SPECIAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a special meeting of South Norfolk Council held at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton on Monday 26 January 2015 at 12.00pm


Officers in Attendance: The Director of Environment and Housing (A Jarvis) and the Director of Growth and Localism (T Horspole)

3266 URGENT ITEM

The Chairman advised the meeting that he was very sorry to hear that the Vice-Chairman, Cllr G Walden, had been taken ill, and he wished Cllr Goldson a speedy recovery.

3267 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET 26 JANUARY 2015


Cllr J Fuller presented the recommendations from the Cabinet, which sought Council approval to formally submit the Pre-Submission version of the Long Stratton Area Action Plan (LSAAP) to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, for Examination in Public by an Independent Planning Inspector.

Cllr Fuller commended the report to Council reminding members of the background to the report and the previous stages of the production of the LSAAP; it had been the culmination of several years’ work and consultation with the residents of Long Stratton. Cllr Fuller went on to outline the benefits of growth in the village, referring in particular to the proposed bypass and the benefits this could bring, not only to Long Stratton, but also the wider area. Referring to the possible need for a Compulsive Purchase Order (CPO) to secure the land needed to deliver the aims of the LSAAP, Cllr Fuller explained that this action would, if necessary, form the recommendations of a future report, to be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 16 February.
Cllr T Lewis expressed his support for the recommendations, explaining that his main concern was the need to ensure that the Hempnall crossroads was suitably upgraded with a roundabout, before the bypass was fully constructed. He hoped that a CPO would not be necessary to fulfil the aims of the LSAAP.

In response, Cllr Fuller explained that the Greater Norwich Growth Board had already allocated CIL monies to work on the proposed design of improvements at the Hempnall junction. Officers had agreed at the Cabinet meeting earlier that morning to suggest a minor amendment to the Monitoring and Implementation Framework, with the Inspector, to explicitly indicate that a roundabout was the preferred option.

RESOLVED:

1. To agree the formal submission of the Long Stratton Area Action Plan (and supporting/background information) for independent examination in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012;

2. To authorise the Director of Growth and Localism to grant the Inspector the power to formally request that he/she makes any necessary main modifications under Section 20 (7C) of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act that he/she judges necessary to make the Long Stratton Area Action Plan ‘sound’; and

3. To grant the Director of Growth and Localism delegated powers to propose and/or agree appropriate amendments/modifications to the LSAAP (in consultation with the Group Leaders) during the Examination stage.

The Council concluded at 12.10 pm

CHAIRMAN