

Appendix 1: Recommendations of the Strategic Planning Board

At a meeting of the Strategic Planning Board on 26th February 2020, the board resolved that they had:

1. Considered the Publication Draft version of the Crewe Hub Area Action Plan (Appendix 1), its Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix 2) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (Appendix 3), Crewe Hub AAP Development Strategy and Further Options - Summary of Consultation Responses (Appendix 4) and the suite of documents which form the supporting evidence base (Appendix 5).
2. Recommended that Cabinet approve the above documents for publication and public consultation, under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, for a period of six weeks from 17th March to 30th April 2020
3. Authorised the Head of Planning to make any additional non-material changes to the consultation documents or supporting information ahead of the consultation and prepare any additional explanatory information to support the consultation.
4. Noted that a Cabinet decision is required to implement consultation on the Publication Draft Crewe Hub Area Action Plan.
5. Noted that Full Council approval will be sought to implement the submission of the Area Action Plan to the Secretary of State.

The Board also raised a number of points which are addressed below:

1. Provide an update on progress on the Hybrid bill through parliament.
 - a. There is no further update to the Hybrid Bills progress. Following the Oakervee review, the bill is expected to resume it's progress through parliament during 2020.
2. Find out how much is available already through existing S106 contributions to improve the junctions identified in the plan.
 - a. The matter has been raised with the Councils S106 monitoring officer
3. Actively involved ward councillors in addressing issues (especially parking and traffic) for the areas west of Gresty Road
 - a. This is noted and will be a key part of the approach when such matters are investigated further.
4. Ensure policies are in place relating to provision of green infrastructure and green links
 - a. The aspiration to deliver green links, green infrastructure and improved public realm is set out in policies in the plan, notably policies ISD5, IC2 and IC3.
5. Ensure that opportunities to make use of geothermal energy are referenced
 - a. Policy ISD4 makes reference to geothermal energy however it should be recognised that whilst this could present an important opportunity to provide clean energy in Crewe, there are considerable financial barriers to overcome to deliver the benefits. The policy framework of the AAP is supportive of this approach but the barrier here is a financial matter rather than a planning matter.

6. Ensure that future engagement and consultations actively pursued for the residents in the areas adjoin the plan.
 - a. Residents in these areas will be informed of the plan and invited to respond accordingly.
7. Ensure the plan includes appropriate approach to climate change.
 - a. The plan promotes a suite of environmental measures that will improve climate resilience and re-introduce green space into Crewe alongside measures that can support reduced energy consumption in the built environment and more sustainable modes of travel. These are key themes that run through the plan and are covered by a range of policies in it.