

At a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on THURSDAY 18TH MARCH, 2010 at 4.30 p.m.

Present: -

Councillor Miller in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Fletcher, M. Forbes, A. Hall, R. Heron, J. Scott, Snowdon, Wood and A. Wright.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ball, Charlton, G. Hall, Howe, T. Martin, Scaplehorn, Wakefield and P. Watson

Minutes

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 23rd February, 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Report of the Meeting of the Development Control (North Sunderland) Sub-Committee held on 2nd March, 2010

The report of the meeting of the Development Control (North Sunderland) Sub-Committee held on 2nd March, 2010 (copy circulated) was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the Meeting of the Development Control (South Sunderland) Sub-Committee held on 2nd March, 2010

The report of the meeting of the Development Control (South Sunderland) Sub-Committee held on 2nd March, 2010 (copy circulated) was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the Meeting of the Development Control (Hetton, Houghton and Washington) Sub-Committee held on 2nd March, 2010

The report of the meeting of the Development Control (Hetton, Houghton and Washington) Sub-Committee held on 2nd March, 2010 (copy circulated) was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

**Reference from Cabinet – 10th March, 2010
City of Sunderland Local Development Framework
Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options**

The Chief Solicitor submitted a report (copy circulated) to seek the advice and consideration of the Committee on a report considered by Cabinet on 10th March, 2010. The report sought approval to the Sunderland Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options for public consultation.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr. Neil Cole presented the report and provided the background and current position with regard to the Core Strategy.

The Chairman advised that the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee had also received the report and had made a number of comments. Mr Cole confirmed that the remarks from that committee would be fed into the consultation process.

The Chairman having thanked Mr. Cole for his report, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that it be recommended to Council that the recommendations in the Cabinet report be supported.

Reference from Cabinet : 10th March, 2010
St. Peter's Riverside and Bonnersfield Planning Framework – Draft
Supplementary Planning Document

The Chief Solicitor submitted a report (copy circulated) to seek the views of this Committee on a report considered by Cabinet on 10th March, 2010 which sought approval of the draft St. Peter's Riverside and Bonnersfield Planning Framework and accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment for the purposes of consultation.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

At this juncture the Chairman advised Members that this would be the last report presented by the Planning Implementation Manager, Mr. Dave Giblin, to the Planning and Highways Committee as he was retiring. On behalf of the Committee, he wished Mr. Giblin a long and happy retirement and every success in his future endeavours.

Councillor M. Forbes stated that the planning document was subject to the requirement for sympathetic development and questioned what constituted 'sympathetic'.

Mr. Giblin advised that the Framework has regard to the special qualities of the area in terms of scale, design and materials and this was re-emphasised in relation to new development at the candidate World Heritage Site (cWHS) with full account being taken of the impact development proposals would have on the views to and from the cWHS and physical and visual links to the river.

Councillor R. Heron queried whether thought had been given to the whole riverside development encompassing the new bridge. He asked whether new development would take into account accessible pick up points along the river for a ferry.

Mr Giblin stated that the document had taken into account the aspiration to link the north and south side of the river by means of a ferry. However the document only looks at the area in the 'red' boundary area on the map provided. Long term appropriate landing points would need to be identified.

The Chairman welcomed the draft document.

The Chairman having thanked Mr. Giblin for his report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the committee endorse the draft St. Peter's Riverside and Bonnersfield Planning Framework and accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment

The Chairman then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

(Signed) G. Miller
Chairman.