

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PANEL MINUTES

8 DECEMBER 2011

Chairman: * Councillor Keith Ferry

Councillors: * Stephen Greek * Anthony Seymour
* Thaya Idaikkadar * Krishna Suresh (2)
* Bill Phillips * Simon Williams

In attendance: Councillor Joyce Nickolay Minutes 52, 53, 54, 55
(Councillors)

* Denotes Member present
(2) Denote category of Reserve Members

RECOMMENDED ITEM

52. Harrow and Wealdstone Area Action Plan: Draft Preferred Option

The Panel received a report of the Corporate Director, Place Shaping, on the draft Harrow and Wealdstone Area Action Plan: Preferred Option consultation document, which was to be the subject of public consultation in January 2012. An updated version, prepared subsequent to the despatch of the agenda had been circulated to Members of the Panel.

It was noted that:

- the Preferred Option built on Option 4 of the Issues and Options document, which had received most support during the public consultation period;
- the document included proposed changes to designations at Chapter 8 but that officers were still in discussion regarding the consolidation of

the Strategic Industrial Location designation that applies to the Waverley Estate and Kodak sites;

- a wide variety of methods would be used to inform the public of the document during the consultation period;
- subsequent to the public consultation, a report would be submitted to the Panel on the preferred use of the 24 proposed development sites, a pre-submission version would then be prepared and considered by the Panel before being published for further consultation.

During discussion on the report Members asked a number of questions which were responded to as follows:

- the latest version of the document incorporated changes made at the Major Development Panel meeting on 1 December 2011
- it was a substantial new piece of work since the Area Action Plan was last considered by the Panel and was more detailed;
- the Area Action Plan would run for 15 years from December 2011;
- to support the AAP, a more detailed transport model had been prepared jointly with TfL around solid options and likely consequences of growth;
- it was a joint document with the GLA, integrated with the London Plan and in agreement with TfL;
- it was suggested that the Harrow Town Centre Forum was a useful audience to access businesses. It was noted that officers had already engaged with the Forum, and others and would also consult those on the LDF database with details of 1200 consultees;
- internal consultation had been undertaken with Divisional Directors and liaison was taking place regarding public health aspects with the PCT;
- a views assessment had been undertaken with the aim of validating existing views and assessing opportunities for new views;
- a key role of the summary document would be to enable the public to identify whether their area would be affected. Figure 1.1 to the document indicated the redline boundary of the Intensification Area in the borough context;
- responses were sought from Councillors via the website or email to the officers directly.

It was suggested that the questionnaire should include space to comment on the suggested use of the 24 sites and be worded in such a way to encourage alternative suggestions for sites, thereby reducing merely negative comments.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Cabinet)

That the draft Harrow and Wealdstone Area Action Plan: Preferred Option consultation document be approved for a six week period of public consultation.

Reason for Recommendation: To progress the Harrow and Wealdstone Area Action Plan through the various stages of informal and formal consultation on its way to adoption as part of Harrow's Local Plan.