

FULL COUNCIL

23 SEPTEMBER 2015

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Bruce Dowling) in the Chair, Councillors Rogers, Batsford, Cartwright, Charlesworth, Chowney, Clark, Cooke, Davies, Forward, Hodges, Howard, Poole, Pragnell, Roberts, Sabetian, Scott, Sinden, Street, Turner, Webb, Westley, Wincott, Beaver, Charman, Lee, Fitzgerald, Beaney, Atkins and Edwards

Apologies for lateness were noted for Councillor Beaver

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared their interest in the minutes indicated:

Councillor	Committee	Minute	Interest
Westley	Full Council, 23 September 2015	10 – Hastings Development Management Plan (DMP) Inspector's report and timescale for adoption	Personal - she is employed by East Sussex County Council

10. HASTINGS DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN (DMP) INSPECTOR'S REPORT AND TIMESCALE FOR ADOPTION

The report of the Assistant Director for Regeneration and Culture in respect of the Hastings Development Management Plan (DMP) was submitted, together with minute 13 of the Cabinet meeting held on 7 September 2015.

In February 2014, the council had adopted the Hastings Planning Strategy, which provided the overall strategic framework for land use and development in the Borough and set out the key overarching objectives for sustainable growth in Hastings up to 2028. The Hastings Development Management Plan was the second key planning document for the Borough, and provided the greater level of detail necessary to enable development proposals and assess planning applications.

The Assistant Director for Regeneration and Culture's report advised of the outcome of the examination in public of the DMP by the Planning Inspector, which had taken place between October and December 2014. The Inspector found that the proposed DMP came close to achieving the right balance between the often competing economic, social and environmental roles of planning to which the framework (NPPF) refers. Accordingly, eight main modifications were recommended to make the plan sound and legally compliant, and therefore capable of adoption by Council.

The Leader of the Council advised members of corrections to typographical errors required in the DMP written statement, as follows:

1. Page 38: In paragraph 4.35 line 3 the name of the policy against Policy T3 of the Planning Strategy is incorrect. The title name against T3 "Provision of a Strategic Cycle Network" should be deleted and replaced with "Sustainable Transport".

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2. Page 39: The above error is repeated again on page 39 in the list of Planning Strategy Policies. The title name against T3 "Provision of a Strategic Cycle Network" should be deleted and replaced with "Sustainable Transport"
3. Page 59: Site FB10 is missing from Figure 6. Figure 6 should be replaced with a corrected version.
4. Page 206: Table 14 final column the tick which appears against site CVO4 (Church Street) should be deleted and replaced with an "x".

Councillor Chowney proposed approval of the recommendations to the report, subject to the correction of typographical errors in the written DMP statement above, which was seconded by Councillor Street.

RESOLVED (by 22 for, 6 against with 4 abstentions) that:

- 1) **Council considered the Inspector's recommendations and proposed main modifications (MMs) to the plan as attached at Appendix A to the Assistant Director for Regeneration and Culture's report;**
- 2) **Council agrees to the incorporation of the Inspector's 8 main modifications in the DMP, as recommended by Cabinet;**
- 3) **Council adopts the Hastings Development Management Plan, including the incorporation of the main modifications together with all minor modifications and the policies map attached at Appendices B, Ci and Cii to the Assistant Director of Regeneration and Culture's report, as recommended by Cabinet;**
- 4) **Council expresses its appreciation to all of those staff responsible for the preparation of the plan and in particular to officers from the Planning Policy team, and;**
- 5) **Council than the Inspector, Richard Hollox, for his efforts and wish him a happy retirement, as recommended by Cabinet**

The reason for this decision was:

In accordance with Section 23(c) of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by Section 122 (3) of the Localism Act 2011) to enable the council to adopt its next key planning document (the Hastings Development Management Plan) as part of the Development Plan for the Borough, as encouraged to do so by Government to ensure that a statutory planning framework is put in place at the earliest opportunity to guide investment and growth within Hastings over the plan period to 2028.

(The Mayor declared the meeting closed at. 5.40 pm)