

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Minutes of an EXTRAORDINARY meeting of NORTH DEVON COUNCIL held at the Pier House, Westward Ho! On Monday 29th October 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members:

Councillor Biederman (in the Chair)

Councillors Barker, Brailey, R. Cann, Chugg, Crabb, Croft, Edmunds, Gubb, Haywood, Jones, Ley, Mackie, Mathews, Roome, Spear, Tucker, Wilkinson and Yabsley.

Officers:

Chief Executive, Head of Corporate and Community, Lead Officer Planning Policy (AA), Senior Planning Policy Officer (ED), Planning Policy Officer (MA) and Senior Corporate and Community Services Officer (BT).

Also Present:

Senior Planning Policy Officers (DB) and (IR) - Torridge District Council

46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bonds, Campbell, Davis, Edgell, Fowler, Flynn, Greenslade, Hunt, Lane, Leaver, Luggar, Manuel, Meadlarkin, Moore, Moores, Patrinos, Prowse, Webber and Worden.

47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

48 ADOPTION OF NORTH DEVON AND TORRIDGE LOCAL PLAN 2011-2031

Council considered a report by the Lead Officer Planning Policy (circulated previously) regarding the adoption of the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan 2011-2031.

Council received a joint presentation by the Lead Officer Planning Policy and Senior Planning Policy (IR) (Torridge District Council) regarding the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan 2011-2031. They outlined: the purpose of the Joint Local Plan; how it had been prepared; the benefits of the Local Plan; summary of the chapters within the Local Plan regarding Housing, Economy, Natural and Built Environment and Community; the life of the Local Plan and how it had evolved; requirement for the Local Plan to be independently examined; outcomes of the Inspector's examination of the Local Plan which concluded that the plan was sound subject to

application of main modifications; the main modifications; proposed additional modifications; the next stages following the adoption of the Local Plan. Following the presentation there was a question and answer session.

Councillor Yabsley, Chair of the Joint Local Plan Working Group thanked Lead Officers, Members and Councillor Edmunds in particular who had worked extremely hard over the past four years to produce the Joint Local Plan.

In response to questions, the Lead Officer Planning Policy and Senior Planning Officer (IR) confirmed that reference in Appendix 2 to policies ST07 and DM24 for rural settlements were two separate policies. Policy ST07 outlined the principle for rural settlements and policy DM24 outlined the detail and were complementary to each other. Policy DM24 related to rural settlements and not to identified villages. Policy DM23 related to local centres and villages without development boundaries.

Councillor Mackie requested that it be recorded in the minutes that although she was in favour of the adoption of the Joint Local Plan in principle, she expressed great concern regarding the development of Yelland Quay and the impact on the B3233 with the potential of an additional 700 vehicle movements.

In response to a question, the Lead Officer Planning Policy advised that when a planning application was submitted in relation to Yelland Quay, Ward Members and the Parish Council would have the opportunity to raise their views. The land at West Yelland already had planning permission and was under construction.

In response to a question from Councillor Haywood, the Leader advised that the Council had not received a request to sell the park area at Westacott and had no plan at this time to sell the land.

In response to question, the Senior Planning Policy Officer (IR) advised that the role of the Planning service was to facilitate delivery of housing and economic development.

It was moved by Councillor Yabsley and seconded by Councillor Brailey “that recommendations 2.1 to 2.5 in the report be adopted.”

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan 2011 – 2031 be adopted and that it be noted that the adopted North Devon and Torridge Local Plan 2011 – 2031 was made up by the Submission version of the Local Plan (June 2016), as amended by:
 - (i) the schedule of Main Modifications recommended by the Inspector (Appendix 2);
 - (ii) the schedule of additional modifications (Appendix 3);
- (b) That the Policies Maps associated with the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan be adopted, incorporating amendments to the

policies maps resulting from the Main Modifications and any adjustments resulting from a review for consistency.

- (c) That the Local Plan adoption statement and the final sustainability appraisal report be made available as soon as possible, including sending a copy of the adoption statement to the Secretary of State.
- (d) That authority be delegated to the Head of Place in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning, in association with counterparts at Torridge District Council (Lead Member for Planning and the Planning and Economy Manager), to make any further additional minor modifications to the Local Plan prior to final publication, where these modifications are confined to the correction of typographical errors, improving clarity and consequential cross referencing and amendments to policy or paragraph reference numbers resulting from the reformatting of the Local Plan as set out in paragraph 4.26 of this report.
- (e) That use of the relevant paragraphs of the codes of practice for Affordable Housing and Public Open Space be retained as interim policy guidance for North Devon until new supplementary planning documents have been prepared and adopted, where these documents are compliant with the National Policy Planning Framework and supplement equivalent policies in the new Local Plan.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 8.27 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes will be confirmed as a correct record at the next meeting of Council.