Ward Councillor for Bradwell, Silver End and Rivenhall, joined the meeting and spoke on the Silver End Village Inset Plan and, in particular, he expressed his support for SIL6 former Crittall and Finishing Company site as a mixed use regeneration area.

Councillor S Bolter, representing Gestingthorpe Parish Council, joined the meeting and spoke in support of the recommendations for the Gestingthorpe Village Inset Plan.

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 set out the purpose and content of the Plan which would specify the amount and location of housing land and employment land that should be provided over the next fifteen years in conformity with the adopted Core Strategy.

The report included proposed Village Inset Plans for villages in the District together with 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.

In discussing the provision of employment land, Members were advised that the Employment Land Review of 2007, which formed part of the Local Development

Framework Evidence Base, was due for renewal. It was reported that the Retail Review and Care Homes Review would require updating also.

DECISION:

- (1) That the draft Village Inset Plans for Audley End, Black Notley, Castle Hedingham, Coggeshall, Colne Engaine, Cornish Hall End, Earls Colne, Earls Colne Airfield, Finchingfield, Gestingthorpe, Greenstead Green, Kelvedon, Little Maplestead, Panfield, Rayne, Ridgewell, Sible Hedingham, Silver End, Terling, Toppesfield and White Colne 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:-

Coggeshall - To include site COG12 - Cookfield, East Street, Coggeshall (housing for 10 or more dwellings).

Kelvedon – To include site KEL2A – land to rear of London Road/Church Street, Kelvedon (inclusion of land within the development boundary/access via the Cloisters) - for the purpose of a care home only.

Silver End – To designate School Road and Valentine Way, Silver End as environmental improvement areas (to assist in overcoming parking problems).

White Colne – To include WHC3 - land South of Colchester Road, White Colne (proposed development of land for housing).

- (2) That the Employment Land Review – 2007, Retail Review and Care Homes Review, which form part of the Local Development Framework Evidence Base, be updated.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

DECISION: That under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the Act.

Although the following item was taken in Private Session the Minutes do not contain any confidential information and are therefore admissible in the public domain.

20 GROWTH AREA FUNDING – UPDATE

INFORMATION: Members of the Panel were reminded of the amount of capital and revenue funding which had been awarded to Braintree District Council from the Growth Area Fund to support the delivery of new housing and employment and associated infrastructure. Priorities for the expenditure and allocation of the funding had been agreed by the Panel at previous meetings and an update report on the programme was attached as an Appendix to the report.

DECISION: That the progress report on the Growth Area Fund programme be noted and the allocation of funds, as detailed in the report, be approved.

At the close of the meeting, the Chairman thanked the Planning Officers for their considerable work to date in preparing the Local Development Framework documents.

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm and closed at 8.00pm.

Councillor R G Walters

(Chairman)

APPENDIX

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PANEL

7TH DECEMBER 2011

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Details of Questions Asked / Statements Made During Public Question Time

1. Statements Relating to Item 5 - Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and Draft Village Inset Plans
 - (i) Statement by Edward Gittins, Edward Gittins Assocs, Unit 5, Patches Yard, Glemsford, Suffolk
 - (ii) Statement by Mr John Gunn, 279 London Road, Black Notley, Essex