

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE : 30 JULY 2015

Subject: Inspectors Conclusions after the Procedural Meeting

Report by: Karl Roberts [Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration]

Report date: 29th July 2015

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the Local Plan Examination position following the Procedural Meeting held on 16th July 2015 and to seek Members agreement to the principle of suspension of the Local Plan Examination process for a period of 12-18 months to work towards meeting the higher OAN requirement of 758 dwellings per annum and for Officers to prepare a timetable of work for submission to the Inspector for their consideration, following the Inspectors Conclusions after the Procedural Meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

- 1) The Committee agrees to the principle of suspension of the Local Plan Examination process for a period of 12-18 months to work towards meeting the higher OAN requirement of 758 dwellings per annum.
- 2) For Officers to prepare a timetable of work for submission to the Inspector with delegated authority given to the Director of Planning & Economic Regeneration.

RESOLVED

- 3) In accordance with the delegated authority given by Full Council on 17th July 2015 to the Local Plan Sub Committee, the Sub Committee agrees that public consultation should be carried out on the revised 2015 Objectively Assessed Needs report. This report will be treated as a proposed modification in accordance with the advice from the Local Plan Examination Inspector. Delegated authority is given to the Director of Planning & Economic Regeneration to implement the necessary consultation.

- 1.1 Following the Procedural Meeting held by the Inspector undertaking the Examination of the Arun Local Plan 2011-2031 which was held on 16th

July 2015 to discuss the implications of the Council's revised position on the 'objectively assessed needs for market and affordable housing', the Council received on 29th July 2015 the 'Inspectors Conclusions after the Procedural Meeting.' A copy of the document was circulated to Members following its receipt.

- 1.2 Due to the timing of the receipt of the Inspectors Conclusions, Officers are not in a position at this stage to provide any detailed comments on the Conclusions, as time is required to fully understand the content and its implications. The intention is, however, to report back to Members at the earliest opportunity, once they have had chance to do this.
- 1.3 It is understood, however, from the Conclusions that the Inspector is asking the Council to consider the approach and the steps that would be necessary to be able to propose modifications to the Local Plan within a suspension period of 12-18 months; with examination of the Objectively Assessed Needs issue at a resumed hearing as soon as possible, having given participants a formal opportunity to submit representations about the soundness of the evidential basis of 758 dwellings per annum. Once a conclusion has been reached on this matter, further work could continue on a firmer footing.
- 1.4 Officers are therefore seeking Members agreement to the principle of suspension of the Local Plan Examination process for a period of 12-18 months to work towards meeting the higher OAN requirement of 758 dwellings per annum; for Officers to prepare a timetable of work for submission to the Inspector for their consideration; and that a public consultation be carried out on the revised 2015 Objectively Assessed Needs report.

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