

## Local Development Framework Project Management Board

### Workshop 22; Report back on Proposed Submission Consultation and Full Council Report Friday 30th November 2012

#### Notes of Meeting

**Member Present:** Ric Pallister, Tim Carroll, Sue Steele

**Officers Present:** Martin Woods, Helen Rutter, Andy Foyne, Liz Arnold, Keith lane, Jo Wilkins, Jo Manley, Helen Harris

#### 1. Notes of last meeting and matters arising

Minutes of meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were confirmed with one amendment to The Proposed Submission Local Plan which is not going to be considered by District Executive but will be going straight to Full Council. Action points were noted.

Topic Papers are not yet produced. They will be completed in time for Plan submission.

#### 2. Update on outstanding English Heritage Matter

Hugh Beamish of English Heritage had a meeting on site with Steve Membery but the outcome is not yet known.

AF has contacted Caroline Power at English Heritage and she will be producing a written statement of their position with regards to the Amendments by close of play on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. All reports written that include reference to matters relating to English Heritage have been drafted but will be amended in response to their feedback.

**Action:** AF to chase up SM and discuss outcomes of meeting. Also awaiting response from CP and will amend report to reflect English Heritage views for final consideration by PMB.

#### 3. Planning Inspectorate – proposed submission date

AF reported that Inspectorate do not favour a proposed submission date of Christmas eve. The earliest date available for an inspector would be the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

It was suggested that presenting the Amendments to the Proposed Submission Local Plan be delayed, justified on the grounds that by continuing with the original Full Council date of the 13<sup>th</sup> December does not allow those involved enough time to read the proposed amendments and consider them thoroughly. Delaying would also especially allow a full report in response to English Heritage's further interjections to be drafted for the January Full Council meeting, rather than an oral report on the matter if it was taken forward in December. An oral report would not be an acceptable way to deal with an important element of the Local Plan.

The final draft full Council report will be made available to PMB members before Christmas for a final PMB meeting and the report would now go to 17<sup>th</sup> January Full Council.

#### **4. Amendments to the Proposed Submission Local Plan and endorsement for Submission**

AF presented PMB with a further draft report setting out the responses to the consultation on the Proposed Submission Local Plan 2006 - 2028.

The large matrix which summarises each of the representations and the small matrix which presents all of the minor amendments have been sorted into plan order as requested by members at the last meeting. In addition to these documents a number of annexes have been included with the matrix with the aim to clarify and clearly present a number of the more lengthy changes.

It was requested by the members that the report be deferred and resubmitted again to a further final meeting to enable the report to be tidied up with regards to layout, ordering, page and paragraph numbering etc. for the purposes of clarity and in order to address certain outstanding matters. It also allows a proper response to English Heritage's position statement when received to be included in the report. There was discussion relating to the issue of "double jobbing". It was agreed that AF would double check with consultants whether account could and/or should be made in their methodology for this matter. This might impact on the final housing provision number although not anticipated to be to a large extent.

There was further discussion relating to adoption of a more cautious approach at a mid point between the two job projections presented by Consultants (positive private sector led growth and slow faltering growth) and the justification for it ie the continuing recession and uncertainty albeit in the light of recent job growth.

AF informed the Board of need to amend Policy YV1 to reflect to reflect some concerns requiring change to policy SS7. Board confirmed. The Board further reviewed appendices 5 & 6 on the Appropriate Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal and the Housing Trajectory and the Implementation Plan with it.

The amendments to the Ilminster Direction of Growth were affirmed to preserve the setting of Pretwood Hill and the Contingency and Risk Assessment and consequent amendment to text affirmed

Appendix 1 was considered as potentially unnecessary for the report being a repeat of information already considered by PMB and would be available for inspection in the minutes.

**Action:** Report to be revised as requested and represented to members. AF to review the methodology for housing provision on the matter of double jobbing.

#### **5. Council Meeting Arrangements**

Amendments to the Proposed Submission Local Plan to be presented to the Full Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> January. Full Council will meet at 3pm to discuss unrelated matters, break and reconvene at 6pm to address the amendments.

**6. Any Other Business**

Issue of PVs on high grade agricultural land still to be pursued.

SCC have now suggested the need for a replacement first school at Ilminster. Agreed need to refer to this requirement in the supporting text of the Plan but not a reason to defer from the preferred Direction of Growth.

AF also highlighted that latest Household projections from the government are due to be released some time in December. They are not expected to be outside the range of options for the overall scale of growth.

MW flagged up that East Coker Parish Council is wishing to pursue the Neighbourhood Plan. All required assistance will be afforded to them.

**7. Date of next meeting**

The next PMB meeting will be held in the week prior to Christmas. AF to arrange.