

Local Plan Working Party

Minutes

Thursday 21 March 2019

Present:

Cllr C Barnard
Cllr I Beardsmore
Cllr I Harvey (Chairman)
Cllr R Smith-Ainsley
Cllr H Thomson
Cllr H Williams

1 Apologies

Cllr A Harman and Cllr S Mooney

Report of the Strategic Planning Manager

a) Local Development Scheme (LDS) timetable update

- 1.1 It was agreed to recommend that Cabinet agree to the change to the LDS timetable.

b) Site Selection Methodology update

- 1.2 It was agreed to recommend that Cabinet note the progress on the site selection work.

c) Draft list of policies

- 1.3 It was agreed to recommend that Cabinet note the progress on drafting the new Local Plan policies and encourage Members who wish to make suggestions on their content to forward these to the Portfolio Holder, Cllr Barnard, to pass on to officers for consideration.

d) Draft Local Green Space methodology

- 1.4 It was agreed to recommend that Cabinet note the progress on the methodology, which will be amended to reflect in the criteria the importance of green spaces to local communities that are not well served by other nearby public recreation land, following consultation with the Local Plan Working Party on the precise wording.

2 AOB

- 2.1 In response to a request from Cllr Barnard, officers provided further detail on the Surrey Waste Local Plan proposed strategic waste site allocation at Oakleaf Farm in Stanwell Moor. This was in light of concern

from Members that Surrey County Council has identified the site as potentially suitable for a thermal treatment waste operation, among other types of waste management types, and that we had not raised a clear objection. Officers explained that there was no detail provided at this stage on the type and scale of a thermal treatment facility and the response reflected that this detail was necessary to assess the impact, together with concern expressed over any further intensification of the site. The consultation has now closed and the response sent so Members resolved to write their own letter to Surrey County Council to raise objection to the possibility of a thermal treatment facility, especially in light of Spelthorne already hosting the large-scale Eco Park facility at Charlton Lane. It was also agreed that the matter would be raised through discussion with Surrey on the Statement of Common Ground before it is signed.

3 Next Meeting

3.1 TBC.