

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

CABINET – 20 June 2013

REFERENCE FROM THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING – 4 JUNE 2013

9. Adoption of Site Allocations DPD, Harrow and Wealdstone Area Action Plan DPD and Development Management Policies DPD

The Committee received a report of the Corporate Director of Environment and Enterprise which set out the outcome of the independent Examination in public of the Site Allocations DPD, the Harrow and Wealdstone Area Action Plan DPD and the Development Management Policies DPD and recommended their adoption by Cabinet and Council as part of the local development plan for Harrow.

An officer made the following points about the report:

- the three policy documents listed above will form a substantial part of the Local Plan for the Borough and contain detailed policies and site allocations that would be used to determine the acceptability of planning applications over the next 15 years. The policies had been developed to help deliver the spatial strategy and strategic objectives and policies of Harrow's adopted Core Strategy;
- every local development plan document was required to be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in order to determine whether the plan had been prepared in accordance with legal requirements and that it was 'sound';
- the planning inspector had recommended that a number of modifications be made to the plans. Following implementation of the suggested modifications, the planning inspector's report had confirmed that the three policies in question were 'sound' and legally compliant;
- it was recommended that the Council should now proceed to adopt the three Local Plans incorporating the modifications as agreed and as appended to the Inspector's Report;
- the three Local Plans and the Planning Inspector's report would be permanently available for inspection on the Council's website.

The Chairman stated that the Constitution set out that these plans should be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (O&S) and added that at this stage the Committee could not comment on or propose amendments to these policies as they had been through the formal examination process and been found 'sound'. He considered that the plans should only come to O&S to consider in the earlier stages of the plan-making process, not at the post examination and adoption stage. He requested that the Monitoring Officer note this issue and to look into amending the Constitution to facilitate this request.

A Member queried whether some of the information contained in chapter 4 of the report relating to the Rayners Lane Hotel and the former Matrix public house was up to date. An officer advised that the report was a 'snapshot in time', and may contain some out of date information, however, the Delivery Schedule was considered to be up to date and accurate and would be monitored through the Council's Annual Monitoring Report.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the outcome of the independent Examination in Public of the three Local Plans be noted; and ;
- 2) it be noted that the three Local Plans would be recommended to Cabinet and Council.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background Documents:

Planning Inspector's Report into the Three Local Plans
Site Allocations DPD Pre Submission document
Development Management Policies DPD Pre Submission document
Harrow and Wealdstone Area Action Plan Pre Submission document
Cabinet Report on the above DPDs 20 June 2012
LDF Evidence Base Studies

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