**B O R O U G H O F K E T T E R I N G**

**PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE**

**31st August 2010**

**Present:** Councillor Mike Tebbutt (Chair)

Councillor June Derbyshire, Christopher Groome, Christopher Lamb, Paul Marks, Greg Titcombe, Keli Watts and Alison Wiley

**Also Present:** Councillors Russell Roberts, Derek Zanger and David Soans.

**10.PP.19 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Maurice Bayes. It was noted that Councillor Paul Marks was acting as a substitute.

**10.PP.20** **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28th July 2010 be approved and signed by the Chair

**10.PP.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Michael Tebbutt and June Derbyshire declared personal interests in Item 6 as members of Desborough Town Council.

**10.PP.22** **PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

The following Councillor and members of the public declared that they wished to speak under the Council’s Right to Speak Policy:-

Councillor David Soans indicated that he wished to address the Committee on the Rothwell and Desborough Urban Extension AAP Submission (Item 6).

Mr John Padwick indicated that he wished to address the Committee on Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Update on Progress (Item 7).

Mr Paul Ansell indicated that he wished to address the Committee on Kettering Borough Shopfront Design Supplementary Planning Document (Item 8).

**10.PP.23 ROTHWELL AND DESBOROUGH URBAN EXTENSION AREA ACTION PLAN SUBMISSION**

A report was submitted which sought agreement to the content of the Rothwell and Desborugh Urban Extension Area Action Plan – Submission and Sustainability Appraisal for submission to the Secretary of State.

Councillor David Soans addressed the Committee in support of the recommendations contained within the report, particularly in relation to Desborough.

In discussion members supported the proposals, emphasising the need to protect and enhance the thriving Rothwell town centre, whilst encouraging more people to shop in Desborough town centre instead of travelling to Market Harborough.

Transport links were also discussed, and it was felt essential that the new bridge construction could support electrification of the railway line. It was noted that the bridge would be constructed on completion of the 200th house, and that negotiations were being undertaken with landowners. The reopening of Desborough Railway Station was no longer included in the submission document, but members expressed a desire to protect areas of car parking around the station should the prospect of reopening the station ever be reconsidered. It was noted that such restrictions could be placed on land around the station as part of site specific proposals in future.

**RESOLVED** that

(i) the Rothwell and Desborough Urban Extension AAP – Submission and Sustainability Appraisal be agreed for submission to the Secretary of State; and

(ii) the finalising of the Submission AAP and Sustainability Appraisal be delegated to the Head of Development Services, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, for any minor matters requiring amendment as a result of this Committee.

**10.PP.24 SITE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENT – UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

A report was submitted which updated Members on progress made in the preparation of the Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document and sought approval for the consultation strategy set out in the report.

Mr John Padwick addressed the Committee under the Council's Right to Speak Policy on several aspects of the report. It was noted that the previous work undertaken by the Rockingham Forest Trust, consultation responses and Parish Plans would all be taken into account during the consultation.

Some concern was expressed regarding the CABE settlements, which proposed including Wilbarston and Stoke Albany as a single settlement. It was felt that the two villages should be looked at separately as they represented two very distinct communities. It was also felt that Mawsley and Barton Seagrave should be included although it was noted that Mawsley should not expand any further and it was questionable as to whether Barton Seagrave fitted the rural profile.

**RESOLVED** that:-

(a) the Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan – Proposed Submission and Sustainability Appraisal be approved for public consultation;

(b) the finalising of the Proposed Submission and Sustainability Appraisal be delegated to the Head of Development Services in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, along with any minor matters requiring amendment as a result of the debate as summarised above; and

(c) the proposed eight week public consultation period and process outlined in paragraph 3.3 of the report be approved.

*(The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.45 pm)*

Signed ....................................................

Chair

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