

Local Plan Committee

29 January 2025

UPDATE

Item 5 – Local plan – Proposed housing allocations in the Key Service Centres, Local service Centres and Sustainable Villages

This report addresses the comments made in respect of those housing sites contained in the regulation 18 plan in the Key Service Centres, Local Service Centres and Sustainable Villages and to agree the preferred sites to take forward for allocation in the Regulation 19 plan.

Members will be aware that a number of housing sites which have the benefit of planning permission lie on the proposed route of HS2 and are, therefore, subject to safeguarding. In October 2023 the government announced that the eastern leg of HS2 which was proposed to run through North West Leicestershire was to be cancelled. It was anticipated that a formal rescinding of the safeguarding would occur in the summer of 2024. However, this has not happened. Officers have contacted HS2 who have advised that

“there are no new updates on safeguarding for the former HS2 East programme.... . Following the general election in July 2024 the new Government has said that they will thoroughly review the position they have inherited before setting out more detailed plans and next steps for this phase of the project”.

They go on to advise that they *“cannot provide any dates when this may be forthcoming, therefore safeguarding remains in place”.*

In view of the fact that the route through the district is still being protected this raises uncertainty in respect of some of the sites with planning permission and whether they will contribute towards the districts housing requirements. In view of this ongoing uncertainty, it is considered appropriate to defer consideration of the report addressing the remaining housing allocations to enable officers to consider the potential implications of this in terms of the Local Plan. It is intended to bring a report addressing the remaining housing allocations to the next meeting of this Committee, currently scheduled for 19 March, but this may be brought forward if possible.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT ITEM 5 ON THE AGENDA BE DEFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION AT A FUTURE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING.

Item 6: Local Plan – Limits to Development: consideration of responses to consultation

This report asks Members to consider and agree amendments to the Limits to Development resulting from the Regulation 18 consultation held in February to March 2024.

The Recommendation asks the Committee to agree a number of changes to the proposals which were contained in the [Proposed Limits to Development for Consultation](#) document for inclusion in the Regulation 19 Plan. For clarity, it is also the intention to take forward all the other Limits to Development proposals from the consultation document where further revisions are not proposed. For the avoidance of doubt, it is proposed that the recommendation be amended as set out below.

One of the matters discussed in the report (paragraphs 3.6-3.7) is the alignment of the Limits to Development at the proposed housing allocation at Old End and 40 Measham Road Appleby Magna (sites Ap15 & Ap17). The report states “If it is agreed to delete this allocation (Item 5 on this agenda), it is recommended that the land continue to be included within the LtD”.

It has been recommended that Item 5: Local Plan – Proposed Housing Allocations in the Key Service Centres, Local Service Centres and Sustainable Villages be deferred for consideration at a future Local Plan Committee meeting. . If that recommendation is agreed, it would not now be considered appropriate for the Committee to conclude on the alignment of the Limits to Development in this part of Appleby Magna in advance of its decision on the site allocation. To address this, the Limits to Development and the future of the site allocation will be considered together in the Housing Allocation report when it is re-presented to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE AGREES FOR INCLUSION IN THE REGULATION 19 VERSION OF THE LOCAL PLAN THE LIMITS TO DEVELOPMENT CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED LIMITS TO DEVELOPMENT FOR CONSULTATION DOCUMENT (JANUARY 2024) SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES REFERENCED A TO K IN APPENDIX B.