
DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

12 JULY 2017

Present:

MEMBERS:

Councillor Councillors, Gbola Adeleke, G Adshead, Anderson, Banks, Barrett, Mrs Bassadone, Birnie, Brown, Herbert Chapman, Clark, D Collins, E Collins, Conway, Douris, England, Fethney, Fisher, Griffiths, Guest, Harden, P Hearn, S Hearn, Hicks, Howard, Imarni, Link, Maddern, Mahmood, Marshall, McLean, Peter, Riddick, Ritchie, Silwal, G Sutton, R Sutton, Taylor, Tindall, Whitman and C Wyatt-Lowe

OFFICERS:

The Chief Executive, Corporate Director (Finance and Operations), Corporate Director (Housing and Regeneration), Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Group Manager (Democratic Services) and K Johnston (Minutes).

The meeting began at 7.30 pm

8 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 17 May 2017 were agreed by the Members present and then signed by the Mayor.

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two questions submitted by Lee Royal on behalf of West Hemel Action Group (WHAG).

Question A:

With hands on hearts can councillors, when voting for the adoption of the Site Allocations, genuinely declare that they believe that the overwhelming feedback from the residents who vote for them, challenging many aspects of particularly LA3, during public consultations, has been fairly and impartially considered, given that other than for LA5, no key changes have been made as a result of public feedback from the consultations, particularly for the residents of West Hemel who are affected by far by the biggest & most negatively impacting allocation of LA3?

Response from Councillor Graham Sutton, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration:

Yes. The process for altering the Green Belt is through the development plan preparation process and the Council has followed all necessary steps set out in legislation. If full Council approve adoption of the Site Allocations DPD tonight, the land will be formally released from the Green Belt.

The developer will need to ensure that they too are complying with national and local policy requirements as part of the forthcoming planning application process.

Question B:

Given that through public consultations on the Core Strategy before and the Site Allocations and Master Plan since, have described the location of the G&T site in LA3 as “potential” & “indicative”, can DBC please explain what process is in place to review the location and timing of the Gypsy & Traveller Site within LA3 to ensure that it is not built on a site in isolation from the rest of the development for potentially many years in advance of any new housebuilding in the same area of LA3, leaving the G&T site in contravention of national policy for G&T sites? It should be noted that even prior to any planning application, developers are positioning the G&T site & standing firm on it, in the location that will leave it in contravention of national policy based upon their phased planning for LA3.

Response from Councillor Graham Sutton, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration:

The matter of LA3 has been given very great consideration by the Council since the Core Strategy was prepared – key dates are:

- o Independently run workshops with stakeholders on LA3 to discuss the masterplan (May 2013).
- o Consultation on draft masterplan (September 2013)
- o Consultation on Pre-Submission (draft) Site Allocations (Sept 2014)

The Borough has an evidential need for new housing, and as a result, some release of land from the Green Belt was needed – LA3 is an important part of this

Consultation on the SA DPD took place in September / October 2014 for a period of 6 weeks; publicity was given in the press, Dacorum Digest (which is delivered to every home in the Borough) and the Council’s website. There was also an exhibition at Warner’s End Community Centre. WHAG have actively engaged with the process, and together with their response, a further 119 residents’ individuals and organisations responded also.

All these views have been set out in a comprehensive report of consultation and this was considered by Cabinet and Council, in July 2015. Members of the Council have considered the development and peoples’ views on it very carefully and closely.

Furthermore the development has been subject to further public scrutiny at the Independent examination of the SA DPD conducted by a Planning Inspector last October. This was attended by WHAG who spoke and presented its case to the Inspector. Apart from the timing of the development, which I will come to, the Inspector recommended no significant changes to the content of the SA DPD in respect of LA3, and was satisfied that the Council had carried out adequate public consultation in

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accord with the “Statement of Community Involvement” the Council’s adopted policy for engaging the public and organisations.

Having considered all the evidence and views on the scheme, I do believe that the end product of the SA DPD, and what it says about LA3 applies the right balance of firm requirements we will make from the developers and flexibility for the scheme to be worked up in detail.

I believe that DBC has planned carefully for this development – we have engaged residents and the developers to prepare a masterplan to guide the shape of the development and inform the preparation of planning application, which is expected later this year.

The masterplan is not definitive – it will help shape the development but as details emerge of the design and layout of the scheme, some aspects may change.

Ultimately no development will proceed without planning permission, and the Council’s Development Management Committee will have to make the final decision about the detailed aspects of the scheme in due course.

I can reassure WHAG and Members that there will be public consultation on this important scheme when the application is made.

Question from Christine Mabley.

Can you assure us that in order remove the land from the green belt the developers have been held to compliance with local and national policy requirements?

Response from Councillor Graham Sutton, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration:

The SA DPD makes a firm requirement for the G&T site to be provided. Whilst the location’ is shown as ‘potential’ the need for the site itself has always been a clear requirement.

As I indicated earlier, the Planning Inspector recommended that the delivery of LA3 be brought forward from the Council’s initial stance of the first homes being occupied post-2021, in part to ensure that earlier provision of travellers’ pitches can be made, but also to help meet the immediate and pressure need for bricks and mortar housing.

In terms of timing of delivery of both new homes for the settled community and the G&T site, this will be considered in the planning application process, which as I say there will be consultation on.

Regarding its indicative location on Chaulden Lane, this has the support of both the Planning Inspector, the County Council’s Gypsy and Traveller liaison officer and the local Highway Authority.

The G&T site can be brought forward separately from the rest of the development as it will take its access from Chaulden Lane and is therefore not dependent on the main access routes which will need to be laid out throughout the LA3 site to serve new housing.

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There is a pressing need for G&T accommodation – just to remind members that the Council is expected through Govt policy to maintain a 5 year supply of sites in the same way it needs to for bricks and mortar housing. If we do not so, then we will be under pressure from speculative applications and unauthorised encampments.

Govt policy expects travellers sites to be provided in sustainable locations, close to services and as part of established settlements (*extract from latest Govt (2015) guidance is overleaf*). The Inspector spent some time before and during the Site Allocations examination checking that the Council had complied with this policy and her final Report makes it clear that she is satisfied we have done so. It is important to look at the development of LA3 as a whole – although it will take many years to fully build out, the end product will be a new residential community as part of the urban area of Hemel Hempstead, providing accommodation for the settled community with a modestly sized site for Gypsies and Travellers.

Question from Anne Lyne.

What actions will Dacorum Borough Council be taking (and can share in public now) to ensure that the developers mitigate the impact of construction at LA3 from the outset and provide the necessary infrastructure and facilities from, and as part of, the first phase of development, especially given that developers for LA3 are already planning and publicly consulting on a 22% increase in housing numbers, that is from 900 to 1100.

Response from Councillor Graham Sutton, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration:

This will be a matter for the planning application process.

The developers of LA3 are, as Members know, preparing to submit a planning application later this year.

An important part of this will be the timing of infrastructure and facilities, particularly road access and a new school to serve the site.

The developers have made it known publicly that they are seeking permission for a total of 1100 homes.

The SA DPD refers to the site accommodating 900 new homes, yet one change the Planning Inspector requested was the addition to text to the document to make it clear that 900 was not to be treated as a maximum.

In terms of the impact of 1100 new homes, when the Development Management Committee eventually has to make a decision on the planning application, it will need to be satisfied that the adequate provision of facilities and infrastructure has been made to support that level of development

That, of course, is a decision yet to be taken by the Council.

11 ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. By the Mayor and Chief Executive:

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Mayor and the Chief Executive welcomed Councillor Barrett and introduced him to Members.

2. By the Group Leaders:

Councillor Griffiths gave apologies on behalf of Councillor Armytage, Matthews, Williams, W Wyatt-Lowe, Bhinder, Elliot, Bateman, Madden and Timmis. Councillor Griffiths had nothing to report but was happy to take questions.

Councillor Tindall gave an apology on behalf of Councillor Ransley and asked for an update on Councillor Williams.

Councillor Griffiths confirmed that he is recuperating well and is hoping to be back in September.

3. By the Leader and Members of the Cabinet:

Councillor Williams, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Leadership.

There were no announcements from the leader.

Councillor Harden, Portfolio Holder for Residents and Corporate Services

Resident Services

The Cycle Hub at Cupid Green Playing Fields will be hosting an Osbourne's thank you event on 25th August for partners who gave their time and resources to get the works to cycle hub complete. All Councillors will receive a formal invitation.

The ASB Team has been successful in obtaining injunctions against rough sleepers who have been aggressively begging in the town centre – one person has breached the injunction and was arrested and dealt with by the court.

People & Performance

Armed Forces Day

2,000 people visited Gadebridge park on 1 July for our first Armed Forces Day celebrations where the Royal signals motorbike team the White Helmets wowed the crowds with their dramatic displays. Visitors also enjoyed activities like, safety demonstrations from the fire service, RAF Halton pipes and drum bands, fairground rides and many stalls. MP Mike Penning also presented certificates to the winning children of our military themed poetry competition.

Tring Swimming Pool Refurbishment

Kier Group (building specialists) have been commissioned to undertake detailed design work and building preparation for the £1 million refurbishment of Tring Swimming Pool. This is likely to take 2 – 3 months with work beginning shortly after.

Leisure Management Procurement

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The planning for the leisure management procurement is progressing well. Consultation has been held with a number of local clubs, sports representatives, Sport England and the Herts Sport Partnership as well as all Councillors. The procurement process will begin at the end of July.

CSU

The transfer of the Customer Services Unit back into the Council is progressing well and the service is due to begin in-house from the 1st August.

ICT & Digital Transformation

Civic Centre Decommissioning

ICT decommissioning of Civic Centre complete, save for some networking equipment enabling door security.

Resident's Portal

Resident portal development is progressing well, with initial emphasis on waste services. This will be launched in Autumn 2017.

Councillor Harden was happy to take questions.

Councillor England asked if the portfolio holder agreed with him that Hemel's Vitality index, reported in the Gazette last week of the 5th July, being 391 in the country compares unfavourably with Hemel's position at approximately 100 in order of town population size and what would be our target for next year.

Councillor Harden as of yet hasn't read the article but will have a read of it. He is proud of the investment, he will be sure to look at the context.

Councillor Tindall asked if there would be an opportunity for Councillors to comment on the Leisure Management.

Councillor Harden said that the 80 page document had not yet been finalised.

Councillor Tindall asked if Officers could consult him when they are ready to consult Councillors so he can get his colleagues to have a look at it.

Councillor Harden said that any input is beneficial.

Councillor Tindall said he is pleased to see the customer service now being done in house, he also asked if we can ensure that staff are domestic abuse trained.

Councillor Harden confirmed that 80% of the CSU staff were DBC staff and will ensure they are trained as a priority.

Councillor England asked the portfolio holder if they planned to add more electric charging points in the borough.

Councillor Harden advised that this was Councillor Elliot's Portfolio area.

Councillor G Sutton, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration

- Dacorum Borough Council and the Hemel Hempstead Business Ambassadors are hosting a special event at the House of Commons on Thursday 13 July, entitled 'Hemel Hempstead – Your Platinum Investment'

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- Over 70 directors and senior managers of leading national and local businesses registered to attend, from institutional investors, relocating companies, house builders, hotel groups and retailers, developers and architects and key members of the press.
- Sponsored by local MPs, the Rt Hon Mike Penning and the Rt Hon David Gauke
- Speakers at the event include representatives of organisations that have already invested heavily in the area; Andy Cook, Managing Director of FFEI, Paul Weston, Senior Vice President, Head of London & South East Markets of Prologis; James Ryman, Investment Director, Capital & Regional, and Sally Marshall, Chief Executive, Dacorum Borough Council
- Inward investment into Hemel Hempstead and the surrounding area is at an all-time high, with an estimated £250m invested into Dacorum in 2015/2016.
- The Big Garden Party to celebrate the restoration of the Jellicoe Water Gardens will take place on Saturday 22nd July
- The Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, the Countess of Verulam will officially open the Gardens at 11 am on the flower garden terrace supported by the Mayor of Dacorum. The Heritage Lottery Fund will also be represented.
- Family activities will follow throughout the Gardens and Bank Court and include music, food, craft and charity stalls, a miniature garden competition and gardening activities for children. The event will end with a performance by the Salvation Army Band at 4.15 pm.
- In the Gardens the final touches are being added to complete the restoration to their former glory, funded by a £2.4 m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund, and an investment of more than £1 m by Dacorum Borough Council.
- The extension to the Maylands Business Centre is due to be completed shortly and tenants will start moving in from next week.
- The extension will provide five additional new light industrial units for the Maylands Business Centre which offers modern, purpose built offices for rent with a supportive and vibrant atmosphere for small business development as well as a range of additional services.
- The Maylands Business Centre Extension will formally be opened on the 28th of July at 2.30pm by the Rt Hon Mike Penning MP.

Councillor Sutton was happy to take questions from Members.

Councillor Tindall asked the portfolio Holder for assurance that the road leading to the Water Gardens North Carpark from Combe Street to be surfaced before the Garden Party.

Councillor Sutton will check this and get back to Members.

Councillor Tindall asked for an update on the progress of Berkhamsted's car park.

Councillor Sutton confirmed that the portfolio holder for this was Councillor Elliot.

Councillor Tindall said that the consultation was taking place in August, this is holiday season, and could this be extended to get more contributors.

Councillor Sutton confirmed that he would monitor this; usually holidays are spread over the months so it shouldn't be an issue.

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Councillor Marshall, Portfolio Holder for Environmental, Sustainability and Regulatory Services

I hope members are able to visit the Walled Garden in Gadebridge Park. The colour from the begonias is amazing, as indeed are the many displays throughout the Borough. A team of 12 from Clean Safe & Green planted by hand 67,000 bedding plants for this summer.

Signage is being put up at the Tring Memorial Garden to remember the local residents who fell in battle of Passchendaele 100 years ago.

The additional garden waste subscription service now has 591 subscribers. In addition, letters have recently been sent to about 40 households who frequently leave out excess garden waste, explaining that only one bin is collected but advertising the additional garden waste service, the House Waste Recycling Centres and composting.

10 tonnes of compost were given away free on the 14 May in 2 hours at Cupid Green – the “Compost Giveaway”

DBC, along with the other Hertfordshire local authorities, is a member of ParkHerts. ParkHerts is taking part in the national campaign starting this week called Love Parks Week 2017 – promoting parks throughout the County and the facilities each park offers.

The DBC School Recycling Audit & Improvement Project has been launched. Officers at Cupid Green are visiting each school in the Borough before the end of the school year, to improve recycling on each site, raise awareness of the issues and to encourage participation by pupils and to encourage schools to work on the Eco Schools project. Eco Schools is a schools programme supported by a number of environmental bodies and contractors and provides very good material for pupils of all ages to encourage recycling and raise awareness of environmental matters.

Councillor Marshall was happy to take questions from Members.

Councillor England congratulated DBC on their recycling and tweets #1lesspledge, and asked the portfolio holder if she would support more of the dual Rubbish/Recycling bins leading away from shops and leisure centres such as Jarman Park, so that more plastic bottles could be recycled

Councillor Marshall said that the litter bins are split for waste and recycling already and people were not consistent in putting their rubbish in the right section, therefore currently it wasn't working very well.

Councillor Tindall put forward a question about 6 months ago regarding the Nicky line. He said he would be grateful if he could have a response.

Councillor Marshall thanked Councillor Tindall for giving notice of the question and she would get a reply out.

Councillor Elliot, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources

Finance:

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The Annual Statement of Accounts and financial out-turn position were reviewed at Audit Committee on 28th June and are published on the Councils website. The external audit plan was presented at the same meeting, and the audit of accounts will start during August.

Over the past few months, the Finance team have been trialling payroll self-service for expense claims. This enables employees to submit electronic claims which are authorised electronically by their manager, and imported into the payroll system. The self-service has now been rolled out to all Council employees from the 1st July.

Work is underway on setting the 2018/19 budget, along with updating the Councils Medium Term Financial Strategy. The process is starting with a review of previously submitted savings proposals, and the submission of future years proposals. Once complete, these proposals will be reviewed by the Chief Officer Group, prior to submission to the Budget Review Group and Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Revenue & Benefits:

Following work with the Innovation & Improvement team, we have introduced online forms to make it easier for residents or their landlords to tell us when they have moved into a new property and need to register for council tax.

Commercial Assets & Property Development:

We are progressing the sale of our property interest in 5.9 acres of land at Jarmans' Park to a commercial developer. We are also continuing the garage sales programme and have marketed six sites during the year.

The project for the demolition of the Civic Centre is progressing and there has been strong interest shown in the project from the market. We are moving towards tendering the construction of the multi storey car park in Berkhamsted.

Commissioning, Procurement & Compliance:

Working with colleagues in Legal Services & Anti-Social Behaviour we have been successful in obtaining an injunction on the rough sleeper who had been sleeping in Water Gardens North car park. The injunction enabled us to move the individual from this location and stops him from setting up on Council land.

Councillor Griffith was happy to take questions on behalf of Councillor Elliot.

Councillor Griffith thanked Councillor England for his earlier questions, a note has been made and a response will be given after his holiday.

Councillor Douris made reference to the Annual Statement of Accounts which had been signed off by the External Auditors at the Audit committee. He asked to pass his appreciation on to the Officers for their hard work.

Councillor Griffiths, Portfolio Holder for Housing Tenants & Leaseholders Services.

The formal consultation of returning the collection of weekly water charges back to the water companies will start shortly. A letter will be sent to all tenants to inform them of our intention to no longer collect a fixed water rate along with their rent from April 2018

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and invite comments and views. This project is being managed by the Income Team Leader with support from Policy and Participation team. Members from relevant departments across the council have been involved in the project action plan and both water companies have carried out similar processes before and are happy to support us and our tenants through this transition.

We are working on some key strategies and procedures at the moment including the Hoarding procedure, Decant procedure and Sustainable Tenancy Strategy (to replace the vulnerable person strategy). Additionally we will shortly be carrying out the first of the 5 years flexible tenancy reviews so are reviewing the Strategic tenancy policy to ensure it supports us with these.

The transfer from Eldercare to Tunstall Healthcare limited to answer alarm calls from our sheltered tenants has gone well. We're pleased with the progress and there has been limited disruption to our elderly and vulnerable tenants. We will continue to monitor this contract and ensure an excellent service is provided.

We have recently had an internal audit of the Income service. The outcome was excellent identifying that we collect the rent in line with our policies and procedures and run a strong and effective service. This is vital in light of future challenges from welfare benefit changes such as Universal Credit. There were 2 recommendations of which one has already been carried out and we will provide further information to the audit service of how we intend to act on the second.

Strategic Housing.

Dacorum Borough Council's Homelessness Service has been awarded the NPSS Silver Standard. The council is only the second local authority in Hertfordshire to attain this level. Over the past year, the strategic housing team have been proactive in delivering a new homelessness strategy and working to eradicate rough sleeping through their successful 'No Second Night Out Campaign'. Improvements have led to a reduction in the use of 'Bed and Breakfast' accommodation and the introduction of personalised plans, to give people seeking housing advice the support they need. The service has also focussed on raising standards in the private-rented housing sector by working more closely with landlords and tenants through the council's 'Help to Rent' scheme.

Housing Development.

Able House – Practical Completion took place on 6th June and all units have been let.

Wood House – Works are progressing on site with foundations and ground work well under way.

Swing Gate Lane – Site set up has commenced and the demolition of some existing outbuildings will commence shortly.

Martindale School site – The Planning application has been submitted for this development.

Property & Place.

Fire Safety

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Following the tragic fire at Grenfell House, the Property and Place team have reviewed all of the Fire Risk Assessments for the six high rise blocks and had supplementary assessments undertaken to provide further reassurance to the tenants and leaseholders in these blocks.

Additional surveys of individual flats in the six blocks have been undertaken and any remedial fire safety issue will be addressed. Leaseholders will be written to advise them of recommended actions within their properties in order to maintain good fire safety within the blocks.

Osborne - Total Asset Management.

The key performance indicators remain at a high level and the majority of day to day works are completed on time and with a good level of customer satisfaction. There have been a few areas where communication could be improved, so that tenants are advised of any changes to the timescales for the completion of works, which are being addressed at the Operations meetings.

The planned programmes of work are underway and the electrical testing programme will commence this month and any remedial works or upgrading required will be undertaken. A number of estate based projects are currently being reviewed to ensure the specification is appropriate and that where blocks are being upgraded, all external components have appropriate fire ratings.

Sun Realm - Gas Servicing and Installation

The servicing and installation contract continues to deliver consistently high levels of compliance, currently 100% with no overdue properties. The customer satisfaction with service remains high.

ProMaster

The new asset management software is being commissioned and once all of the data is migrated onto system, will improve the access to stock condition and compliance information on the housing stock.

Councillor Griffith was happy to take questions from Members.

Councillor Tindall was relieved that there was no additional concern from the letters that were distributed to the flats.

Councillor Griffiths thanked Councillor Tindall and would pass that information onto the Officers.

Councillor Hicks referred to the water rates, and asked if the information on the transfer and single occupant information would be passed on to tenants.

Councillor Griffiths said all options will be covered; the customers will now be dealing directly with the water boards so it's down to them.

Councillor Hicks asked if the council would be writing to tenants to inform them when the transfer is.

Councillor Griffiths said they will receive a letter and tenants will then need to contact them directly.

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12 QUESTIONS

None.

13 BUSINESS FROM THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

None.

14 CABINET REFERRALS

The referral from Cabinet on 23 May 2017 was submitted. It was moved by Councillor Griffith, duly seconded and

Resolved

That the following be approved:

7.1 CA/052/17 Provisional Outturn 2016/17

1. The reserve movements outlined in Section 10 of the Cabinet report

7.2 CA/053/17 Development Company update

Resolved:

1. The approval of a budget of £200k to progress Recommendation 1 of the report to Cabinet. This will cover the finalisation of design work, the finalisation of the business case, and consequent legal advice on the most appropriate tax and governance arrangements on creation of a Development Company.

Councillor Tindall said that giving the news on borrowing to invest on properties, could we consider more of an industrial approach.

Councillor Griffiths understood his concerns but the report is not at its final stages yet.

7.3 CA/063/17 Council tax support scheme 2018/19

Resolved:

1. Not to revise or replace the current Council Tax Support scheme for 2018/19.

7.4 CA/064/17 Proposal to build a new Athletics Track and Pavilion at Longdean School

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1. A supplementary estimate as set out in Paragraph 2.1 of Appendix 1 of the report to Cabinet.

Councillor England asked how sure we were regarding the move of the athletics track to Longdean School, and was there a restriction on times.

Councillor Harden gave his reassurance and said that the report was proposed. The design is set to hold high quality events.

Councillor England gave dual agreement on looking after it.

Councillor Griffiths said the site at the moment needs a lot of work to bring it up to spec, the new site would be better and she will take on the comments made.

7.5 CA/066/17 Dacorum Borough Site Allocations Development Plan Document & Local Allocations Master Plan

Resolved:

1. That the key issues raised through consultation on the Main Modifications to the Site Allocations DPD, and associated changes to the Policies Map, set out in the Report of Representations (Annex 1 of the report to Cabinet) be noted.
2. That the content of the final Report received from the Planning Inspector into the Site Allocations DPD examination (Annex 2 of the report to Cabinet) be noted.
3. That the Pre-Submission Site Allocations DPD (Written Statement and Map Book) incorporating Focused Changes (January 2016), as amended by main and minor modifications (Annex 3(a) and (b) of this report, in accordance with Regulation 26 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012) be adopted;
4. That an updated version of the Policies Map to reflect (3) above be published.
5. That the Assistant Director - Planning, Development and Regeneration to authorise:
 - (a) any necessary minor and non-consequential changes to the Site Allocations (Written Statement and Map Book) and associated Policies Map prior to publication;
 - (b) the Adoption Statement for the Site Allocations in accordance with the planning regulations be published; and
 - (c) the final version of the Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement (Annex 4 of this report), in accordance with environmental protection legislation be agreed.
6. That the finalised master plans for the six Local Allocations (Annexes 5(a) to (f) of the report to committee), as Supplementary Planning Documents and authorise the Assistant Director - Planning, Development and Regeneration to make any necessary minor and non-consequential changes to these documents prior to publication be adopted.
7. That the Policy Advice Note (May 2017) (Annex 6 of the report) be agreed for publication on the Council's website, and the Assistant Director – Planning, Development and Regeneration be authorised to update and amend this Note as necessary and to reflect discussion at Cabinet.

Councillor Douris seconded and reserved his right to speak.

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Councillor Guest said that this motion is to adopt the site allocations for LA3. LA3 is a high quality environment for the habitat, she has been trying to save the green belt since 1996 and she's not going to stop now. The decision to move the LA3 on to the green belt has already been decided she can't achieve anything by voting against it and she will not be voting for it, therefore she will abstain when it comes to the vote.

Councillor Whitman supported Cllr Guest and will abstain. There is bad traffic in Chaulden and more houses and school runs will increase the level of traffic. He is not interested in supporting this.

Councillor Griffiths agreed with what Councillors are saying and lives right next to this LA3 site so she understands the anxiety. However, we cannot stand still, we have ten thousand people on the register, if we do not agree this plan then the developers can come in and do what they like.

Councillor Douris said that when it comes to the determination of the planning application he would hope that those here would challenge Officers on the implications of traffic not just in the immediate locality but in the wider arterial routes.

Voting

For: 35 Councillors

Against: 0 Councillors

Abstain: 4 Councillors

7.6 CA/068/17 Community Infrastructure Levy Governance update

Decision

1. Officers defer requesting project submissions for the use of CIL funding until April 2018.
2. Officers request expressions of interest for the use of CIL funds from July 2017.
3. the amendments to the CIL submission timetable as set out in Table 2 of the report to Cabinet are agreed.
4. authority is delegated to the Assistant Director (Planning, Development and Regeneration) to adjust the timetable for CIL submissions on an annual basis in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration as the need may arise.

15 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REFERRALS

There were no overview and scrutiny referrals.

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16 CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The following changes to committee membership were agreed:

Councillor Barrett to replace Councillor E Collins on Strategic Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Barrett to join the Housing and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

17 CHANGE TO COMMITTEE DATES

None.

18 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agreed

19 CALL-IN & URGENCY PROCEDURE

Full details can be found in part 2 minutes.

The Meeting ended at 8.40 pm