

Minutes

Local Plan Sub-Committee

14th March 2016

Present:

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
D Bebb	Yes	Mrs J Money	Yes
Mrs L Bowers-Flint (Chairman)	Yes	Lady Newton	Yes
G Butland	Apologies	J O'Reilly-Cicconi	Apologies
T Cunningham	Yes	Mrs W Scattergood	Yes
D Hume	Apologies	Miss M Thorogood	Yes

Councillors Bowers, McKee and Schwier were also in attendance.

41 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

INFORMATION: There were no interests declared.

42 **MINUTES**

INFORMATION: The Minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Sub-Committee held on 17th February 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

43 **QUESTION TIME**

INFORMATION: There were no questions asked, or statements made.

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

44 **BRAINTREE DISTRICT DRAFT LOCAL PLAN - HOUSING TARGET**

INFORMATION: It was reported that the Braintree District Draft Local Plan would be published for consultation in Summer 2016 and that the Council must consider what the Local Plan target for the number of new homes to be built in the District should be. It was proposed that the target should be an annual average of 845 homes for the period 2016-2033.

The Local Plan Sub-Committee would consider at future meetings possible development sites that could be included in the draft Local Plan to meet the proposed target.

DECISION: That the Local Plan target for new homes in the Braintree District is based on an annual average of 845 homes for the Plan period 2016-2033 and that site allocations are based on identifying sufficient supply to meet that target.

45 **BRAINTREE DISTRICT DRAFT LOCAL PLAN - BROAD SPATIAL STRATEGY**

INFORMATION: Consideration was given to a report on a proposed framework for the preferred allocation of land within the District for development.

The report proposed, that given the relative level of facilities and connectivity within the District, growth should be concentrated around Braintree, Witham and the A12 corridor, new well-planned garden communities and Halstead. The report proposed also a spatial hierarchy, which put Braintree, Witham and Halstead at the top as existing towns, Coggeshall, Hatfield Peverel, Earls Colne, Sible Hedingham and Kelvedon with Feering next, followed by all other villages and the countryside.

DECISION: That the broad spatial strategy for the District should concentrate development on Braintree, Witham and the A12 corridor, planned new garden communities and Halstead.

46 **BRAINTREE DISTRICT – HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS**

INFORMATION: It as reported that there were eight Historic Parks and Gardens located in the Braintree District. These were Hatfield Priory, Hatfield Peverel; Spains Hall, Finchingfield; Gosfield Hall, Gosfield; Faulkbourne Hall, Witham; Saling Hall, Great Saling; Belchamp Hall, Belchamp Walter; Saling Grove, Great Saling; and Terling Place, Terling. It was proposed to continue to identify these sites on the Proposals Map in the new Local Plan.

DECISION: That the Historic Parks and Gardens Review be approved for inclusion in the evidence base for the new Local Plan.

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm and closed at 6.45pm.

Councillor Mrs L Bowers-Flint
(Chairman)