

Meeting Note – Co-op for Sustainable Development Member Board

6.30pm, Monday 13 November 2017

Attendance

| Organisation | Councillors | Officers |
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| East Herts DC | Cllr Linda Haysey Cllr Robert Brunton | Liz Watts Claire Sime Kevin Steptoe |
| Epping Forest DC | Cllr John Philip Cllr Chris Whitbread Cllr Nigel Bedford | Alison Blom-Cooper Derek Macnab Glen Chipp David Coleman |
| Essex CC | Cllr Wagland | David Sprunt Rich Cook |
| Harlow DC | Cllr Danny Purton | Graeme Bloomer David Watts Brian Keane |
| Herts CC | Cllr Derrick Ashley | |
| Uttlesford DC | Cllr Susan Barker | Stephen Miles |
| Garden Town | N/A | Paul Jarvis (ARUP) Sarah Pullin |
| Hardisty-Jones | N/A | Stuart Hardisty |

1. Apologies

Philip Bylo, Uttlesford

Cllr Kevin Bentley, ECC

Jan Hayes-Griffin, HCC

Cllr Seeby, Broxbourne

Martin Paine, Broxbourne

2. Draft notes of meeting of 9 October 2017 – including review of action points

Minutes agreed. Actions to be picked up under agenda items below.

3. FEMA work presentation – Stuart Hardisty, Hardisty Jones Associates

Stuart Hardisty presented the outcomes of the FEMA work.

The work identified a requirement for additional employment land for the wider FEMA over the period 2016-2033, as follows:

- 10-24ha for office use (a number of factors influence the land-take required, including densities)
- 68ha for industrial use

Following on from the presentation, there was a question and answer session, and general discussion.

Item 7b brought forward

DC reiterated the intention to put an MoU in place in order to cement the findings of the FEMA report and to demonstrate to the respective Local Plan Inspectors that there is an agreed position between the authorities.

The Board agreed the production of an MoU based on the outcomes of the October 2017 FEMA report.

4. Update on response to DCLG Consultation on housing numbers methodology

SP reported that Jonathan Lee of ORS sent a final draft following comments received from members of the Board, which was circulated to senior officers for a final check, before being submitted ahead of the consultation deadline.

Cllr Haysey suggested that the Board should take a similar approach to the issue of London housing numbers.

ACTION: Board to commission, or prepare, and submit a collective response to the London Plan consultation document (scheduled to be published on 1 December 2017 until 2 March 2018).

5. Update on HIF Bids

DS confirmed that there has been no response to the bid as yet and anticipated that this will be in the New Year.

Cllr Barker referred to a Paper being taken to Cabinet on 23 November, relating to M11 J7a. This paper seeks approval to move forward with CPO procedures.

DS reported that the NPIF bid for M11 J8 was successful, meaning the County Council now has all the funding required to deliver the interim J8 solution. DS advised that works on the Junction are expected to begin in 2019.

RC highlighted the need to be ready to move quickly once a response to the expression of interest is received, as a great deal of work is required to build up the business case and there is very little time available to do this. RC advised that there is a need to start thinking about the resource

required to undertake that work. An initial small group of representatives has been established for the project, RC will email the group and, collectively, the group will identify and produce a list of what work is required.

ACTION: Group of representatives for HIF bid to identify what work is required to develop the business case and produce a list – RC to coordinate and lead.

6. Highway Access arrangements for Strategic sites North East of Harlow

DS confirmed that there was no further update following last month's meeting. A note prepared for last month's meeting was attached to the minutes of that meeting and circulated to the Board.

7. Update on MoUs

a. Mapping the impacts of growth across the West Essex / East Herts HMA on Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation

SBC reported that the Conservators have commissioned a visitor survey which was undertaken in last few weeks and a report from that work is expected in the next week or two.

b. Employment

As under Item 3 – The Board agreed that an MoU was required to cement the outcomes of the October 2017 Hardisty-Jones FEMA report.

c. Update of Objectively Assessed Housing Need – West Essex/East Hertfordshire Housing Market Area

No update

8. Other cross-border strategic matters:

a. Princess Alexandra Hospital

DC informed that Board that the hospital has commissioned Lawson Planning Partnership as its planning consultant and that the consultants have met with various people around the table. They are due to report back within 2/3 months, identifying a preferred location for the new hospital site. The consultants agreed to share initial findings with the Co-op / Garden Town Officer groups.

Cllr Wagland suggested that it would be helpful for the planning consultant or the NHS to attend Board meetings. However, the general consensus was that their time would be better spent progressing the work and that attendance would not be necessary at this stage, but it was important to keep in touch and have updates for the Board.

BK advised that he will be attending a meeting with the PAH Chief Executive next week and will ask for information to feed back to Board.

9. Feedback from East Herts Examination

CS reported that there will be one further set of hearing sessions in the New Year. The Inspector will be reporting back on OAN in next two weeks and CS will share this with the Board. The Council has been asked to finalise main modifications by 15 December, albeit that there is still one more session remaining. The Inspector has advised that her report will be with the Council in April 2018.

CS advised that the hearing sessions have gone well and the Inspector has been very pragmatic. Flexibility and monitoring have been the key issues coming up at the hearing sessions.

10. Feedback from Redbridge Examination

There was no one from Redbridge in attendance at the meeting, so no feedback was given.

11. List of complex/contentious issues to be resolved:

- a) An agreed position on the Harlow Northern Bypass
- b) An agreed position on the Sustainable Transport Corridor – what is included, policies, commitment, delivery, level of subsidy etc.
- c) Employment land allocation around Harlow (in particular to the south) and its impact on sustainable transport assumptions
- d) An agreed position / Statement of Common Ground on health and the location of a relocated PAH in due course
- e) Strategic IDP for Harlow and Gilston Garden Town - including agreement on prioritisation / phasing – cost and funding identified
- f) Funding strategy for infrastructure – including pooling funds to delivery prioritised IDP – CIL/S106 (cross-boundary mechanisms)
- g) Consideration of the appropriate delivery vehicle and future governance arrangements for the Garden Town
- h) Land value capture – how?
- i) Future stewardship arrangements for highways, open space, SUDs etc.
e.g. management company / parks trust – this will impact on materials used and future maintenance liability / level of maintenance

- j) Harlow Town Centre regeneration and how this is linked to the wider Garden Town concept
- k) Position on Stansted growth
- l) Position on rail – Crossrail 2 etc.
- m) Harlow objections to the EFDC Local Plan and need for unified approach on Garden Town Policy – risk of missed opportunities
- n) Production of strategic masterplans across boundaries, pooling resources and ensuring appropriate cross-boundary governance
- o) Future funding for the Garden Town project
- p) *Traveller site provision (Item added to the list at the meeting)*

Cllr Purton advised the Board that the main point of this agenda item is that there is a list of issues for the Project Director to address once in post. Cllr Purton explained that some attempt had been made to prioritise the list, but that this had caused confusion.

The Board noted the list.

Cllr Barker asked if Traveller site provision was a contentious issue that should be added to the list.

Cllr Haysey, asked if there was a need to separate out the issues into two lists – one for the Garden Town authorities and one for those issues that are wider issues. This was agreed and Cllr Purton suggested that some of the issues may need to be on both lists.

ACTION: Officers to separate out the issues into two lists (some issues may appear on both lists)

ACTION: Traveller site provision to be added to list of contentious issues.

12. A.O.B.

DC advised that in preparing the EFDC Submission Local Plan and looking at the housing trajectory, there is an issue of undersupply in the early period of Plan, due to the Plan period being set from 2011 (when the housing target was much lower). In order to accord with national policy, there is a need to look at how undersupply can be met and EFDC need to write to other authorities to demonstrate that the Council has sought to address this undersupply in the first five years of the plan period – DC advising so that the respective LPAs are aware that EFDC will be sending a letter to them shortly.

13. Date of next meetings

- a) 22 January 2018, 6.30pm - Harlow Council Chamber

b) 19 February 2018, 6.30pm - Harlow Council Chamber