

LOCAL PLAN SOUNDING BOARD

Monday, 12 June 2017

Present: The Chair (Councillor Mrs Denise Jeffery)
Councillors A Garbutt and Dagger

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence, received prior to the meeting, were accepted on behalf of Councillor Byford.

2. MINUTES OF 15 DECEMBER 2016.

Resolved – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 December 2017 were approved as a correct record.

A verbal update was provided explaining Barnsley, Kirklees and Leeds councils had submitted their local plans for examination. In respect of the Kirklees local plan it includes a large site allocated for housing and employment uses at Childswell which adjoins the Wakefield border. The Council has submitted representations expressing concerns about the loss of Green Belt adjoining the district boundary. The Examination Inspector will first consider if Kirklees Council has satisfied the duty to cooperate with neighbouring councils before considering the representations received and the soundness of the local plan. The Inspector will organise hearing sessions to consider the matters and Wakefield may be invited to attend. The Chair requested that Council officers attend where appropriate.

3. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2017.

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director Regeneration and Economic Growth to inform the Sounding Board about the Local Development Scheme 2017. The Scheme would inform people about the programme for preparing new local plan documents and would give them an opportunity to be involved in the process.

The Service Manager Planning and Transportation Policy explained the Local Development Scheme would inform people about the programme for preparing new Local Plan documents. It includes a timescale for preparing the documents. The Scheme will be considered by Cabinet on 27 June, and Council on 26 June, when it is proposed to be adopted.

The current Scheme adopted in 2012 contained various LDF documents which had all been prepared and adopted by the Council. Consequently, the Scheme required review and updating to reflect the changed circumstances. It is proposed to prepare one single new Local Plan which may consist of several documents.

The Scheme included the programme for reviewing the Community Infrastructure Levy. In the meantime, there would be a report to the Council in September to explain the amount of money that the Community Infrastructure Levy had brought in, including to the Town and Parish Councils. A viability study would be undertaken as part of the review to see if the levy charges should be increased or decreased.

Resolved – That the Local Plan Sounding Board endorse the Local Development Scheme 2017.

4. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT 2017.

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director Regeneration and Economic Growth on the Statement of Community Involvement 2017, which explained

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how the Council would engage with people and organisations when preparing new Local Plan and Supplementary Planning Documents, as well as determining planning applications.

The proposal was to consult on the draft Statement of Community Involvement for a six week period from Thursday 22 June to Wednesday 2 August 2017, after which it would be adopted. The draft Statement of Community Involvement had been prepared in accordance with Planning legislation, including the Neighbourhood Planning Act and met all the requirements. It included processes for engagement based on those in the original Statement of Community Involvement, adopted in 2006, which had been through independent examination and the processes had been found to be sound and went beyond minimum requirements. The Statement had been kept generic to enable it to accommodate changing circumstances.

Wakefield was ahead of many other Council's in terms of preparing its statutory development plan and the Chair extended the Committees thanks and appreciation to the Officers involved.

Resolved – That the Sounding Board endorse the draft Statement of Community Involvement 2017 for public consultation.

5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Local Plan Sounding Board 2017 would be organised in September 2017.

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Monday, 18 December 2017

Present: The Chair (Councillor Mrs Jeffery);
Councillors Byford, D Dagger, A Garbutt and R Taylor.

6. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Holmes and Miss Williams were accepted.

7. MINUTES - 12 JUNE 2017

Resolved – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2017 were approved as a correct record.

8. ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2017

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director Regeneration & Economic Growth which detailed the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report which had recently been prepared.

Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 required the Council to prepare a Monitoring Report as part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) process. The Monitoring Report should assess:

- Progress in preparing Local Development Documents compared with milestones set out in the Local Development scheme, and what changes to the scheme may be needed
- The extent to which policies and related targets in Local Development Documents were achieving their intended purposes and where policies need to be reviewed.

The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) included:

- a set of contextual indicators which give basic information about the district;
- a set of LDF Core Output Indicators identified in government guidance;
- local indicators and targets designed to monitor the outcome of adopted LDF policies;
- a number of significant effects indicators, designed to measure cumulative effects of plans and policies over a number of years; and
- Progress on production of the LDF.

It was explained that in accordance with previous Government guidance, the AMR 2017 included a housing trajectory. This showed that net housing completions during 2016/17 had been 1816, which was above the Core Strategy requirement of 1600. It was further noted that 47% completions had been on previously developed land (brownfield sites), which was less than the core Strategy of 65%. In relation to greenfield dwelling completion, 90% of these had been on allocated housing land.

During 2016/17 there were 335 affordable housing completions through the planning system. Additionally, £92,273 had been collected in commuted sums towards affordable housing and a further £36,000 had been agreed through new permissions which had been granted in 2016/17.

The report also explained that of 111 allocated sites, 17 sites had been built out, 57

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were under construction and a further 12 had planning permission. A total of 224,855m² floorspace was completed for employment uses in 2016/17. 16.68% of employment floorspace had been built on previously developed land, similar to the previous year, but was down on the 2014/15 figure of 57%. It was explained this was largely down to greenfield completions at the Newmarket industrial Estate Extension in 2016/17.

The AMR also assessed the progress made in preparing Local Development Documents compared with the milestones set out in the Local Development Scheme. In January 2017, the Council had adopted the Leisure, Recreation and Open Space Local Plan and the Retail and Town Centre Local Plan.

A copy of the AMR Summary had been attached to the report for information. A copy of the full report would be available on the Council's website in the New Year. The AMR would also be reported to the Planning and Highways Committee early in 2018.

Resolved – That the content of the report be noted.

9. NEIGHBOURING COUNCILS' LOCAL PLAN PROGRESS

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director Regeneration and Economic Growth to inform the Sounding Board about recent progress with neighbouring Councils' Local Plans.

Since the meeting of the Sounding Board in December 2016, neighbouring Councils had made varied progress in preparing / Local Plan documents. Council Officers had been involved in Duty to Cooperate discussions and responded to consultation on emerging documents. Where any potentially significant issues had been raised or there had been a need to make specific comments Officers had consulted Councillor Mrs Jeffery before comments had been submitted.

The Board was informed on progress with Doncaster, Leeds and Bradford local plans. Further details were also provided on the continuing work of Selby Council's site allocations document, known as PlanSelby. Wakefield Council had responded to Selby's Pool of Sites consultation, to express concern that the site of the former Kellingley Colliery and site of Eggborough Power Station were not allocated for employment use in the Selby Plan. Wakefield Council Officers would continue to monitor, as the Kellingley Colliery site in particular had employment benefits for Knottingley.

Barnsley had submitted its local plan on 23 December 2016 and the examination was still underway. Wakefield had made representations throughout the preparation of the Barnsley Local Plan regarding the possible highway impacts of new housing allocations in Darton. It was anticipated that a main modifications consultations would occur in 2018 and further hearing sessions would be required before the Inspector was in a position to publish her report.

Kirklees had submitted its Local Plan and Draft Charging Schedule for its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for examination on 25 April. Members were reminded that the Council had previously objected to certain policies and allocations in the Kirklees Local Plan in particular that the Plan had not addressed the key concerns raised by Wakefield relating to the Chidswell development proposal, nor potential impacts from development proposals on Wakefield's local road network. Officers had met with Kirklees Council to discuss highway issues and additional evidence had been made available. However, the Council's objections still remained and would need to be resolved through the

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examination process. Public hearings had commenced on 10 October and were ongoing.

An update on neighbourhood planning was provided to the Board. Walton Parish Neighbourhood Plan had been approved in April 2016, and since then the Council was not aware of any progress with regard to neighbourhood planning in the other designated areas (Badsworth Parish Council, Ackworth Parish Council and Crofton Parish Council). Officers had met with Ackworth Parish Council to give advice. Officers had also provided advice on neighbourhood planning, as required by law, to Horbury Civic Society who were considering forming a group to apply for designation as a neighbourhood forum. This would then enable the forum to produce a neighbourhood plan for a defined area centred on Horbury.

Resolved – 1) That the progress with neighbouring Councils' Local Plans be noted and that Members be aware of the comments made by Officers, in consultation with Councillor Mrs Jeffery, Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holder Economic Growth and Skills and Chair of the LDF Sounding Board.

2) That further details relating to neighbourhood planning be provided to the Board for information.

10. WAKEFIELD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN EARLY ENGAGEMENT - VERBAL REPORT

The Board was informed that work had commenced on the development of a new Wakefield District Local Plan which would guide the future growth of the Wakefield District up to 2036. An Early Engagement document had been published for consultation. The consultation had been held between 26 October and 6 December and officers were now processing the responses.

It was further explained that a series of workshops had been held for elected Members with a further session planned for January 2018. The notes from these workshops would be written up and circulated to all elected Members for information and to enable them to submit any further comments. Further workshops would be held later in 2018 as work progressed and ahead of the consultation on the draft Plan.

The Board thanked Neville Ford and his team for all their hard work in preparing local plan documents and strategies brought forward for consideration by the Sounding Board.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a question regarding development around the Railway Inn and Monkhill Station, Pontefract, Neville Ford explained that future plans for the area would make provision to accommodate further parking for the train station.

LOCAL PLAN SOUNDING BOARD

Friday, 30 November 2018

Present: The Chair (Councillor Mrs Denise Jeffery);
Councillors Miss Williams, Byford, Dagger and Forster and
Manifield.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence submitted prior to the meeting were accepted on behalf of Councillors Garbutt, Taylor and Tennant.

2. MINUTES - 18 DECEMBER 2017

Resolved – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Sounding Board held on 18 December 2017 be approved as a correct record.

3. INITIAL DRAFT WAKEFIELD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

Consideration was given to a presentation on the initial draft of the Wakefield District Local Plan. On 26 July 2017 the Council had adopted a revised Local Development Scheme, which set out the scope and timetable for preparing a new Local Plan to replace the existing set of seven Local Development Framework development plan documents. Early engagement on the new Plan had begun in late 2017 and had continued into 2018. An initial draft of the Local Plan had then been developed taking into account the responses to early engagement, technical consultations on development site options and the most up to date national planning policy and guidance.

The current development plan provided a policy framework up to 2026 and the new Local Plan would roll forward the policy framework to 2036. The new Local Plan would cover the whole of the Wakefield District in two volumes. Its purpose was to promote and secure investment, sustainable growth and to improve the environment in the District. It would set out policies to determine planning applications and policies to improve economic, social and environmental wellbeing.

The Plan would include an updated vision for the District and would be made up of a series of Development Principles, a Development Strategy, 23 Strategic Policies and 68 Local Policies. The majority of the policies from the Local Development Framework would be carried forward, amended as necessary, and 16 new Local Policies relating to Housing, Infrastructure and Community Facilities had been added.

Board Members were provided with details of the planned scale and location of growth in terms of housing and employment and maps showing key strategic sites identified for development across the District were available.

A six week public consultation period on the initial draft of the Wakefield District Local Plan would commence on 10 January 2019. Information would be available on the Council's website, the Local Plan online consultation portal, at Wakefield One and other main libraries throughout the District. Briefing sessions for Elected Members would be arranged in December 2018 and January 2019. Following the consultation period the Local Plan would be subject to review and revision in light of comments received. A further draft of the Plan would then be prepared for Council approval and published for consultation towards the end of 2019, before being submitted to Government. The Local Plan would then be subject to independent examination throughout 2020 before its adoption in 2021.

Resolved – That the Initial Draft Wakefield District Local Plan be endorsed for public

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consultation.

4. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved – That the Local Plan Sounding Board would meet again in January 2019 at a date to be confirmed.

M14174

LOCAL PLAN SOUNDING BOARD

Friday, 1 November 2019

Present: The Chair (Councillor Mrs Jeffery)
Councillors R Taylor, Byford, Dagger and Tennant

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were accepted on behalf of Councillors Forster, A Garbutt and Miss Williams.

2. MINUTES - 30 NOVEMBER 2018

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Sounding Board held on 30 November 2018 be approved as a correct record.

3. WAKEFIELD DISTRICT PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN MEETING 1

Members were aware the Council was preparing a new Wakefield District Local Plan. The initial draft of the Plan had been subject to public consultation, following which representations had been reviewed and the draft Plan revised, where appropriate. This had resulted in some significant changes being proposed.

Members noted the Council had asked that the Sounding Board has oversight of the detail where amendments were being made. This would include changes to the narrative about sites and policy requirements.

Members were briefed on the revised draft Local Plan policy changes for the Green Belt and the Natural and Historic Environment. Consideration was given to:

- **Amended Strategic Policy: Green Belt**

Green Belt Compensatory Measures narrative and amendment to Policy WSP21 Green Belt which had been included to reflect the changes to National Planning Policy. It was confirmed that these measures would include all sites and that the intention would be to seek that developers submit early Masterplans, which will be tested through the planning application process.

- **Amended Local Policies: Recreation and Open Space**

Suggested changes to Policy WLP25 Recreational Use of Water Resources and Policy WLP27 Green and Blue Infrastructure to include enhancements to the quantity and quality of green infrastructure. Members asked whether the requirement for a written Management Plan could be included in this section.

Amendments to Policies WLP44 Open Space and WLP48 Sports Facilities were discussed.

- **Amended Local Policies: Ecological and Geological Conservation**

Members were apprised of the Biodiversity Net Gain approach to development and the proposed narrative for this. Changes to Policies WLP49 Ecological and Geological Conservation, WLP50 Ecological Protection of Watercourses and Bodies, WLP51 Wildlife Habitat Network and WLP52 Protection of Trees and Woodland were highlighted.

- **Amended Local Policy: Archaeology**

Suggested changes to Policy WLP61 Development Affecting Archaeological Sites to better safeguard heritage assets.

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- **New Local Policy: Historic Environment**

Members noted the new Policy WLP62 Conserving the Historic Environment which seeks to strengthen the previous draft Plan and combines the previous policies WLP62 and WLP63.

Members were asked whether the next published draft should present the amendments in a different colour so that it was clear where changes had been made. Members felt that this was a good way forward and agreed with this format.

Resolved: (1) That the policies discussed were endorsed by the Local Plan Sounding Board, subject to it being made clear in WLP27 and other relevant policies that there would be a requirement for Management Plans.

(2) That the next published draft of the Local Plan show amendments in a different colour.

4. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved – That the Local Plan Sounding Board would next meet on Friday 8 November 2019 at 10am.

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Friday, 8 November 2019

Present: The Chair (Councillor Mrs Denise Jeffery)
Councillors R Taylor, Dagger and Tennant

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence submitted prior to the meeting were accepted on behalf of Councillors Byford and A Garbutt.

6. MINUTES - 1 NOVEMBER 2019

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Sounding Board held on 1 November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

7. WAKEFIELD DISTRICT PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN MEETING 2

Members were aware that the Council was preparing a new Wakefield District Local Plan. The initial draft of the Plan had been subject to public consultation following which representations had been reviewed and the draft plan revised.

The Local Plan Sounding Board had been tasked with oversight of the detail where amendments were being made.

Members were briefed on the amendments made to strategic infrastructure policies for transport, waste, minerals and communications:-

• Amended Strategic Policies: Transport

Policy WSP12 – Following comments from CPRE, the Sustainable Transport policy had been amended to reflect the need for transport assessments and travel plans for all major residential planning applications to demonstrate how development would reduce the need to travel and make use of sustainable modes of transport.

In response to comments made by Persimmon Homes and Pontefract Civic Society, it was felt that the policy should be amended to reflect the need for developments to be within 400 metres of existing or proposed public transport services.

Following comments from WYCA, it was felt that reference to the importance of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan and the District Cycles Network Plan in support of sustainable transport should be included. In addition, a reference regarding the importance of investing in public transport services alongside public transport infrastructure.

Policy WSP13 – Transport Network had been amended to better promote the use of the waterways to transport construction materials to large development sites rather than the road network.

The policy had been amended to make reference to the need for assessment and mitigation by developers of the impact of development on the rail network, including pedestrian and level crossings.

The policy had also been amended to clarify how improvements to the highway network would work alongside demand management.

• Amended Strategic Policies: Waste

Policy WSP 15 – Strategic Approach to Waste Management had been amended to

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reinforce the objective of the policy to promote the onsite management and processing of specific types of waste where it arose following comments from the Environment Agency.

A proposed amendment to Policy WSP16 – Waste Management Facilities clarified that applications for waste management facilities in employment allocations would only be permitted where they would not have an unacceptable impact on any existing or planned neighbouring development.

A further amendment to Policy WSP16 reinforced that developments of high risk waste management facilities should not be placed in close proximity to sensitive receptors unless any adverse impacts could be mitigated against.

• Amended Strategic Policy: Minerals

Following comments from Historic England, the text of paragraph 6.93 – Other Minerals should be amended to reflect the importance of historic quarries as a resource for building materials for the repair of historic buildings.

In response to comments from West Yorkshire Ecology and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, it was proposed that paragraph 6.94 – Land Reclamation be amended to highlight the value of former mineral extraction sites for biodiversity.

• Amended Strategic Policy: Communications

It was proposed that this policy be amended to clarify that digital connectivity should be appropriate to the development, which was defined by Building Regulations but this should be open access to enable different service providers to operate.

Policy WSP19 – Digital Infrastructure included an amendment to ensure that new developments did not compromise the function of existing digital infrastructure and an amendment to refer to the use of rooftops as an option for mobile digital infrastructure.

Resolved – That the amendments to the policies detailed in the report be endorsed by the Local Plan Sounding Board.

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved – That the next meeting of the Local Plan Sounding Board be held at 10.00am on Friday 15 November 2019.

M14467

LOCAL PLAN SOUNDING BOARD

Friday, 15 November 2019

Present: Councillors Dagger and Tennant

9. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor Mrs Jeffery, Councillor Dagger assumed the role of Chair.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence submitted prior to the meeting were accepted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Jeffery, Byford, Forster, Garbutt and Taylor.

11. MINUTES - 8 NOVEMBER 2019

Resolved – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Sounding Board held on 8 November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

12. WAKEFIELD DISTRICT PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN MEETING 3

Members were aware that the Council was preparing a new Wakefield District Local Plan. The initial draft of the Plan had been subject to public consultation, following which representations had been reviewed and the draft Plan revised.

The Local Plan Sounding Board had been tasked with oversight of the detail where amendments were being made.

Board Members endorsed a number of amendments to strategic policies in line with the report provided and as follows:

Policy WSP 23 – Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change and Efficient Use of Resources

1. Policy and supporting text have been updated to reflect changes to UK legislation in June 2019 committing the UK to being carbon neutral by 2050, and the Council's own Climate Emergency declaration in May 2019. Other Local Plan policies contain specific targets for carbon reduction in new developments.
2. Criterion 1.b. has been added in response to comments from the Environment Agency about securing climate resilient design in relation to flood risk.
3. Criterion 1.f. has been added in response to comments from Natural England about supporting adaptation of biodiversity to climate change, which reflects National Planning Policy Guidance.
4. The criteria 2.a. has been amended to reflect comments made by Historic England on the consideration of impacts on communities and the historic environment

Policy WLP 30 – Renewable Energy

1. The policy and supporting text have been updated to reflect the fact that the Deregulation Act 2015 has not been enacted and the Council is still able to require a proportion of the energy requirements of new developments from renewable, low carbon decentralised sources.
2. The policy and supporting text have been updated to reflect the changes to UK legislation in June 2019 committing the UK to being carbon neutral by 2050, and the

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Council's own Climate Emergency declaration in May 2019.

Policy WLP 31 – Sustainable Construction and Efficient Use of Resources

1. The reference to achieving only Building Regulations energy performance standards has been removed as a result of the Government's confirmation it does not intend to bring the Deregulation Act 2015 into force, which means the Council can continue to set standards that are higher than Building Regulations. The adopted Local Development Framework currently requires new residential development to be built to Code Level 4 for Sustainable Homes, the equivalent of a 20% reduction of CO₂ emissions compared with current Building Regulations. The amendments confirm the intention to continue with this until these requirements are exceeded by stricter requirements in any future revisions to Building Regulations.

Policy WLP 32 – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

1. Reference has been made to the need for charge points to be introduced in pay and display car parks to reflect consultation comments and the Government's recent consultation on *Electric Vehicle Charging in Residential and Non-Residential Buildings* (July 2019).

Policy WLP 34 – District Heating and Cooling Infrastructure

1. The density and threshold for the requirement for the construction of new Combined Cooling Heat and Power (CCHP) has been increased on the basis of comments from the Combined Authority and the examples of best practice it provided. This should make the policy practical to implement at the planning application stage.
2. The policy has also been amended to confirm that any carbon reduction achieved through CCHP will contribute to the target for carbon emissions reduction in new development set out in Policy WLP31.

Policy WLP 28 – Flood Risk

1. The policy has been amended to ensure that an appropriate flood risk assessment is secured to address proposals in areas where there is known to be a risk of localised flood risk.
2. The policy has been updated to reflect National Planning Policy and Guidance on development in the functional floodplain. The policy has also been amended to refer to the need for flood resilient design. These changes are as a result of comments from the Council's Land Drainage and Flood Risk Officer and the Environment Agency.

Policy WLP 29 – Drainage

1. The policy has been amended to reflect current standards, and to take account of comments Council's Land Drainage and Flood Risk Officer and the Environment Agency.

New Policy – Protection and Improvement of Watercourse and Flood Defences

1. The new policy is proposed to reflect current standards, and to take account of

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comments Council's Land Drainage and Flood Risk Officer and the Environment Agency.

It was noted that the exact wording of the proposed new Policy was likely to change slightly from that identified in the Board's report. Any significant changes to the proposed wording would be brought back to the Sounding Board for endorsement.

Policy WSP 5 – Scale and Distribution of Additional Housing

1. The policy has been amended to ensure that it complies with the requirements of National Planning Policy and Guidance.
2. The housing requirement is not a limit on the number of homes that can be built in the district over the plan period. It should be considered as the minimum number that will be built so the reference to a 'maximum' number of homes to be built in the plan period has been removed.
3. The reference to oversupply of housing has been removed as National Planning Practice Guidance suggests over supply should not now be used to reduce the housing requirement for five year supply purposes due to the national planning objective of significantly boosting the supply of housing in the country.

Policy WSP 7 – Specialist Housing

1. Custom build housing has been added to the policy in order to comply with the definition of this type of housing set out in law and to ensure compliance with National Planning Policy and Guidance.
2. Changes have been made to ensure that the policy complies with the latest National Planning Practice Guidance on housing for older and disabled people published in June 2019.

Policy WLP 2 – Accessible Housing Standards

1. The proportions of homes on sites above the policy threshold have been amended to reflect the latest evidence on need and the recommendations of the Strategic Housing Need Assessment Update that has recently been completed.
2. Additional text has been added to point 2 of the policy to ensure it complies with National Planning Practice Guidance on optional housing standards.
3. The final paragraph has been amended to make it clear that site viability can justify this policy not being applied, but that this will require the submission of robust evidence when planning applications are being determined.
4. The changes are based on changes required by planning inspectors to similar policies in other emerging plans in order for them to be found sound.

Policy WLP 3 – Minimum Space Standards for Homes

1. The additions to this policy are to make it clearer with regard to the requirements of the Nationally Described Space Standard so applicants are clear what is expected of their proposals. The changes are based on changes required by planning

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inspectors to similar policies in other emerging plans in order for them to be found sound.

Policy WSP 9 – Local Economy

1. A reference has been added to this policy regarding the proposed Advanced Manufacturing Park adjacent to Junction 39 of the M1.

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was to be confirmed.

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LOCAL PLAN SOUNDING BOARD

Friday, 29 November 2019

Present: Councillors A Garbutt, R Taylor, Byford, Dagger and Tennant.

14. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor Mrs Jeffery, Councillor Byford assumed the Chair.

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence submitted prior to the meeting were accepted on behalf of Councillors Forster, Mrs Jeffery and Miss Williams.

16. MINUTES - 15 NOVEMBER 2019

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Sounding Board held on 15 November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

17. WAKEFIELD DISTRICT PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN MEETING 4

Members were aware that the Council was preparing a new Wakefield District Local Plan. The initial draft of the Plan had been subject to public consultation, following which representations had been reviewed and the draft Plan revised.

The Local Plan Sounding Board had been tasked with oversight of the detail where amendments were being made.

Board Members endorsed a number of amendments to strategic policies in line with the report provided and as follows:

New Policy - Build to Rent Housing

The new policy is proposed to recognise the new form of Housing development, Build to Rent, set out in National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance and provide policy context for considering Build to Rent Housing.

It was noted that the exact wording of the proposed new Policy was likely to change slightly from that identified in the Board's report. Any significant changes to the proposed wording would be brought back to the Sounding Board for endorsement.

New Policy – Viability Review

The new policy is proposed to meet the requirements of National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance on development viability review.

Policy WLP35 - Mineral Extraction

Policy and supporting text have been updated to include reference regarding the importance of biodiversity enhancement through restoration and after-use, in response to comments from West Yorkshire Ecology.

Additional reference has been included to the importance of ensuring there is no adverse impact on groundwater quality at the request of the Environment Agency.

The Board suggested a further revision to the wording in the Policy to delete the word "potential" from the contribution towards enhancement of ecological networks.

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Policy WLP41 - New Waste Management Facilities

The policy has been amended to ensure that it complies with the requirements of National Planning Policy Framework and in response to comments from Historic England.

Policy WLP68 - Soil Conservation

Policy and supporting text have been updated to address comments made by the Council's Minerals and Waste Officer to ensure that soil conservation can be appropriately addressed as an important resource through the development management process.

LP1411 - Calder Park Land at Junction 39 M1 (Special Policy Area)

Reviewed to include the provision of additional land close to the strategic highway network (M1) to facilitate the delivery of an advanced manufacturing park in the district to meet an identified gap in the market. To provide additional land to meet housing needs of Wakefield Urban Area, following the removal of a small number of sites since the Initial Draft Local Plan, no longer considered to be deliverable.

LP1406 - West Yorkshire Police Training and Development Centre, Bradford Road, Carr Gate (Major Developed Site in the Green Belt)

Amended to acknowledge the strategic importance of this site for the West Yorkshire Police emergency service. This will increase the flexibility of policy to enable the site to respond to any changes in requirements for the facilities, to support the continued use as a Police Training and Development Centre. This is considered to be in the wider public interest.

LP550 - Land At Snowhill, Wakefield (Housing)

Revised to confirm that the site is allocated for housing rather than mixed use development, which reflects the outline planning consent for the site, under which individual applications are coming forward. This was already confirmed in the policy text in the Initial Draft Local plan, but the site was identified as a Special Policy Area rather than a Housing site.

LP11 - Land South of Featherstone (Special Policy Area)

Modified to incorporate Custom and Self-Build, Older Persons Homes and Small Plots; and to accommodate Heritage Impact Assessment recommendations.

LP537 - Land South of Knottingley

Modified to accommodate Heritage Impact Assessment recommendations and amended access arrangements.

Members also agreed a revision to the wording under Historic Environment to read:

"The historic parkland *will* be restored as part of any development scheme."

Resolved – That the amendments to the policies detailed in the report be endorsed by the Local Plan Sounding Board.

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18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was to be confirmed.

M14481

LOCAL PLAN SOUNDING BOARD

Friday, 6 December 2019

Present: The Chair (Councillor Mrs Denise Jeffery);
Councillors A Garbutt, R Taylor, Dagger and Tennant.

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence submitted prior to the meeting was accepted on behalf of Councillor Miss Williams.

20. MINUTES - 29 NOVEMBER 2019

Resolved – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Sounding Board held on 29 November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

21. WAKEFIELD DISTRICT PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN MEETING 5

Members were aware that the Council was preparing a new Wakefield District Local Plan. The initial draft of the Plan had been subject to public consultation, following which representations had been reviewed and the draft Plan revised.

The Local Plan Sounding Board had been tasked with oversight of the detail where amendments were being made.

Board Members endorsed a number of amendments to strategic policies in line with the report provided and as follows:

New Policy – Build to Rent Housing

Changes had been made to recognise the new form of Housing development, Build to Rent, set out in the National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance, and to provide the policy context for considering Build to Rent Housing.

Policy WSP 6 – Housing Mix, Affordability and Quality

National planning policy and associated guidance had changed since the adoption of the Local Development Framework documents and preparatory work commenced on the emerging Local Plan. The viability of the policies and development allocations in a local plan now have to be assessed at the plan making stage. This means there should not normally be a need for the viability of allocated sites to be revisited when planning applications are being considered, unless there are exceptional circumstances. This meant the Council needed a greater degree of certainty sites can be viability developed. As a result, based on advice from consultants Cushman and Wakefield, it had been concluded the emerging affordable housing policy needed to be revised.

The new policy introduced Housing Viability Value Areas where different levels of affordable housing should be provided. Essentially, the more viable an area is for housing development the more affordable housing should be provided on allocated sites and other sites that come forward for housing development after the emerging Local Plan is adopted.

The National Planning Policy Framework stated that 10% of affordable housing provision should be provided as affordable home ownership products and the policy was proposed to be amended to reflect this. The various types of affordable housing were defined in the National Planning Policy Framework and ownership products include starter homes, discounted market sales housing, shared ownership and rent to buy.

LOCAL PLAN SOUNDING BOARD - FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2019

22. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Sounding Board would meet again prior to the Wakefield District Local Plan being published for consultation.

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LOCAL PLAN SOUNDING BOARD

Friday, 24 July 2020

Present: The Deputy Chair (Councillor Byford);
Councillors R Taylor, Dagger, Forster and Tennant

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence submitted prior to the meeting were accepted on behalf of Councillors A Garbutt, Mrs Jeffery and Miss Williams.

2. MINUTES - 6 DECEMBER 2019

Resolved – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Sounding Board held on 6 December 2019 be approved as a correct record.

3. WAKEFIELD DISTRICT PUBLICATION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN MEETING 6

Members were aware that the Council was preparing a new Wakefield District Local Plan. The initial draft of the Plan had been subject to public consultation, following which representations had been reviewed and the draft Plan revised.

The Local Plan Sounding Board had been tasked with oversight of the detail where amendments were being made. Further to Sounding Board meetings held in November and December 2019, Neville Ford presented a report setting out a final set of amendments.

Board Members endorsed a number of amendments to strategic, local and site policies in line with and for the reasons set out in the report as follows:

Volume 1 – Development Strategy, Strategic and Local Policies

Strategic Policies

- WSP9 Local Economy (Amended)
- WSP21 Green Belt (Amended)
- WSP22 Design, Quality, Safety and the Local Environment (Amended)

Local Policies

- WLP 32 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (Amended)
- WLP 54 Design of New Development (Amended)
- WLP 55 Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings (Amended)
- WLP 56 Waterfront Design (Amended)

Volume 1 - District Wide Allocations and Designations

Minerals

Mineral Safeguarding Areas

- LP1279 Greenfield Road, South of Altofts - *Clay*
Mineral Safeguarding Area – Deleted
- LP1276 St Johns Field, Normanton - *Clay*
Mineral Safeguarding Area – Deleted

Volume 2 – Settlement Specific Policies

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Western

Housing

- LP1441 Lawns Lane Carr Gate (New)
Travellers Site

Town Centre Development Sites

- LP855 Former Indoor Market, Union Street Wakefield (Amended)

Local Road Network Schemes

- WLP871 Owl Lane Roundabout Ossett
Local Road Network Scheme – Deleted

South East

Housing

- LP243 Land at Farm Lane Fitzwilliam (Amended)

Employment

- LP230 Former South Kirkby Colliery/Ferrymoor Ridings, South Kirkby
(Amended)

Northern

Special Policy Areas

- LP11 Land South of Featherstone (Amended)
- LP11 South Featherstone – Change to Site Boundary
- LP775 Land South and East of Knottingley (Amended)
- LP775 Land South and East of Knottingley – Site Boundary Changes

4. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved – The Local Plan Sounding Board would meet again prior to the Wakefield District Local Plan being published for consultation.

LOCAL PLAN SOUNDING BOARD

Friday, 16 October 2020

Present: Councillor Byford (in the Chair)
Councillors Dagger, A Garbutt, R Taylor, Tennant and Miss Williams.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence submitted prior to the meeting were accepted on behalf of Councillors Jeffery and Forster.

6. MINUTES - 24 JULY 2020

Resolved – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Sounding Board held on 24 July 2020 be approved as a correct record.

7. PUBLICATION DRAFT WAKEFIELD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director for Regeneration and Economic Growth which informed the Sounding Board about the Publication Draft Wakefield District Local Plan.

The Plan would confirm to people the Planning policies the Council was proposing, in order to make provision for and support inclusive, sustainable growth and development in the district, as well as protect and enhance the environment. Consultation would give people a final opportunity to comment, before the draft plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for formal, independent examination.

At its meeting held on 16 October 2019, Council had approved the publication and submission of the Publication Draft Wakefield District Local Plan 2036 to the Secretary of State; authorised the Corporate Director Regeneration and Economic Growth, in consultation with the portfolio holder and Local Plan Sounding Board, to finalise the draft plan for publication; and to make minor changes to the plan, if necessary, which do not affect the substance and purpose of the strategy or policies to ensure it reflects the latest Government guidance when submitted and to ensure its soundness through examination.

It was intended to publish the key changes to the plan this information in a Key Changes leaflet, alongside the Publication Draft Local Plan, so residents and businesses could quickly see what had changed. The Publication Draft Local Plan documents would also highlight changes, indicating new and amended policies. Neville Ford gave a brief presentation to the Board, highlighting the changes and providing further details on the amendments to policies.

Resolved – That the Sounding Board endorse the Publication Draft Wakefield District Local Plan for public consultation.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was confirmed that the briefing session in w/c 19 October 2020 would also include a presentation on the proposed planning reforms. The presentation would be circulated to all Members after the sessions.

