

Subject to approval at the next Subcommittee meeting

## LOCAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

31 August 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

Present : Councillors Bower (Chairman), Charles (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Bence, Mrs Brown, Cooper, Mrs Hall, Haymes and Oppler.

Councillor Ambler was also in attendance at the meeting.

### 8. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Elkins.

### 9. Declarations of Interest

The Monitoring Officer has advised Members of interim arrangements to follow when making declarations of interest. They have been advised that for the reasons explained below, they should make their declarations on the same basis as the former Code of Conduct using the descriptions of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

#### Reasons

- The Council has adopted the government's example for a new local code of conduct, but new policies and procedures relating to the new local code are yet to be considered and adopted.
- Members have not yet been trained on the provisions of the new local code of conduct.
- The definition of Pecuniary Interests is narrower than the definition of Prejudicial Interests so, by declaring a matter as a Prejudicial Interest, that will cover the requirement to declare a Pecuniary Interest in the same matter.

There were no declarations of interest made.

### 10. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2017 were approved by the Subcommittee and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 11. Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)

The Principal Conservation Officer presented a report which provided the detail of the review that had been undertaken to update the Economic

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Land Availability Assessment (HELAA), which provided the Council with a database of potential development sites within the District.

The Subcommittee was informed that 13 new sites had been submitted to the Council as part of a Call for Sites exercise in April/May 2017 and of those new sites 6 had been identified as being deliverable whilst the remaining 7 sites were assessed as being not currently developable. The new sites had the potential to accommodate 229 units. Information relating to the sites would be kept up to date, e.g. should their status change due to planning permission being refused.

The Chairman advised that a planning application at Climping had been refused by the Development Control Committee last week and the HELAA would be updated accordingly.

Councillor Haymes wished it to be recorded that, whilst he agreed with the HELAA at the present time, as a member of the Development Control Committee he reserved his position when any particular site was considered by that Committee in the future.

The Subcommittee

RESOLVED – That

(1) the HELAA (Housing & Employment Land Availability Assessment), as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan and any future Development Plan document, be noted; and

(2) officers to update the contents of the HELAA (Housing & Employment Land Availability Assessment), subject to an annual report of the key findings.

12. Arun Local Plan – Evidence Base Update

In the absence of the Planning Policy Team Leader, the Principal Conservation Officer presented this update report on the Arun Local Plan (2011-2031).

The Subcommittee also received a verbal update that additional Matters and Issues had been received today (31 August 2017) and these had been uploaded to the website. All interested parties would be contacted by the Programme Officer to inform them of the additional questions.

As officers were currently preparing individual Statements of Common Ground with all of the strategic site promoters, which would set out areas of agreement between the Council and the relevant developer/site promoter, the intention was to submit these to the Inspector at the same time as the relevant Matters and Issues documentation.

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Memorandums of Understanding would also be presented to the Inspector when the examination hearings reconvened.

A question was asked around the changes and amendments being made to the Local Plan and whether these were significant or were just for clarification. Confirmation was given that the actual thrust of the policies remained the same but in some cases the wording had been simplified and/or clarified.

The Subcommittee then

**RESOLVED**

That the update provided on the progress of the Arun Local Plan (2011-2031), be noted.

(The meeting concluded at 6.15 pm)