

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

At a MEETING of the HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held at THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY, on FRIDAY 23rd MAY 2014 at 10:30am

PRESENT: Cllr R Hawker (Chairman)
Cllrs: D Bradshaw, I Cunningham, F Morland, WD Tout

Staff: Mr K Harvey and Mrs A McCann

Also in attendance:

- Cllr D Jenkins

P.3804 PUBLIC FORUM: Nil

P.3805 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES (if any) AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE.

- Cllr Mrs S Ezra - Business
- Cllr Mrs C Mitchell - Business
- Cllr P Wakeman - Business

P.3806 DISPENSATIONS. None

P.3807 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (if any) AND REASONS. (Members must be diligent regarding their interests.) None

P.3808 CONSULTATION ON THE CORE STRATEGY – To consider Westbury Town Council's response to the following documents (details to be circulated):

EXAM 101 –Schedule of Proposed Modifications incorporating EXAM 73 and EXAM 74 (April 2014)

EXAM 99 –Wiltshire Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal Addendum (April 2014)

EXAM 89A – Wiltshire Core Strategy Habitats Regulation Assessment Update (April 2014)

EXAM 98 - National Planning Practice Guidance

The following response was agreed:

1. Consultation Procedure – general

We regard the method of consultation (via an email to a link to the website) as unsatisfactory. Paper documents would be far more user friendly as not everyone has access to the internet.

2. Modification TPL6

We wish:-

- a) To maintain the existing Westbury Town Policy Limit.
- b) No further housing allocations outside the Westbury Town Policy Limit.

- c) To achieve our key priority of building a bridge over the railway between Mane Way and Station Road; we would not want to see any additional housing allocations because they would undermine the saved policy H14 allocation which would enable the provision of that bridge; it would also relieve Oldfield Road of serious traffic congestion, which is another priority of the Town Council.

3. Modifications TPL 10 & TPL 57

We draw attention to the Westbury Area Strategy of the Wiltshire Core Strategy, which states at [5.160]:-

"The town has seen significant housing development in the past which has not been matched by an appropriate provision of services, facilities and new jobs."

We note that Westbury has had considerable housing growth with limited growth supporting infrastructure. We are concerned that the additional housing growth allocated shows no evidence of growth in the necessary infrastructure, facilities and services.

4. Modifications TPL 65 – 68, TPL 86 & TPL 88 (Appendix B)

- a) We do not agree with the dual banding of affordable housing zones. We are concerned it will bring about various infrastructure imbalances, such as distorted development starts and provision of supporting services.
- b) In any case, we feel the whole of the Westbury Community area should be in a single rate zone, in the same way as all other nearby community areas.
- c) We note that in the policies map at Appendix B, Dilton Marsh is shown as in a 40% zone, but in the supporting text at [6.43a] it is shown as in a 30% zone.

5. Modifications TPL 66 & TPL 67

We do not agree with the removal of a financial contribution to affordable housing where the development is for four dwellings or fewer.

6. Modifications TPL69 – 79

We note that Westbury Community Area has a significant number of traveller sites and traveller population already and the town has issues providing support services.

12.26pm

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this sixteenth day of June 2014**

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Chairman