SPECIAL CABINET

Minutes of a special meeting of the Cabinet of South Norfolk District Council held at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton on Monday 19 October 2015 at 2.30 pm

Members Present:

Cabinet: Councillors  
J Fuller (Chairman)  
M Edney, L Hornby and K Mason Billig

Apologies: Councillors  
Y Bendle and M Wilby

Non-Appointed: Councillors  
V Bell, B Bernard, D Bills, M Dewsbury, F Ellis, C Foulger, D Goldson, M Gray, N Legg, J Mooney, A Palmer and B Stone

Officers in Attendance: The Chief Executive (S Dinneen), the Director of Growth of Localism (T Horspole) and the Planning Policy Manager (A Nicholls)

2399 ADOPTION OF SOUTH NORFOLK LOCAL PLAN DOCUMENTS: SITE SPECIFIC ALLOCATIONS AND POLICIES, DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES, WYMONDHAM AREA ACTION PLAN AND ASSOCIATED POLICIES MAP UPDATES

Members considered the report of the Planning Policy Manager, which presented the Site Specific Allocations and Policies Document, the Development Management Policies Document, the Wymondham Area Action Plan, and amendments to the Policies Maps, for adoption.

The Chairman outlined the background to the report, explaining that the current Local Plan document had been adopted back in 2003, and that the preparation for its review had been ongoing for over ten years. The Inspector had concluded the three
submitted documents to be legally compliant and sound, and it gave the Chairman great pleasure in recommending the documents to Council for adoption.

The Planning Policy Manager briefly summarised the Inspector’s conclusions, referring in particular to the views that the “floating 1800” distribution was justified, and the Council’s stance on limiting housing allocations in Wymondham to just over 2,200 dwellings was also appropriate and justified. Members noted that the Inspector had recommended some changes to the strategic gaps in Wymondham and Hethersett.

The Planning Policy Manager explained that there were no significant risks associated with adoption and he drew attention to the formal six week legal challenge period.

Cllr M Gray suggested that once adopted, a book of policies (as had previously been provided) for all members would be most helpful.

The Chairman paid tribute to all staff involved in the documents’ preparation over the years, and these sentiments were echoed by Cllr Gray. The Director of Growth and Localism also thanked all members for their engagement in the process.

**The Decision**

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<td>1) Notes the Inspector’s report (<a href="#">Appendix A</a>), including the recommended Schedule of Main Modifications – Text and Schedule of Main Modifications - Policies Map (Appendices 1 and 2 of the Inspector’s report respectively)</td>
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<td>2) Adopts, with effect from 26 October 2015, the South Norfolk Site Specific Allocations and Policies Document as modified by the Inspector’s report and with additional (minor) modifications (<a href="#">Appendix B</a>)</td>
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<td>3) Adopts, with effect from 26 October 2015, the Development Management Policies Document as modified by the Inspector’s report and with additional (minor) modifications (<a href="#">Appendix C</a>)</td>
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<td>4) Adopts, with effect from 26 October 2015, the Wymondham Area Action Plan as modified by the Inspector’s report and with additional (minor) modifications (<a href="#">Appendix D</a>)</td>
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<td>5) Adopts the updates to the Policies Map, as modified by the Inspector’s report and with additional (minor) modifications (note that these maps form part of all three Local Plan documents and are not a standalone document)</td>
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<td>6) Delegate authority to the Director of Growth and Localism to undertake all necessary post-adoption legal and procedural steps</td>
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7) Delegates authority to the Director of Growth and Localism to make minor factual updates, corrections and formatting and layout changes to each Local Plan document.

The Reason for the Decision

To ensure planned and co-ordinated growth in South Norfolk.

Other Options Considered

None.

(The meeting concluded at 2.40 pm)

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Chairman