

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL
COUNCIL – 10 APRIL 2017

Recommendations from the Cabinet on 4 April 2017:-

154.1 Submission Local Plan (Forward Plan Reference FP782)

The Cabinet considered recommendations from the meeting of the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 16 March 2017 on the submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for public examination.

Appendix A to the report of the Executive Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) to the Panel set out summaries of the main issues raised by consultees at the recent Draft Local Plan Proposed Submission consultation. Since that time a respondent had identified that one of their three representations was not summarised in Appendix A and did not appear on the online consultation portal. This was set out in an Addendum and was also considered by the Cabinet.

The Cabinet **AGREED**:-

- (1) That the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Executive Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) and the Executive Member (Planning, Housing and Community), be given delegated powers to continue to agree Memorandums of Understanding and Statements of Common Ground with adjoining authorities and other duty to co-operate bodies as appropriate all the way up until submission in order to secure the best outcome for the public examination.
- (2) That the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Executive Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) and the Executive Member (Planning, Housing and Community), be given delegated authority to prepare a Statement of Duty to Co-operate which explains the outcome of on-going duty to co-operate meetings with adjoining authorities and other duty to co-operate bodies, to be submitted to the Secretary of State alongside the Submission Local Plan.

The Cabinet **RECOMMENDS**:-

- (3) That the Local Plan, Policies Map and associated submission documents identified in paragraph 4.59 of the report of the Executive Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) should be submitted with minor modifications as set out in the report, to the Secretary of State for public examination.

- (4) That the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Executive Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) and the Executive Member (Planning, Housing and Community), be given delegated authority to add to, amend and/or delete items from the Schedule of Minor Modifications that may arise as a result of on-going meetings with adjoining authorities and other duty to co-operate bodies and to update the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, all the way up until the point of submission.
- (5) That the Head of Planning and Planning Policy and Implementation Manager, in consultation with the Executive Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) and the Executive Member (Planning, Housing and Community) and with regular reporting back to this Panel, be authorised to advocate the Submission Local Plan at the public examination and seek to secure the best outcome for the Borough if the Inspector wishes to discuss possible changes, additions or deletions to the Plan.
- (6) That the inclusion of the omitted comment in Main Issues summary, as set out in the Addendum to Appendix A of the report of the Executive Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance), be noted and no change be made to the Draft Local Plan Proposed Submission or Policies Map as a result of the representation.