

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Strategic Planning Board**
held on Thursday, 26th September, 2013 at Crewe Alexandra Football Club,
Gresty Road, Crewe, CW2 6EB

PRESENT

Councillor H Davenport (Chairman)
Councillor D Hough (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors D Brown, P Edwards, J Hammond, P Hoyland, J Jackson,
P Mason, B Murphy, C G Thorley, G M Walton, S Wilkinson and J Wray

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Fisher (Head of Strategic and Economic Planning), Mr P Griffiths (Principal Transport Officer), Mr G Harrison (Interim Central Manager-Spatial Planning), Ms J Openshaw (Legal Team Manager-Places), Mr S Penny (Northern Area Manager-Spatial Planning), Mrs C Rous (Planning Officer) and Mrs L Whinnett (Senior Planning Officer)

73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs R Bailey.

74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/PRE DETERMINATION

It was noted that Members had received numerous emails in relation to the subject matter being considered at the meeting.

In the interest of openness, Councillor J Hammond declared that he was a member of Haslington Parish Council. He also declared that in relation to the Basford sites he had attended a number of briefings with Local Ward Members, Officers and developers.

In the interest of openness, Councillor D Hough declared that he was a member of Alsager Town Council which had made comment on the White Moss site.

In the interest of openness, Councillor G Walton declared that he had met with the Leader of the Council and a group of people from Knutsford.

In the interest of openness, Councillor P Hoyland declared that he was a member of Poynton Town Council.

In the interest of openness, Councillor P Edwards declared that he was a member of Middlewich Town Council.

75 PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Chairman outlined the public speaking procedure and that all speakers would have a maximum of two minutes to put forward their views.

RESOLVED

That the public speaking procedure be noted.

76 **CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN - REPORT OF CONSULTATION AND CORE STRATEGY PROVISIONAL SITES**

(During consideration of the item, Councillor D Brown arrived to the meeting).

Prior to the commencement of the public speaking session, the Chairman formally accepted a petition on the protection of the Green Belt and Open Countryside by Parish Councillor Mrs Anne Broome (Chairman of Hough & Chorlton Parish Council) and Parish Councillor Mr Philip Jackson (Chairman of Wybunbury Parish Council).

Consideration was given to the above report.

(Each of the following people spoke for 2 minutes in respect of the item:-

Parish Councillor John Cornell (Vice Chairman of Weston & Basford Parish Council)

Honorary Alderman Derek Bould

Chas Howard

Ian White

Kath Mainwaring

Peter Yates

Michael Allott

Robin McCluney (Representing Knutsford Aligned Community Group)

Councillor Mrs L Smetham

Sylvia Dykes

Councillor A Thwaite

Councillor R Fletcher

Councillor Miss C Andrew

Councillor S Corcoran

Pat Cullen

Mr Parkinson (2 Minutes)

Parish Councillor R Hovey (Representing Haslington Parish Council)

Councillor H Murray

Manuel Golding (Representing some of the Residents of Wilmslow)

Councillor B Burkhill

Councillor D Mahon

Anna Morrison (Representing Congleton Residents Against Seddon Homes (CRASH))

Keith Williams

Councillor R West

Parish Councillor Rickard (Chairman of Crewe Green Parish Council)
Councillor K Edwards
Steve Reeves
Councillor Louise Brown
Mr Halman (Representing HOW Planning)
Councillor P Nurse)

A statement submitted by Mr Dignam, who was unable to attend, was read out by the Democratic Services Officer.

Councillor D Brown requested his thanks to all Officers for their hard work on the Local Plan be recorded.

Councillor B Murphy commented that the response to the consultation should be noted and due weight be given to the comments received. He considered the process of consultation to have been appropriate and comprehensive and that an expression of the Board's appreciation for the diligence shown by Officers in undertaking the process should be given.

A number of comments were made by Members in relation to the documentation contained with the agenda pack.

RESOLVED

(1) Consideration was given to a Report of Consultation on *Shaping our Future: Policy Principles*.

(2) Consideration was given to a Report of Consultation on *Shaping our Future: A Development Strategy for Jobs and Sustainable Communities*;

(3) Consideration was given to a Report of Consultation on Shaping our Future: A Development Strategy for Jobs and Sustainable Communities - Possible Additional Sites Proposed by Developer and Land Interests Consultation;

(4) Consideration was given to the consultation responses to the Development Strategy and Policy Principles Sustainability Appraisal Report (2013).

(5) Consideration was given to the consultation responses to the Habitats Regulations Assessment for the Development Strategy and Emerging Policy Principles;

(6) Consideration was given on the consultation undertaken to date.

(7) That the 'Core Strategy Sites', 'Strategic Locations' and 'Safeguarded Land' for possible inclusion in the emerging *Core Strategy* be noted and the comments made in relation to this be noted.

(During consideration of the item, the meeting was adjourned for three breaks, one at 12 noon, one at 1.30pm and one at 4.50pm. In addition

during consideration of the item, Councillor P Edwards left the meeting, returned and then left and did not return).

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 6.15 pm

Councillor H Davenport (Chairman)