

Subject to approval at the next Subcommittee meeting

## LOCAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

26 February 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

Present : Councillors Bower (Chairman), Charles (Vice-Chairman), Ambler, Bicknell, Mrs Brown, Chapman, Cooper, Elkins, Mrs Hall and Haymes.

### 27. Welcome

The Chairman was pleased to introduce Mr Kevin Owen to the meeting as the recently appointed Planning Policy Team Leader.

### 28. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs Bence, Northeast, Smith and Mrs Stainton.

### 29. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

### 30. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2017 were approved by the Subcommittee and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 31. Open Space, Playing Pitch and Built Sports Facilities Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

The Group Head of Planning advised the Subcommittee that the purpose of the report on the table was to (i) agree an interim position with regard to the provision of open space and play equipment within new residential developments in the District (as set out in the report); and (ii) for work to commence on preparing and adopting the Open Space, Playing Pitch and Built Sports Facilities Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which would provide an extra layer of detail to support future planning applications. He also requested that the second recommendation in the report be deleted as Full Council's approval was not required as the funds had already been allocated for this work; this was duly agreed.

Following brief consideration of the matter, the Subcommittee

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## RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL

That the interim position, as set out in the report, be formally agreed until the Open Space, Playing Pitch and Built Sports Facilities Supplementary Document is adopted.

### 32. Consultation on Main Modifications of the Local Plan

*(During the course of consideration of this item, Councillor Elkins declared a personal interest as a member of Felpham Parish Council.)*

As the consultation period had not closed until 5.00 p.m. on 23 February 2018, Members had been circulated with, prior to the meeting, an updated summary of the consultation responses received since publication of the agenda. This had also been uploaded to the Council's website.

In considering the report and update report, the Principal Planning Officer's efforts were recognised and commended in circulating the update prior to the meeting. A request was made that Members be made aware of the names of respondents as a matter of interest.

In presenting the report, the Group Head of Planning advised that 85 individual representations had now been received and logged, which was substantially less than in previous rounds. In line with Full Council's recommendation in November 2017, the consultation responses, together with a short summary by the Council, would be submitted to the Inspector by the end of February 2017 to inform his review on the soundness of the Arun District Local Plan. A final report would then come back from the Inspector setting out his final conclusions and any recommendations that were required to be implemented. Subject to this report being favourable, a fully revised version of the Local Plan would be prepared incorporating his Main Modifications (and Additional Modifications), with a final version being presented to the Subcommittee prior to being recommended on to Full Council for adoption.

In considering the report, comments were made and responded to by the Group Head of Planning around the following:-

- Employment land at Angmering
- Strategic Gap on the land north of the A259
- Had any significant challenges to the Plan been raised? No, but officers would be making comment on some of the representations, particularly with regard to a secondary school and would be asking the Inspector to accept the change that was being suggested by West Sussex County Council.
- Chapter 13 – Design. Member comment was made that the representation submitted around internal space standards was entirely sensible. Officer advice was given that this was a national issue and Local Plans should not contain more onerous standards; that was why

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the Council's policy had changed. However, further Member comment was made that the DCN (District Councils Network) was taking up the issue and it was hoped that common sense would prevail.

- It was confirmed that there was no issue with the Duty to Co-operate on Housing with Worthing.

The Subcommittee then

#### RESOLVED

That the update on the Local Plan process, including the summaries of the Main Modification Consultation, be noted.

#### 33. Authority Monitoring Report 2016/17

In presenting this report, the Group Head of Planning, advised that, hopefully, this would be the last year of a "policy off" position and that next year the Housing Land Supply assessment would be a "policy on" position.

Following a question being asked relating to housing numbers and engagement with parishes and a response from the Group Head of Planning, the Subcommittee

#### RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL

That the Authority Monitoring Report 2016/17 be adopted. .

(The meeting concluded at 6.35 pm)