

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Prosperity

Date of Meeting: 14 March 2011
Report of: Stuart Penny, Planning Policy Manager
Subject/Title: Manchester's Core Strategy Publication Consultation

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out how Manchester City Council's proposed policy approach to managing the growth of Manchester Airport, through its Core Strategy, has changed since its previous consultation in September last year.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Portfolio Holder directs that Cheshire East Council supports as 'sound' the City Council's policy approach to dealing with growth at Manchester Airport detailed in its draft Core Strategy.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The Council has previously supported the proposed policy approach to managing growth at Manchester Airport subject to reference being made in the policy to consideration being given to the impact of development on the transport network including the highway.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All Wards but particularly Bucklow, Knutsford and Wilmslow South.

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Councillors A Knowles, J Macrae, G Walton, O Hunter, T Ranfield, S Wilkinson, G Barton, W Fitzgerald and R Menlove.

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

- 6.1 None

7.0 Financial Implications (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 7.1 None

8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

- 8.1 None for this Authority. Adjoining LPAs are required to consult this Council regarding the content of their Development Plan Documents.

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 N/A

10.0 Background

- 10.1 Manchester City Council published its Core Strategy on 10th February for a six week period of public consultation until the 24th March 2011. This sets out the planning policies that will shape development in Manchester to 2027 and represents the final stage of consultation before the document is submitted for public examination.
- 10.2 There have been a number of previous rounds of consultation to which the Council have made comments in relation to proposals for development at Manchester Airport. At the last round of consultation in September 2010 the comments shown in Appendix 1 were submitted to the City Council following a report to the Cabinet Member for Prosperity. In essence, these supported the approach to dealing with growth at the airport subject to reference being made in the policy to ensure that detailed planning application proposals for airport expansion demonstrate that they would have no adverse impact on the transport network, including the highway network.
- 10.3 The policy for Manchester Airport in the draft Core Strategy document is essentially the same as that previously consulted upon with the exception of two changes. Firstly, the City Council has added wording to the policy to ensure that any development proposals include surface access and parking arrangements which “satisfactorily manage impacts on the highway network” and secondly, that development should support the retention and preservation of heritage assets. The policy now states that “proposals which impact upon heritage assets within or close to the site, including listed buildings, will be required to show they have met the tests within PPS5. Development which has a detrimental impact on heritage assets should be necessary to meet operational capacity requirements, taking account of the availability of preferable development options within the Airport site”.
- 10.4 In view of the changes made to the policy to incorporate the need for any airport development to consider the impacts on the highway network and the Council’s previous support for the approach to dealing with growth at the airport, it is considered that the Council should submit comments supporting the ‘soundness’ of the Manchester Airport policy shown in the draft Core Strategy document.

11.0 Access to Information

11.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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- Manchester City Council LDF Core Strategy Development Plan Document, Publication consultation February 2011.