

# WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 October 2015, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.05pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Doody (Chairman); Councillors Ashford, Barrott, Boad, Bromley, Mrs Bunker, Butler, Coker, Cooke, Cross, Davies, Davison, Day, Edgington, Mrs Evetts, Mrs Falp, Mrs Gallagher, Gifford, Gill, Grainger, Harrington, Mrs Hill, Illingworth, Mrs Knight, Mobbs, Morris, Naimo, Parkins, Phillips, Quinney, Shilton, Mrs Stevens, Thompson and Weed.

## 50. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cain, Mrs Cain, D'Arcy, Miss Grainger, Heath, Margrave, Morris, Murphy, Redford, Rhead and Whiting.

## 51. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

## 52. **The Local Plan**

The Council considered a report from Development Services that updated the Council on the letter received from the Local Plan Inspector on 28 August 2015 and asked the Council to endorse the Memorandum of Understanding agreed by the Coventry and Warwickshire Joint Committee for Economic Growth and Prosperity (CWJCEGP) on 29 September 2015, a copy of which was appended to the report. It also set out the way forward for responding to the Inspector and undertaking the work required during the suspension period, should that be agreed.

The recommendations of the report were proposed by Councillor Cross and duly seconded.

Councillor Boad, proposed the following amendment to include two additional recommendations as follows, this was duly:

*"2.6 That this Council will ensure that the green open space between settlements is retained to preserve the identity of existing local communities within the District. With this in mind, the Council will not alter the Green Belt to the North of Leamington from the proposals already set out in the current Draft Local Plan.*

*2.7 This Council requires the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder to actively work with other District and Borough Councils in Warwickshire to examine the option for a new garden settlement, with good transport links to Coventry, to help meet that city's housing needs."*

The proposer of the original motion, Councillor Cross, did not accept this amendment. The amendment was therefore debated.

The following Councillors addressed the meeting on the amendment: Councillors Boad, Mobbs, Quinney, Mrs Falp, Grainger, Illingworth, Cooke and Gifford.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Councillor Quinney proposed the following amendment, that was duly seconded;

*"That paragraph 3.11 be amended to include the following additional information and that recommendation 2.3 only be agreed subject to this amendment as follows:*

*"DS11 stage 3 Housing Density assumptions are reassessed against both the HCA's guidelines and the revised SHMA projections of type and size dwellings. Any adjustments will be reflected in the Sustainable Communities section of the Plan – Built Environment BE2 subheading c"".*

The proposer of the original motion, Councillor Cross, did not accept this amendment. The amendment was therefore debated.

The following Councillors addressed the meeting on the amendment: Quinney, Bromley, Coker, Cross and Davison.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

The original proposal was then debated with Councillors Mobbs and Cross addressing the Council.

The proposed recommendations from Councillor Mobbs, that had been duly seconded, were put to the vote and

**Resolved** that

- (1) the Local Plan Inspector's letter of 28 August 2015, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, is noted;
- (2) the Coventry and Warwickshire Joint Committee for Economic Growth and Prosperity (CWJCEGP) Memorandum of Understanding relating to the planned distribution of housing, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be endorsed;
- (3) the Local Plan Inspector be written to, to request that the Examination is suspended to address the concerns he has raised, as well as indicating the aspects of the Plan that are likely to require modification as set out in paragraphs 3.11 and 3.12 of the report;
- (4) the Head of Development Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Development Services, be authorised to make representations to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council's forthcoming Borough Plan consultation, with regard to the Plan's proposed level of housing provision and other relevant matters;
- (5) the timetable of work to be undertaken during the suspension period be amended to read as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

53. **Common Seal**

It was

**Resolved** that the Common Seal of Warwick District Council be affixed to such documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.

(The meeting ended at 7.13 pm)

CHAIRMAN  
18 November 2015