
LOCAL PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE**MINUTES**

Of a meeting held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on Monday 15 July 2019 between 7pm and 7.15pm.

Councillors present:

Sara Bedford (Chairman)	Reena Ranger
Chris Lloyd	Matthew Bedford
Alison Scarth (for Cllr Michaels)	Alison Wall
Sarah Nelmes (for Cllr Giles-Medhurst)	Phil Williams

Also in attendance: Councillors Paula Hiscocks and Shanti Maru

Officers Present:

Claire May, Head of Planning Policy and Projects
Lauren McCullagh, Planning and Conservation Officer
Sarah Haythorpe, Principal Committee Manager

LPSC19/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stephen Giles-Medhurst, Alex Michaels and Stephen Cox, with the substitute members being Councillors Sarah Nelmes and Alison Scarth.

LPSC20/19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Local Plan sub-committee meeting held on 4 July 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

LPSC21/19 NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman ruled that the following items of business had not been available 5 clear working days before the meeting but were of sufficient urgency for the following reasons:

**OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION REPORT
LOCAL PLAN - TOPIC PAPER: SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

To enable the Council to progress the work required for the Local Plan.

The Part II report on the Local Plan had been deferred to the 8 August 2019 meeting.

LPSC22/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None received.

LPSC23/19 OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION REPORT

This report summarised the findings of the Open Space, Sport & Recreation Study (2019), identify key issues which the new Local Plan will need to address and propose policy wording to be contained within the new Local Plan.

The purpose of the study was to identify current levels of provision within the District across the public, education, voluntary and commercial sectors and to compare this with the current and likely future levels of demand to ensure the provision of outdoor sports facilities met the local needs of existing and future residents until the 2036 Local Plan period.

The following points were raised:

- The community centres detailed in Paragraph 2.66 of the report did not include Watersmeet as it was not a community centre.
- On Parks and Gardens, why had Dickinson Square score below the 60% quality threshold? This was because there were no benches or bins provided.
- The study identified that there was no dedicated facilities for gymnastics in the District what action would be taken? It was projected that the housing growth would require more demand but there was no requirement to allocate more facilities. There was a dedicated facility in Dacorum which a lot of residents of the District were using.
- The demand for squash courts had been in decline although the NGB was promoting the sport. The study recommended there was no requirement to build additional courts but there was a need to maintain/improve the condition of existing courts and support the development of squash where possible.
- The cost of hiring facilities at some schools was costly and prohibited some groups from using the facilities. It was advised that this had been an issue in the past but it was now possible to hire these facilities. Examples were Reach Free school facilities which was agreed as part of the planning permission granted and Croxley Danes School.

On being put to the Committee the recommendations in the report were declared CARRIED by the Chairman the voting being unanimous.

RECOMMEND:

Noted the report and recommend to the Policy & Resources Committee the Draft Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities and Children's Play Space Policy as set out in Appendix 4.

LPSC24/19 LOCAL PLAN - TOPIC PAPER: SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The report set out the issues which the new Local Plan would need to address in relation to Community, Leisure and Cultural Facilities and proposes policy wording to be contained within the new Local Plan.

A Member asked if Paragraph 4 under new Provision and Enhancement which read "Social and community infrastructure will be funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and/or section 106 planning obligations (as appropriate). In addition, new and/or extended on-site provision of social and community infrastructure may be required as part of the supporting infrastructure for significant new housing and mixed-use development proposals where necessary to mitigate the impacts of the development on local services and meet the needs of occupiers" was sufficiently worded as there was no mention in the statement on future demand. In the previous report it had included details that for future housing development there would be a need for

additional leisure facilities. It was advised that each housing site would be looked at individually and if required funding for these facilities would be secured through a Section 106 agreement. Details would be included in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan on what type of facilities were required.

On being put to the Committee the recommendation in the report was declared CARRIED by the Chairman the voting being unanimous.

RECOMMEND:

That the Local Plan Sub Committee note the contents of this report and recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee the Draft Social and Community Facilities Policy as set out in Appendix 1.

LPSC25/19 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman moved the following motion, duly seconded, and it was agreed:

that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraphs (2 and 3) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

LPSC26/19 PART II CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES – 4 JULY 2019

The Part II Confidential Minutes of the Local Plan sub-committee meeting held on 4 July 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN