

## **South Northamptonshire Council**

### **Planning Policy and Regeneration Strategy Committee**

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Policy and Regeneration Strategy Committee held at The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, Northants NN12 6AD on Wednesday 12 February 2020 at 5.00 pm.

Present        Councillor Ann Addison (Chairman)  
                  Councillor Robert G. Atkinson (Vice-Chairman)  
                  Councillor Phil Bignell  
                  Councillor Valerie Furniss  
                  Councillor Steven Hollowell  
                  Councillor Sandi Smallman  
                  Councillor Elaine Wiltshire  
                  Councillor Paul Wiltshire

Apologies     Councillor Martin Johns  
for  
Absence:      Councillor Mary-Anne Sergison-Brooke  
                  Councillor Catharine Tarbun  
                  Councillor John Townsend

Officers:      Jim Newton, Assistant Director: Planning & Economy  
                  Alan Munn, Planning Policy and Growth Strategy Manager  
                  Richard Woods, Democratic Services Officer

#### **49        Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **50        Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 January 2020 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **51        Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

#### **52        Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman notified Members that, due to the large number of anticipated agenda items, the 18 March meeting of the Committee would start at 4pm.

**53 South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 - Further Plan Modifications**

The Committee considered a report from the Assistant Director – Planning and Economy, which requested that Members consider the eleven Further Modifications that were proposed to the South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2, following feedback received from the Planning Inspector.

In response to questions from Members relating to the provision of bungalows on new housing developments at Policy LH10, the Assistant Director – Planning and Economy explained that on new developments of ten or more dwellings, at least 5% of these were required to be bungalows. This percentage had been subjected to rigorous viability testing by independent consultants.

In considering the Further Modifications, Members requested that the Assistant Director – Planning and Economy explore the possibility of applying the 5% bungalow requirement at Policy LH10 to developments of twenty or more dwellings, as opposed to the existing requirement of ten or more dwellings.

In response to further questions from the Committee regarding new housing developments that directly adjoined the Northampton Related Development Area (NRDA) boundary, the Planning Policy and Growth Strategy Manager reassured Members that future developments would not alter the existing NRDA boundary.

**Resolved**

- (1) That, having given due consideration, the proposed Further Modifications to the South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 (Annexe to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be endorsed.
- (2) That it be agreed to commence a six-week period of public consultation on the proposed Plan Modifications in accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

**54 Review of Committee Work Plan**

The Committee considered its Work Plan.

**Resolved**

- (1) That, subject to the removal of the agenda items relating to the Housing Supplementary Planning Document and the Guidance Note on Health Impact Assessments from the 18 March meeting, the Committee Work Plan be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm

Chairman:

Date: