

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 23 FEBRUARY 2017**

### **REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

30 January 2017

Present: Councillors Carr (Chairman), Skittrall (Vice-Chairman), Anslow, Bailey, Beirne, Bone, Ekins, Emerson, L Lawman, Maguire, Partridge-Underwood, Walia, V Waters and Watts.

Also present: Miss J Thomas, (Head of Planning and Local Development), Mrs V Phillipson, (Principal Policy and Regeneration Manager), Mrs S Bateman, (Senior Planning Officer) and Mrs C A Mundy, (Democratic Services Officer).

(Councillors Griffiths and G Lawman attended as observers.)

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED** to note that an apology for absence was received from Councillor Harrington.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations made.

#### **3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2016.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Development Committee of 5 December 2016 be approved.

#### **4. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME REVIEW**

The annexed circulated report of the Head of Planning and Local Development was received to seek approval of the reviewed Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the Plan for the Borough of Wellingborough (PBW).

The report detailed the requirement for a planning authority to publish the local development scheme on its website. This would inform the public of the documents that were being prepared as part of the local plan along with the date of their production. The original LDS had been produced in April 2016 and the reviewed document was appended to the report.

The report also detailed the completed stages of the PBW along with the next stages in the process.

A councillor referred to the consultation that was expected to take place following the June 2017 Development Committee meeting and expressed concern that the proposed six week consultation period was insufficient. The Senior Planning Officer explained that this six week period complied with the

regulations and that this consultation related to the technical consultation stage which was unlikely to attract much comment from the general public.

A query was also raised regarding the position of Programme Officer and whether this was a new post that was specific to the local plan.

The Senior Planning Officer responded explaining that the Programme Officer was a set role to assist the Planning Inspectorate, and was a temporary position which would be a mix of part-time and full-time.

**RESOLVED** that the Local Development Scheme (January 2017 review) be approved for publication on the council's website.

**5. MEARS ASHBY VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The annexed circulated report of the Head of Planning and Local Development was received in relation to the adoption of the Mears Ashby Village Design Statement (VDS) as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

A formal consultation on the Village Design Statement had taken place between the 17 November 2016 and 30 December 2016. Comments had been received from the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England and were appended to the report. The comments had been considered and a decision taken not to make any changes to the VDS other than to correct typographical errors. The Senior Planning Officer confirmed that she was now in receipt of an updated copy of the statement with all minor errors corrected.

**R1 RECOMMENDED** that the Mears Ashby Village Design Statement be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document.

Chairman

The meeting concluded at 7.08pm.