

(96/05 01)

PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF GREENFIELD LAND FOR

BUILDING: The Cabinet Member for Planning submitted a written report, arising from a Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Hault and seconded by Councillor Rothwell outlining the strong feeling in Knaresborough against any proposal to extend the current built up limits of the town, by way of identification in the Local Development Framework of areas of Greenfield land for housing and other development. A meeting between the Cabinet Member and the mover of the motion had, therefore, been held on 31 March 2006 at which the Local Development Framework process had been discussed together with the Government policy requiring local authorities to ensure that appropriate provision to meet housing requirement throughout the plan period was made. The Cabinet Member had recognised the strong feelings against all the possible urban extensions identified in the last round of consultation and, in addition, their adverse environmental and other impacts. At this stage, however, it seemed very unlikely that a major urban extension would be needed and the Cabinet Member therefore felt able to assure Members that none of the potential areas previously identified would be a 'preferred option' in meeting future housing requirements in the next stage of work on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy.

Moved by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Dr Gardner

and **RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):**

That the report and action of the Cabinet Member be accepted.