

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR ON MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett - in the chair

Mrs J Antill
Mrs S Ayres
Mr T Cresswell
Mr S Hall
Mrs E Murphy
Mr A Osborne
Mrs J Osborne
Miss A Owen
Mr J Sayers

Mrs J Howells – Town Clerk
Mrs J Budd – Deputy Town Clerk

1. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with guidance from Babergh District Council's Standards Committee, Mrs S Ayres, Mr T Cresswell, Mr A Osborne, Mrs J Osborne and Miss A Owen declared that they are Babergh District Councillors. All of these members asked that it be noted that their views expressed at this meeting would be based on information available at the time and might not be the same as those expressed at meetings involving other councils.

2. Declarations of gifts and hospitality

There were no declarations of gifts or hospitality

3. Requests for dispensation

No requests for dispensation had been received.

4. Babergh & MidSuffolk draft joint Local Plan

Members discussed in detail the Babergh and MidSuffolk draft joint Local Plan.

RECOMMENDED

SP02 – Affordable housing – STC have concerns about 'clawback' and whether this has ever been tested – for example Walnuttree development – if proved, money could be allocated for affordable housing elsewhere in Sudbury.

Suggest adding following statement to policy – *a clawback should be considered if the viability study proves to be too conservative*

SP08 – Infrastructure Provision – no reference made to Sudbury relief road nor strategic routing – suggest adding the following statement in paragraph a) – *commitment to improving highways in Sudbury and improving road infrastructure.*

SP09 – Cross boundary mitigation of effects on Protected Habitats Sites – add – “*want to see route of emerging Gainsborough Trail protected*”.

SP10 – Climate Change – welcome this policy but words ‘encourage and support’ are not strong enough to achieve what the policy is aiming to do

LP03 – Residential Extensions and Conversions – would like to see bungalows given more protection and prevented from conversion to houses – there is a shortage of this type of property – request that wording such as in SP6 be added ‘ *bungalows to remain in perpetuity through the removal of permitted development rights*’

LP07 Affordable Housing – recommend statement regarding clawback be added as recommended in Policy SP02

LP17 and 18 – Biodiversity and Landscape – fully support these policies but concerns about ability to enforce proposals

LP23 – Sustainable Construction and Design – concerns about quoting only 2013 legislation – recommend addition of following statement ‘*or any subsequent more recent legislation or council policy which would lead to a greater reduction in CO₂ emissions*’

Sudbury Town Council are also concerned that land adjacent to Chilton Church has not been identified as future cemetery land in this new Local Plan – it was included in the previous Local Plan

All other proposed policies were supported.

5. Braintree District Council Local Plan

An email had been received from Braintree District Council regarding their Local Plan Consultation. Being a neighbouring town to Halstead, Sudbury was mentioned. Members were requested to submit any comments.

RECOMMENDED

No comments were received.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed

Chairman

