

**LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP**

A meeting of the Local Plan Working Group was held on 30 January 2019.

**PRESENT:** Councillors L Young (Chair), C Rooney, D Rooney and Walters

**OFFICERS:** P Clarke, A Conti, K Whitwell

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were submitted on behalf of Councillor Bloundele.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no Declarations of Interest at this point in the meeting.

**1 MINUTES - LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP - 26 SEPTEMBER 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Working Group held on 26 September 2018 were taken as read and agreed as a true record.

**2 UPDATE/FEEDBACK ON LOCAL PLAN PUBLICATION CONSULTATION**

Approximately 50 responses had been received from groups/individuals with one community group submitting a response on behalf of 140 individuals. Responses were still being logged by the Planning Team. Cllr D Rooney asked how long it would take to complete the logging and summarising of the representations. AC replied that he thought it would take approximately two weeks to complete.

Issues raised

Housing - AC explained that some housebuilders have raised issues in relation to the number and range of housing sites included in the plan and the lack of a reasonable buffer. Other groups/ individuals have raised the issue that too much housing has been included in the Plan.

PC reported to the group that no representations had been received in relation to policy for the conversions and sub-division of buildings for residential use, this follows the introduction of an interim policy approach on this issue.

Hot Food Takeaways - AC stated that objections had been received in relation to the hot food takeaway policy from McDonalds and KFC. The policy approach would need to be defended at Examination.

Duty to co-operate

Reponses were received from a number of bodies including the statutory consultees including HBF, Historic England, Environment Agency and Natural England.

AC reported that duty to co-operate meetings had been held throughout the plan preparation process including a Member event with our neighbouring authorities. Other than the responses from the Environment Agency and Historic England - there were no other objections to the Plan from DTC bodies.

**NOTED****3 LOCAL PLAN NEXT STEPS AND FUTURE TIMETABLE**

PC explained that at the Local Plan Examination, the Inspector would look not just at the representation but would consider if the Plan was sound, part of which includes it being consistent with national policy. AC advised that officers have compiled an assessment of the Local Plan against the revised NPPF. This assessment had identified one or two areas where the Plan might fall short. PC explained that he was proposing to commission the Planning

Advisory Service to complete an independent assessment of the Plan and the associated evidence base.

The Local Plan was currently timetabled to be submitted in June 2019 with the Examination likely to take place in the Autumn.

**NOTED**

4 **ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, MAY BE CONSIDERED**

None.