LOCAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 12 January 2016 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Matlock at 6.00pm

PRESENT

Councillor Lewis Rose - In the Chair

Councillors Martin Burfoot, Albert Catt, Phil Chell, Ann Elliott, Tony Morley, Joyce Pawley, Garry Purdy, Mike Ratcliffe, Andrew Shirley, Andrew Statham and Jacquie Stevens.

Dorcas Bunton (Chief Executive), Sandra Lamb (Head of Corporate Services), Paul Wilson (Corporate Director), Mike Hase (Planning Policy Manager) and Jackie Cullen (Committee Assistant).

Councillor Deborah Botham attended as an observer.

27 members of the public and 1 member of the Press.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Millward BEM and Peter Slack. Councillors Ann Elliott and Joyce Pawley attended as Substitute Members.

Members of the public were advised that Radio Derby were present at the meeting, and were recording the proceedings. Those speaking as part of the Public Participation item were asked to confirm whether or not they had any objection to this; no objections were given.

263/15- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, the following members of the public addressed the meeting:

Diana Dakin, local resident, spoke against further development in Tansley;

Vicky Raynes, Tansley Parish Council, spoke regarding the NPPF requirements for recreation facilities, and refuted various aspects of the Officer’s report including lack of publicity for the forthcoming Local Plan Advisory Committee meetings;

John Evans, Darley Dale Town Council, spoke in support of establishing a new village to accommodate the district’s housing demand, with a request to Officers to advertise more widely for suitable land;
Jonathan Jenkins, Planning Design Practice, spoke against the setting of the housing figure.

264/15- MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Garry Purdy, seconded by Councillor Andrew Shirley and

RESOLVED (unanimously) That the minutes of the Local Plan Advisory meeting held on 28 September 2015 be approved as a correct record.

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

265/15 - DERBYSHIRE DALES LOCAL PLAN - KEY ISSUES CONSULTATION

The Committee considered a report that summarised the responses received during the six week period of public consultation (2nd November 2015 to 14th December 2015) on the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Key Issues and outlined Officer Comments in respect of the overall tenet of the responses received.

The six week period of public consultation included the publication of an AS colour brochure entitled 'Your Local Plan', and was distributed to all 34,100 households in the District – including those within the Peak District National Park. In addition, public meetings were held in Matlock (25th November), Ashbourne (10th November) and Wirksworth (18th November). A seminar for Parish Councillors and Parish Clerks was held on 12th November.

Details regarding the consultation leaflet were set out in the report, and a copy was attached at Appendix 1 to the report. The questions set within the consultation leaflet were as follows:

Q1 Should the District Council pursue a strategy which reduces from 45% to 30% the proportion of affordable housing required on all new homes developments, enabling more infrastructure across the whole of District?

Q2 Should the District Council between 2013-2033 aim to accommodate:
   • 5,300 dwellings
   • 6,440 dwellings or
   • 7,200 dwellings

Q3 Do you consider that the towns and villages listed are the most appropriate for development?

Q4 In light of the Gypsy and Travellers requirement can you suggest any sites within the Derbyshire Dales where accommodation could be provided?

To meet the future needs of Gypsies and Travellers should the District Council:

   • Identify a single site containing all the required pitches
   • A number of sites or
   • Should the provision be distributed more evenly across the Plan area?
Q5  Do you think 15 hectares is an appropriate target for new employment land in the District?

Q6  Would small scale infill and consolidation in the smaller villages be beneficial?

Are there any other ways the District Council could maintain the sustainability of smaller villages other than through new development proposals?

It was reported that a total of 405 responses to the consultation were received from individuals, Parish Councils, Agents and Developers. The detailed individual responses were available for viewing in full online using the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.net/results/SM-7PRNXKB7J/ A summary of the responses received along with Officers' Comments and issues raised was set out in the report.

It was moved by Councillor Jacquie Stevens, seconded by Councillor Garry Purdy and

RESOLVED (unanimously) That the responses received to the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Key Issues Consultation are noted and that they are taken into consideration as part of the ongoing plan preparation process.

266/15- DERBYSHIRE DALES LOCAL PLAN- HOUSING TARGET 2013-2033

The Committee considered a report that sought to establish the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) for housing in the Derbyshire Dales for the period 2013-2033 and also sought to set the housing provision target.

At the meeting of this Committee held on 21st September 2015, it was resolved (Minute 144/15):

- That the Committee endorse the findings of the evidence base reports.
- That the Corporate Director progress discussions with relevant neighbouring local authorities and other public bodies in respect of the issues arising from the reports in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate.
- That progress reports on the Duty to Co-operate be presented to future meetings of this Committee.
- That the findings of the reports be incorporated into a revised Derbyshire Dales Local Plan.

The report set out an explanation of the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) for housing, together with the conclusion drawn in the 'Assessment of Housing and Economic Development Needs' report (September 2015) produced by GL Hearn that a figure of 322 per annum or 6,440 dwellings be proposed for the period 2013-2033. A copy of the GL Hearn report was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The methodology by which the proposed Housing Provision Target was obtained was set out in the report, together with a table showing the deliverable supply of housing in the Derbyshire Dales in the period 2013-2033. On the basis of those calculations it was recommended that the provisional housing target for inclusion in the Derbyshire Dales
Local Plan for the period 2013-2033 be set at 6,440. It was noted however that assessment work on approximately 20 sites submitted too late to be included in the above calculation would continue and the outcome reported to a further meeting of this Committee, and if necessary the provisional housing target would be adjusted accordingly.

As the provisional housing target was below the OAN figure of 6,440 the requirements of the Duty to Co-operate were engaged whereby our neighbouring local planning authorities would be approached to determine the extent to which they may be able to assist in identifying suitable sites within their areas to meet our currently anticipated net shortfall of circa. 590 dwellings. The requirements of the Duty to Co-operate were such that in order to be meaningful, they should involve discussions at both Officer and Member level. The Committee therefore nominated Councillors Lewis Rose OBE and Albert Catt to participate in these discussions.

It was moved by Councillor Garry Purdy, seconded by Councillor Joyce Pawley and

RESOLVED (unanimously)
1. That the Objectively Assessed Need for Housing in the Derbyshire Dales for the period 2013-2033 be set at 6,440
2. That the provisional housing target for inclusion in the draft Derbyshire Dales Local Plan be set at 5,850
3. That Councillors Lewis Rose OBE and Albert Catt act as Member representatives to engage in Duty to Co-operate discussions with Members from neighbouring local planning authorities in respect of the unmet Derbyshire Dales housing requirements.

MEETING CLOSED 7.30PM

CHAIRMAN