

BROADLAND COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND PLANNING POLICY DEVELOPMENT PANEL

Minutes of a meeting of the Broadland Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Development Panel of Broadland District Council, held on Wednesday, 7 June 2023 at 6.00 pm.

Committee Members Present: Councillors: J Bailey (Chairman), E Laming (Vice-Chair), L Douglass, M Murrell, R Potter, D Thomas and S Ward

Apologies for Absence: Councillors: D Moore

Cabinet Member in Attendance: Councillor: S Beadle and N Harpley

Officers in Attendance: H Mellors (Assistant Director of Planning), P Harris (Place Shaping Team Manager), M Burrell (Greater Norwich Planning Policy Manager) and J Hammond (Democratic Services Officer)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S Ward declared an interest in relation to minutes number 4, as he lived close to the Brick Kiln Road site. He advised that he would abstain from voting on this item.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Moore.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

4. **GREATER NORWICH LOCAL PLAN: PROPOSED EXAMINATION SUBMISSION ON THE REQUIREMENT FOR GYPSY AND TRAVELLER PITCHES AND ALLOCATION OF SITES FOR GYPSY AND TRAVELLER PITCHES**

The Greater Norwich Planning Policy Manager introduced the report, which proposed the allocation of Gypsy and Traveller sites to the Independent Inspectors of the Greater Norwich Local Plan in order to ensure that the Plan met its legislative, regulatory and policy requirements.

Members were asked to note the following amendments and updates to the report:

An amendment to recommendation 5 was proposed to include:**additional** focused consultation sites, to ensure the Greater Norwich Local Plan is found sound through its examination. This would provide clarity that only three sites from the current additional focused consultation would be considered by the recommendation.

Paragraph 3.15 had been revised to confirm that all consultation feedback had been taken into account.

The first bullet point in paragraph 3.15 was amended to confirm 2, rather than 3, additional pitches at the Woodyard site in Foulsham.

Appendix A was amended to delete site GNLP5005 (2 pitches at Strayground Lane), which was now included in site GNLP5028 (Site at Strayground Lane).

Members were advised that a consultation on potential sites had taken place between January and March 2023 for allocation.

The Council had a requirement to provide a total of 52 pitches by the end of the Plan in 2038 and more importantly to provide 30 pitches over the current five-year period which ends in March 2027.

The report proposed allocating 35 pitches to 2027 through the allocation of the deliverable sites in Stratton Strawless, Carleton Rode, Foulsham, Wymondham and Cawston and ten developable pitches from 2028 to 2032 at Ketteringham Depot. The report also anticipated a further 12 windfall sites through the approval of planning applications that had not been previously allocated in the Local Plan. These allocations would place Greater Norwich in a good position to meet its requirement for the supply of pitches.

An additional focused consultation on sites for Gypsies and Travellers in Foulsham, Guestwick and Hevingham was being held from 5 June to 3 July 2023. It was hoped that further hearing sessions would be held with the Inspectors in late July that would lead to consulting on modifications to the Plan, during the autumn and providing that proceeded satisfactory the Council should be in a position to adopt the Greater Norwich Local Plan in the early part of 2024.

In answer to a question on the appraisal process, the Greater Norwich Planning Policy Manager assured members that all potential sites were subject to the same

rigorous appraisal process. Whilst police and crime reports were not assessed initially, the Police and other statutory consultees could raise any concerns as part of the consultation process.

After further discussion, it was

RESOLVED

To recommend that Cabinet submit to the Independent Inspectors of the Greater Norwich Local Plan that:

1. The Greater Norwich Local Plan should include a minimum requirement of 52 Gypsy and Traveller pitches to meet the full ethnic need for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation from 2022 to 2038.
2. In order to ensure the minimum requirement for Gypsy and Traveller pitches between 2022 and 2032 is met, that the Greater Norwich Local Plan should allocate 45 Gypsy and Traveller pitches comprising:
 - a. 35 deliverable pitches from 2022 to 2027 through the allocation of the sites in Stratton Strawless, Carleton Rode, Foulsham, Wymondham and Cawston;
 - and,
 - b. 10 developable pitches from 2028 to 2032 at Ketteringham Depot
3. The analysis of historic windfall demonstrates that at least a further 12 windfall pitches can reasonably be expected to meet unmet needs to 2038;
4. The proposed main and additional modifications to the plan set out in appendix 1 which provide the policy changes to enable recommendations 1 and 2 should be considered through the plan's examination.
5. To delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Planning, in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Planning, to negotiate further modifications as may be necessary, which may include proposals to allocate one or more of the additional focused consultation sites, to ensure the Greater Norwich Local Plan is found sound through its examination.

5. NORFOLK STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK: PLANNING IN HEALTH PROTOCOL

Members considered the report of the Place Shaping Manager, which sought the endorsement of the Planning in Health Protocol. The Protocol set out how relevant NHS organisations, public health and local planning authorities would engage with each other to ensure that health considerations were adequately accounted for in plan making and the determination of planning applications.

The Place Shaping Manager then answered member' questions. He confirmed that in situations where the cumulative number of dwellings in an area totalled

more than the number of homes within the individual application concerned, as a result of homes delivered across multiple developments, then he would expect that this would be taken into account by partners in making their comments on applications of 50 or more homes in accordance with the protocol.

In response to further questions, the Greater Norwich Planning Policy Manager informed the Committee that he held regular meetings with health care services to update them on developments and infrastructure projects.

It was then unanimously,

RESOLVED

1. To note the new approach to embedding health and wellbeing in spatial planning
2. To recommend that Cabinet endorses the revised Planning in Health Protocol

(The meeting concluded at 6.37 pm)

Chairman