

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING PARTY

WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH 2007, AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E. (Chairman), Councillor G. N. Denaro, Councillor Mrs. K. M. Gall, Councillor R. Hollingworth, Councillor G. H. R. Hulett, Councillor Mrs. J. D. Luck, Councillor N. Psirides JP, Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP and Councillor C. J. Tidmarsh

Observer: Councillor G. G. Selway

Officers: Mr. M. Dunphy, Ms. R. Williams, Ms. M. Worsfold, Ms. H. Pankhurst and Mr. A. C. Stephens

19/06 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. A. Ruck, P. J. Whittaker and C. J. K. Wilson.

20/06 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Working Party held on 6th February 2007 were submitted.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

21/06 **JOINT WORKING ON THE REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY PHASE TWO ALLOCATIONS HOUSING STUDY**

Consideration was given to the Regional Spatial Strategy Phase Two Allocation Housing Study document relating to joint working with Worcestershire County Council, Warwickshire County Council, Redditch Borough Council and Stratford District Council. The report outlined the proposed housing allocations and the related approach to the commissioning of a joint study.

Members expressed concern at the over-provision of housing land, the development of land by other adjacent authorities up to the boundary of Green Belt land within the Bromsgrove District and whether the larger authorities would be able to adequately represent the needs of a smaller, less urbanised area such as Bromsgrove.

RECOMMENDED: that the commencement of work on the Regional Spatial Strategy Housing Options Study be approved within the financial / budgetary constraints referred to in the report.

22/06 **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

Consideration was given to a report relating to the Local Development Scheme which had previously been considered in January and October 2005, and in September 2006. It was reported that a new version of the document was required to reflect the current situation. Mr. M. Dunphy, Strategic and Local Plans Officer, informed the Working Party of some of the key changes to the scheme, and stated that some of the Local Development Scheme target dates would have to be amended.

As part of the Local Development Scheme submission, Members also considered the existing planning policies within the Bromsgrove District Local Plan which would be carried forward to the replacement Development Plan Document.

RECOMMENDED: that the amended Local Development Scheme document be submitted to the Government Office for the West Midlands for approval, prior to full adoption by the Council.

23/06 **SAVING LOCAL PLANS POLICIES**

Members gave further consideration to the policies contained within the existing Bromsgrove District Local Plan, prior to the adoption of the Core Strategy and the other relevant Development Plan Documents.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (ii) that the policies outlined in the appendix attached to the report be submitted to the Government Office for the West Midlands for approval to be either saved or deleted.

24/06 **DODFORD CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL**

The Chairman invited Ms. M. Worsfold, Conservation Officer, to address the Meeting. Ms. Worsfold gave a brief presentation and outlined the appraisal document for the Dodford Conservation Area. She explained the history of the settlement of Dodford and highlighted some of the main features of the Conservation Area, namely the single storey cottages, the narrow lanes and high hedgerows.

It was also reported that the appraisal was the second to be completed, with the Hagley appraisal published last year, and a draft management plan for the Hagley conservation area has also been produced.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the document be noted and approved;

- (ii) that the inclusion of information about the Conservation Area with Local Land Charge Search returns be investigated; and
- (iii) that the officers involved with the Dodford Conservation Area Appraisal be congratulated on the publication of a well presented and informative document.

The meeting closed at 3.30 pm

Chairman