

Minutes

Local Plan Sub-Committee

11th November 2015

Present:

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

Councillors Bailey, Bowers, Horner, Mitchell, Rose, Schwier and Tattersley were also in attendance.

20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

INFORMATION: There were no interests declared.

21 **MINUTES**

INFORMATION: The Minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Sub-Committee held on 7th September 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22 **QUESTION TIME**

INFORMATION: There were two 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.

23 **STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT (SHLAA)**

INFORMATION: Members of the Sub-Committee were advised that the Council's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) had been updated. This document contained an inventory of sites within the District which could be considered suitable for development through the production of the new Local Plan. The production of a SHLAA was a requirement of the National Planning Policy Framework. The SHLAA did not allocate sites.

Each site included in the SHLAA had been assessed for its suitability, availability, and achievability for residential development. The SHLAA showed that there were 344 potential sites in the District which could accommodate 54,856 new homes. Of these sites 89 were brownfield, or majority brownfield sites with a total area of 131 ha which could potentially accommodate 2383 new homes. It was noted that the Council's estimated housing requirement up to 2033 was between 12,000 and 15,000 new homes and that the SHLAA indicated that there were more than sufficient sites within the District to meet this need.

DECISION:

- (1) That the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) (2015) be approved as part of the evidence base for the new Local Plan.
- (2) That Officers be authorised to update the contents of the SHLAA on an on-going basis, subject to an annual report being presented on the key findings of the SHLAA.

24 **LOCAL PLAN TIMETABLE AND SITE SELECTION UPDATE**

INFORMATION: Consideration was given to a report on the process for producing a new Local Plan for the District for the period up to 2033.

The report highlighted the methodology and site selection process which was being followed to assess the suitability of potential sites for residential, employment and retail development. The report included a revised timetable for the production of the new Local Plan. It was anticipated that consultation on preferred options would take place in June/July 2016; that the Plan should be submitted for examination in February 2017; that the Independent Examination would take place in May 2017; and that final adoption of the Plan would be in September 2017.

DECISION:

- (1) That the revised timetable for the production of the Braintree District Council Local Plan be noted.
- (2) That the site selection methodology for the Braintree District Council Local Plan be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm and closed at 6.36pm.

Councillor Mrs L Bowers-Flint
(Chairman)

APPENDIX

LOCAL PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE

11TH NOVEMBER 2015

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Details of Questions Asked / Statements Made During Public Question Time

- 1 Statements Relating to Item 5 – Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)
 - (i) Statement by Mrs Helen Wolf
 - (ii) Statement by Councillor Chris Bailey, 4 Chipping Hill, Witham