

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE27 November 2000 (7.00 pm - 9.27 pm)PRESENT:

Councillor House (Chair); Councillors Airey, Ms Birks, Caldwell, Fraser, Mrs Kyrle and Winstanley.

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RECOMMENDED ITEMS556. BOROUGH OF EASTLEIGH TRANSPORT STRATEGYIssue

To consider and recommend the adoption of the Borough's Transport Strategy (Paper 3).

Considerations

The Borough of Eastleigh Transport Strategy aims to set out an integrated approach to land use and transport planning, with a local community focus, taking account of central and regional government advice regarding sustainable transport.

A draft version of the Strategy was endorsed for public consultation by the Council's former Transport Working Group in September 1999. A summary of the Strategy was included in the Borough News inviting comments from residents. Similarly, recipients of the Local Plan News were invited to comment. Other relevant stakeholders were also invited to comment.

The report set out the responses to the consultation process and a revised draft of the Strategy is now presented for the Council Executive's endorsement. The Strategy will then be recommended to full Council on 4 December 2000 for formal adoption as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan.

**RECOMMENDED -**

**That the Borough of Eastleigh Transport Strategy be adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan.**

557. PROPOSED MAJOR DEVELOPMENT AREA, PROPOSED ROAD ACROSS THE ITCHEN VALLEY - ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Issue

To consider the principle of supporting a road link across the Itchen Valley to connect the proposed Major Development Area, for inclusion in the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan (Paper 4).

Considerations

A report of the Head of Planning Policy set out proposals for the inclusion of a link road across the Itchen Valley to connect the proposed Major Development Area with Eastleigh.

The Council resolved in February 1999 to test the acceptability of the Council's preferred location for the MDA. One of the tasks undertaken was an assessment of the environmental impact of a road across the Itchen Valley.

In January 1999, potential developers of the proposed MDA were invited to commission this study and a draft scoping report was produced in May 1999. A draft report was subsequently produced by consultants, Adams Hendry, which assessed four route options (illustrated in figure 1 of the report). The consultants' report concludes that a valley crossing on route 'C' and to a lesser extent on route 'B' would be least environmentally damaging.

In consultation with English Nature, the Environment Agency and Hampshire County Council, staff requested further work be undertaken on a number of issues which could then lead to the identification of the 'preferred route'. A revised report and Addendum was received in late October 2000. This identified a refined version of route C (C1) as the most preferable route in ecological terms and a refined version of route B (B1) considered to be the second most preferable route.

Further consultation with English Nature, the Environment Agency and Hampshire County Council still leaves a number of concerns outstanding.

Members of the Council Executive echoed their concerns, but on balance agreed to recommend the principle of a road link across the Itchen Valley.

**RECOMMENDED -**

With some reservations, that the principle of a road link across the Itchen Valley to connect the proposed MDA with Eastleigh be included in the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan Review, in accordance with the terms set out in Policy 92.MDA of the Plan.

(NOTE: Councillor Caldwell voted against this recommendation).

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558. FIRST DEPOSIT EASTLEIGH BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2001-2011 (DRAFT)

• Issue

To endorse the Draft First Deposit Eastleigh Borough Local Plan for consideration by Council on 4 December 2000 (Paper 5).

Considerations

The current Local Plan addresses the period 1991-2001 and there is now some urgency to replace it to reflect a number of significant changes to Government policy which have occurred.

A copy of the draft Local Plan has been issued to all Members of the Council. Particular mention is made in the report to the following significant changes:

- attempts to tighten controls on development in the countryside whilst supporting appropriate farm diversification.
- the inclusion of special policy areas relating to Hamble Community School and the Hampshire Police Headquarters at Netley
- the identification of the Forest of Bere
- the inclusion of PPG3: Housing and PPG1: General Policy and Principles - emphasising more effective use of previously developed land
- the identification of a number of key development sites and a 'corridor of opportunity' in Eastleigh
- the integration between land-use planning and transportation planning
- the move away from the concept of establishing minimum parking standards to the establishment of maximum standards
- the inclusion of the proposal for a new Major Development Area referred to as Allington

A further issue highlighted at the Council Executive meeting stressed the importance of ensuring adequate local gaps being identified between Allington and all surrounding settlements.

Amendments to the draft Local Plan were circulated at the Council Executive meeting. In addition, the Resources Scrutiny Panel had considered the content of the Draft Local Plan at a meeting on 23 November 2000 and a copy of the minutes of that meeting was also circulated. The amendments tabled by the Head of Planning Policy included comments made by the Resources Scrutiny Panel.

It is intended, once approved, to publish the Review Plan in February 2001 and to place it on deposit for a period of six weeks and invite objection. Any comments and objections received will then be considered before proposing any further changes to be made and included in the Second Deposit Plan. This Second Deposit Plan is likely to be placed on deposit in late 2001/early 2002 and further comments/objections invited. It is envisaged that a Local Plan Inquiry will take place early in 2003.

In respect of recommendation (3), Councillor Ms Birks asked that where Ward specific changes were to be made, the relevant Ward Members to be advised.

**RECOMMENDED -**

- (1) That the Draft First Deposit Eastleigh Borough Local Plan Review 2001-2011 be endorsed and placed formally on Deposit on publication of the document, anticipated to take place in February 2001, subject to the amendments circulated at the meeting (copy attached to these minutes) and subject to the following further amendments:

**Chapter 3 (Built Environment)**

- page 35, paragraph 3.69 - insert a reference to the Council being guided by any safety issues arising from the revised PPG8 from Government.
- page 37, paragraph 3.76, penultimate line - substitute "will not be acceptable" for "unlikely to be acceptable".
- page 36, paragraph 3.71 - text requires clarification to refer to environmental improvements in urban areas.
- page 36, Policy 55.BE - needs a cross-reference to Policy 27.BE.

**Chapter 5 (Transport and Accessibility)**

- page 60 (vii) - Heads of Planning Policy and Engineering to reword linking School Travel Plans and School Safety Zones.
- page 64, paragraph 5.27 - insert additional text linking transport on new developments supporting 20mph zones.

**Chapter 6 (Major Development Area)**

- page 69, paragraphs 6.3 and 6.6 - split the 4,000 into 3,000 and 1,000 and provide clarification and consistency.
- page 85, paragraph 6.70 - insert additional reference to the provision of a Parish Council facility.

**Chapter 7 (The Economy)**

- Introduction - strengthen wording to include a quotation from the Corporate Strategy
- page 101, paragraph 7.26 - take out 'centre' after Fryern.

**Chapter 9 (Public Open Space and Sports)**

- page 137, Policy 128.OS - substitute "Church Road, Bishopstoke, via Stoke Park Wood, to Winchester Road, Fair Oak" for "Church Lane, Bishopstoke, via Stoke Park Wood, to Winchester Road" and substitute "Allington" for "MDA" in "Eastleigh to MDA" and "Burnetts Lane to MDA".
- page 138, paragraph 9.14, fourth line - amend to read "...For example, Bishopstoke Road Recreation Ground partly serving Bishopstoke, ....."

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**Chapter 12 (Community Facilities, Infrastructure and Developer's Contributions)**

- page 158, paragraph 12.5, second line - insert "/Bishopstoke" after Fair Oak.
- page 159, Policy 163.IN - Head of Planning Policy to reword text and Policy to reflect 'Healthy Living Network' and not 'Health Living Centre'.

**Appendices**

- Appendix I to be issued as Supplementary Planning Guidance, rather than as an appendix to the Local Plan
  - Appendix III on the amendment sheet should read Appendix IV - Local Area Committees to be invited to comment.
  - All Appendices to reflect new boundaries for Chandler's Ford and Eastleigh in accordance with changes proposed in 2002.
- (2) That the proposal to publicly launch the First Deposit Plan when published and to conduct a series of exhibitions in each settlement in the Borough in the Spring of 2001 be endorsed;
- (3) That the Head of Planning Policy be given delegated authority to make minor editorial alterations to the text of the plan in consultation with the Executive Lead for Resources provided that they do not alter the meaning or thrust of policies within the plan; and
- (4) Representations are made to Hampshire County Council to ensure that school places for Allington are provided at Allington.

(NOTE: Councillor Caldwell voted against the above recommendations).

559. EXEMPT BUSINESS

**RESOLVED -**

That, in pursuance of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 9 and 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

560. FIRST DEPOSIT EASTLEIGH BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2001-2011 (DRAFT) HOUSING AND TOWN CENTRE CHAPTERS

Issue

To endorse the Housing and Town Centre proposals for inclusion in the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan for consideration by Council on 4 December 2000 (Paper 7).