



Minutes of the meeting of the **Public Facing Development Plan and Infrastructure Panel (DPIP)** held in Virtual on Wednesday 21 August 2024 at 9.30 am

**Members Present:** Mr B Brisbane (Chairman), Mr R Briscoe, Mr S Johnson, Mr A Moss, Mr H Potter and Mr C Todhunter

**Members not present:** Mr J Brown, Ms M Corfield, Mrs D Johnson and Ms V Weller

**In attendance by invitation:**

**Officers present all items:** Mr A Alempour (Democratic Services Officer), Mr A Frost (Director of Planning and Environment), Mrs C Potts (Planning Policy Team Leader), Rushmer (Planning Policy Officer), Mrs D Shepherd (Chief Executive), Mrs F Stevens (Divisional Manger for Planning) and Mr T Whitty (Divisional Manager for Planning Policy)

#### 44 **Chairman's Announcements**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Brown, Cllr Corfield, Cllr Donna Johnson and Cllr Weller.

#### 45 **Declarations of Interests**

There were none.

#### 46 **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2024, were approved by show of hands, as a true and accurate record.

#### 47 **Response to Government consultation on 'Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system**

The Chairman invited Tony Whitty, Divisional Manager Planning Policy, to present the draft proposed response to the Government consultation on 'Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system.'

Members noted they felt that the removal of the agricultural land as mentioned in 5.26 was unnecessary. In response to question one of chapter three, members asked if master planning should be included at that stage. Officers responded and

stated that reference to Master Planning was addressed in question seven of the update sheet.

Members asked for clarification on design codes and if they were being designed for more local requirements. Officers responded and stated the focus of design codes was to make them broader at a district level and more detailed design codes at a more local level. Additionally, members noted that design codes should be less restrictive and more imaginative to encapsulate Chichester in the modern day.

Regarding question nine in the main agenda pack, members questioned why local authorities needed to add a 5% buffer to their 5-year housing land supply calculations. Officers stated that if no 5% is included then the local authority can be at serious risk of falling below the 5-year housing land supply. Furthermore, officers stated that it would increase the risk of speculative applications as a consequence.

In relation to question 12 of the main agenda, members asked how it would work regarding the councils own housing land supply. Members also suggested that the council should focus on attaining better regional planning. In relation to question 14 members suggested that they expected the statutory consultees to respond in a timely period.

Members commented on chapter six of the main agenda pack. Panel members asked how the government intended to apply viability for affordable homes. Members also added that they felt that there should not be a cost implication for the local planning authority.

In relation to chapter nine, question 84, members suggested reference could be made to reservoirs, desalination plants and recycling of wastewater.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Development Plan and Infrastructure Panel consider and agree the attached response as amended to the consultation questions for submission in response to the government consultation on 'Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system.

### **48 Verbal Update on Local Plan Examination**

The Chairman invited Tony Whitty, Divisional Manager Planning Policy, Conservation and Design, to present a verbal update on the Local Plan Examination. Members asked if the timescale outlined would be enough to go through all the Local Plan issues and matter, and how the length compared to the examination for the previous Chichester Local Plan.

### **49 Late Items**

There were no late items.

### **50 Agenda Items for the next meeting**

There were no programmed items for the next meeting which was due to take place on Wednesday 25 September.

**51 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The Chairman proposed that the Cabinet went into Part II. Cllr Moss seconded this.

In a vote the following resolution was agreed:

**RESOLVED**

That the Development Plan and Infrastructure Panel considers in respect of agenda item 9 that the public including the press should be excluded from the meeting on the following ground of exemption in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 namely Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) and because, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption of that information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The meeting was paused whilst the webcast was stopped.

Members took a short break.

**52 Progression of Draft Southbourne Allocation Development Plan Document prior to Regulation 18 Consultation**

These minutes are restricted.

The meeting ended at 12.55 pm

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CHAIRMAN

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