

Motion to Full Council on 19 July 2022 from Cllr Jonathan Brown:

Following the withdrawal of Southbourne's Neighbourhood Plan Review from examination, and with only a marginal 5 Year Housing Land Supply, Chichester District Councillors are deeply concerned at the prospect of unplanned development being permitted in Southbourne Parish.

Councillors believe that all parts of the District should be treated equally and fairly within the Local Plan Review (LPR) and that Southbourne should not – alone among the Parishes in the Development Plan area – be identified as a 'Broad Location for Development'. Rather, this Council resolves to progress a strategic allocation for development at Southbourne within the LPR.

To avoid unnecessary delay to the LPR, work on this allocation should take place in parallel with other work on the LPR wherever possible and should seek to incorporate, update and reconsult on the Neighbourhood Plan evidence base wherever appropriate. Whichever location or locations may ultimately be selected for development, this should maximise the chances of any and all development in Southbourne over the life of the fifteen-year LPR being properly master planned.

While the Development Plan and Infrastructure Panel (DPIP) regularly considers evidence and options and makes recommendations on the way forward, this is a decision of such importance that it is appropriate that it be made by Full Council and be subject to public scrutiny.

It is therefore recommended that: Council resolves to progress a strategic allocation for development at Southbourne within the LPR.