

Minutes



Local Development Framework Sub- Committee 30th May 2013

Present:

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
D L Bebb	Apologies	Lady Newton	Yes
G Butland	Apologies	W D Scattergood	Yes
A V E Everard	Yes (until 7.52pm)	C Siddall	Yes
M C M Lager	Yes	M Thorogood	Apologies
J M Money	Yes	R G Walters (Chairman)	Yes

Councillors Abbott, Horner, Howell, Rose and Wright were also in attendance.

1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

INFORMATION: The following interests were declared:

Councillor J E Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 - Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and Draft Inset Plans for Rivenhall, Rivenhall End, Rivenhall Airfield and Witham as a Member of Rivenhall Parish Council; a Member of Essex County Council (the education Authority); as an Ordinary Member of Witham and Countryside Society; and as a person who had personally submitted representations on the Plan.

Councillor M C M Lager declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 - Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and Draft Inset Plans for Rivenhall, Rivenhall End, Rivenhall Airfield and Witham and, in particular, sites at Witham as a Member of Witham Town Council which had been consulted on the proposed development sites and had submitted representations.

Councillor J M Money declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 - Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and Draft Inset Plans for Rivenhall, Rivenhall End, Rivenhall Airfield and Witham and, in particular, sites at Witham as a Member of Witham Town Council which had been consulted on the proposed development sites and had submitted representations; and as she lived on the edge of site WIS6H – Growth Location at Lodge Farm, off Hatfield Road, Witham.

Councillor Lady Newton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 - Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and Draft Inset Plans for Rivenhall, Rivenhall End, Rivenhall Airfield and Witham as Braintree District Council's Cabinet Member for Planning and Property with responsibility for asset management and

affordable housing; and as a Member of Essex County Council (the education Authority).

Councillor R G Walters declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 - Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and Draft Inset Plans for Rivenhall, Rivenhall End, Rivenhall Airfield and Witham as Member of Essex County Council (the education Authority).

Councillor R Wright declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 - Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and Draft Inset Plans for Rivenhall, Rivenhall End, Rivenhall Airfield and Witham as a Member of Rivenhall Parish Council.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, all Councillors remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion when the matters were considered.

2 **MINUTES**

DECISION: The Minutes of the meeting of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee held on 8th May 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 **QUESTION TIME**

INFORMATION: There were nine statements made. Details of the people who spoke at the meeting are contained in the Appendix to these Minutes.

Principally, these Minutes record decisions taken only and, where appropriate, the reasons for the decisions.

4 **SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN DRAFT - INSET PLANS FOR RIVENHALL, RIVENHALL END, RIVENHALL AIRFIELD and WITHAM**

(Councillor James Abbott (District Council Ward Councillor for Bradwell, Silver End and Rivenhall) attended the meeting and spoke on this item).

(Councillor Robert Wright (District Council Ward Councillor for Bradwell, Silver End and Rivenhall) attended the meeting and spoke on this item and, in particular, sites at Rivenhall).

INFORMATION: Mrs E Dash, Planning Policy Manager, presented a report on the preparation of the Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and the Draft Inset Plans to be included within it. The report included proposed Inset Plans for Rivenhall, Rivenhall End, Rivenhall Airfield and Witham.

A Site Allocations and Development Management Plan was required to set out land allocations and policies, against which future planning applications for development in the District would be determined over the period to 2026. The Plan had to be in accordance with the Council's Core Strategy which set out the overall strategy for future development in the District and the number of dwellings for which land should be allocated, details of which were set out in the report.

Public consultation on the draft Site Allocations and Development Management Plan had taken place between 9th January and 22nd February 2013. The report summarised

the representations which had been received and set out the Officers' comments on these, including additional sites which had been proposed. The report recommended the inclusion of sites within the 'Submission Draft' of the Site Allocations and Development Management Plan which would be published for a six week period. Any representations submitted during that time would be considered by an Inspector appointed by the Planning Inspectorate to examine the soundness of the Plan.

During the consideration of the report, particular reference was made to the site adjacent to the Old Rectory, Rectory Lane, Rivenhall which had been submitted as an additional site. It was agreed that this site should not be included within the development boundary, or allocated as a residential site of 10 or more dwellings. However, it was acknowledged that, if approved, the development would have a considerable impact on Witham and that Witham Town Council should have been consulted on the proposal. The Officers indicated that this consultation would be undertaken.

DECISION: That, subject to the draft Site Allocations and Development Management Plan being approved in its entirety by the Council for public consultation:-

That the Inset Plans and recommendations as set out in the report for the villages of Rivenhall, Rivenhall End and Rivenhall Airfield, and the town of Witham be approved, subject to the recommendations relating to Witham being amended as follows:-

Witham

Site WCH3HAIt – Bellfields, Braintree Road, Witham

1. That the area of land at Bellfields fronting Braintree Road be allocated as Visually Important Space.
2. That the community use allocation of the land at Bellfields which accommodates the former school be changed to educational use, subject to a report being submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee on the extent of land required for educational purposes.

Amendment to Primary Shopping Area

That this item be deferred to a future meeting as the maps circulated with the report were incorrect.

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm and closed at 8.22pm.

NOTE: This meeting was not webcast, but an audio recording was taken.

Councillor R G Walters

(Chairman)

APPENDIX

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK SUB-COMMITTEE

30TH MAY 2013

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 - Inset Plans for Rivenhall, Rivenhall End, Rivenhall Airfield and Witham

Rivenhall

Statement by Councillor Robert Wright, 303 Rickstones Road, Rivenhall (Re. various sites in Rivenhall)

Rivenhall and Witham

Statement by Councillor James Abbott, 1 Waterfall Cottages, Park Road, Rivenhall (Re. various sites in Rivenhall and Witham)

Witham

- (i) Statement by Mr Kenneth Davies, Chairman of Humber Road Estate Community Initiative, 40 Ouse Chase, Witham (Re. Site WIW1H – land off Teign Drive, Witham) (Objector)
- (ii) Statement by Mr Dennis Miller, Representing the Residents of Helen Court, Witham, 2 Sauls Bridge Close, Witham (Re. Site - WCH2HAlt – Gimsos (Land off Kings Chase/River View), Witham) (Objector)
- (iii) Statement by Mrs Louise McKinlay, Director Bascule Properties Ltd, Land to the rear of 51 Newland Street, Witham (Re. Site WCH9HAlt - Land to the rear of HSBC Bank, Newland Street, Witham) (Objector)
- (iv) Mr Geoff Shaw, 17 Armiger Way, Witham (Re. Site WCH27X - Former Magistrates' Court, Newland Street, Witham) (Objector)
- (v) Statement by Mr Ian Marsden, 30 Pinkham Drive, Witham (Re. Various Sites in Witham including:- growth location off Forest Road; WCH2HAlt – Gimsos (Land off Kings Chase/River View); WIS6H- Lodge Farm, Hatfield Road) (Objector)
- (vi) Statement by Mr Martin Addison, Ramsden Mills, Braintree Road, Witham (Re. Site WCH7E – Ramsden Mills, Albert Road (proposed employment site), Witham) (Objector)
- (vii) Statement by Mrs Noble (address not supplied) (Re. general objection to further development in Witham) (Objector)