

JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEES

JOINT MEETING OF AREAS 1, 2 AND 3 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEES AND THE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2004 (FROM 5.30 PM TO 6.20 PM)

PRESENT: Councillors Heather Adderley, Robin Adderley, Mrs Atkinson, Bean, Joan Crowther, de Courcey-Bayley, Fawcett, Goss, Grange, Hoult, Andrew Jones, Anne Jones, Pat Jones, Chris Lewis, Nash, Simister, Simms, Skidmore, Mrs Smith, Smith, Sturdy, Willis and Wilson.

In attendance: Councillor Dr Gardner (Leader) and Councillor Cooper (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning).

Late Arrivals: None.

Early Departures: None.

1/03 - **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE JOINT MEETING:** The Solicitor to the Council explained the evening's proceedings and sought nominations for Chair of the Joint Meeting.

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):

That Councillor Grange chair the proceedings of the Joint Meeting.

COUNCILLOR GRANGE IN THE CHAIR

(5.30pm)

2/03 - **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES:** Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Bayliss, Broadbank, Lumsden, Pat Marsh, Charlie Powell and Watson. Notification had been received that Councillor Skidmore was to act as substitute for Councillor Galloway on the Area 1 Development Control Committee. Councillor Brown had tendered his apologies for the voting by the Area 1 Development Control Committee, but had appointed Councillor Mrs Atkinson to act as substitute for him on the District Development Control Committee. Councillor Mrs Smith was to act for Councillor Bayliss on the Area 2 Development Control Committee. Councillor Robin Adderley was to act for Councillor Jean Butterfield on Area 3 Committee and, in addition, Councillor Joan Crowther was to act as substitute for Councillor Richards on that Committee.

(5.32 pm – 5.33 pm)

3/03 - **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** No declarations of interest were declared at the meeting.

4/03 - **EXEMPT INFORMATION:** There were no exempt information items.

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MATTERS WHICH ARE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION

5/03 - HARROGATE DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN – SELECTIVE ALTERATION - RESPONSE TO INSPECTOR'S REPORT AND PROPOSED

MODIFICATIONS: The Director of Technical Services submitted a written report on the above matter. The Solicitor to the Council had advised that the Joint Meeting would receive the Officer's report, following which the usual questions to Officers would take place, followed by an informal debate. When ready, each of the Area Committees and the District Committee would convene formally to take their formal votes on the matter.

The Director of Technical Services advised that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the recommendations contained in the Inspector's Report on the objections submitted to the Deposit Draft Harrogate District Local Plan Selective Alteration, and to agree proposed modifications to the Alteration and the Council's Statement of Decisions and Reasons. The comments of the Development Control Committees would be referred to Cabinet for consideration on 4 February 2004, with a final decision being made by the Council on 11 February. The Officer advised that the Inspector had generally supported the Selective Alteration's new policies and policy changes, subject to minor amendments to policy wording and the reasoned justification. In total, only nine proposed modifications were being recommended, and those were set out at Appendix 1 to the report, together with the reasons given by the Inspector.

However, the Secretary of State's decision of 3 December 2003 to refuse housing development at the Rugby Ground, Claro Road, Harrogate, allocated for housing in proposal H4a, had a major direct impact on Selective Alteration Policy HX (Managed Housing Release). Officers were recommended that the site should be dealt with in the same way as site H4c, Westholme Road, Masham in Policy HX, with explicit wording to state it will not be released in the Plan period, to ensure consistency with the Secretary of State's decision on the matter. The list of proposed modifications as a result of new matters arising from changed circumstances were also detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. The Director of Technical Services and the Solicitor to the Council answered Members' questions on this and other issues, particularly with regard to local housing needs.

The Area 3 Development Control Committee was then formally convened.

AREA 3 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Councillor Nash in the Chair. Councillors Heather Adderley, Robin Adderley, Joan Crowther, de Coursey-Bayley, Goss, Grange, Andrew Jones, Pat Jones, Simister and Willis.

82/03 – HARROGATE DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN – SELECTIVE ALTERATION – RESPONSE TO INSPECTOR'S REPORT AND PROPOSED

MODIFICATIONS: The recommendations contained in the report were moved and seconded. However, it was agreed that a separate vote should be taken on whether the proposed modifications should include in Policy HX matters relating to

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the Rugby Ground, Claro Road, Harrogate. On a vote being taken on the motion to include such reference in the proposed modifications, eight Members voted for the motion and three against, and the motion was, therefore, carried. It was then:-

RECOMMENDED (UNANIMOUSLY):

That (1) the Council agrees the Statement of Decisions and Reasons on the Inspector's Recommendations to modify the Selective Alteration and the list of Proposed Modifications as set out in Appendix 1 to the report and to place these on deposit;

(2) the Council approves the Proposed Modifications for development control purposes; and

(3) the Council adopts the modified Selective Alteration on the expiry of the deposit period, in the event of no objections being received.

The Area 2 Development Control Committee then formally convened.

AREA 2 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Councillor Smith in the Chair. Councillors Bean, Fawcett, Hoult, Anne Jones, Chris Lewis, Mrs Smith, Sturdy and Wilson.

77/03 - HARROGATE AND DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN – SELECTIVE ALTERATION – RESPONSE TO INSPECTOR'S REPORT AND PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS:

RECOMMENDED (UNANIMOUSLY):

That the recommendations detailed under Area 3 Development Control Committee Minute No 82/03 above be endorsed by this Committee.

The Area 1 Development Control Committee then formally convened.

AREA 1 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Councillor Simms in the Chair. Councillors Mrs Atkinson and Skidmore.

(Notwithstanding that it was considered at the meeting that there was no quorum for the meeting, the attendance of three Members of the Committee was, in fact, sufficient to render the meeting quorate. Accordingly, the Members' vote on the matter is recorded as a formal recommendation).

69/03 - HARROGATE AND DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN – SELECTIVE ALTERATION – RESPONSE TO INSPECTOR'S REPORT AND PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS:

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RECOMMENDED (UNANIMOUSLY):

That the recommendations detailed under Area 3 Development Control Committee Minute No 82/03 above be endorsed by this Committee.

The District Development Control Committee then formally convened.

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Councillor Grange in the Chair. Councillors Mrs Atkinson, Bean, de Courcey-Bayley, Houlton, Chris Lewis, Nash, Simister, Simms, Smith and Willis.

1/03 - **HARROGATE AND DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN – SELECTIVE ALTERATION – RESPONSE TO INSPECTOR’S REPORT AND PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS:** It was agreed that a separate vote be taken on whether to include in Policy HX in the proposed modifications matters relating to the Rugby Ground, Claro Road, Harrogate. On a vote being taken, ten Members voted for the motion and one against and the motion was, therefore, carried. It was then:-

RECOMMENDED (UNANIMOUSLY):

That the recommendations detailed in Area 3 Development Control Committee Minute No 82/03 above be endorsed by this Committee.

(The business of all the Development Control Committees and the Joint Meeting concluded at 6.20 pm).