

WINCHESTER DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

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DRAFT POLICIES ON REPLACEMENT POLICY H.3 AND LOCAL RESERVE HOUSING SITES

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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RECENT REFERENCES:

WDLP49, "WDLPR Inspectors' Report – Local Plan Chapters 1 - 5 WDLPR Committee 17 October 2005

WDLP50, "WDLPR Inspectors' Report – Local Plan Chapters 7 - 14 WDLPR Committee 27 October 2005

WDLP52, "WDLPR Inspectors' Report – Local Plan Chapter 6 and Other Outstanding Matters - WDLPR Committee 15 November 2005

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council has appointed Adams Hendry planning and environmental consultants to produce draft policies and Supplementary Planning Documents on the Local Plan Inspector's recommended replacement Policy H.3 and on the recommended Local Reserve sites approach. The consultants have produced draft policies and explanatory text for the Local Plan, which is attached at Appendices 1 and 2, along with an explanation of how it has been produced. As any changes to the Local Plan's policies and explanatory text will need to be published as part of the Proposed Modifications, these changes are also being recommended to Cabinet (on 14th December) and Council (on 11th January).

Adams Hendry will also be drafting Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) on each of the policy areas, to be published alongside the proposed Modifications. As this does not need approval by full Council it will be presented to this Committee on 9th January and Cabinet on 18th January 2006. The SPD will provide further detail of the operation of the proposed Local Plan policies, in particular, the criteria for new residential infilling (Policy H.3) and the factors that may lead to the release of Local Reserve sites.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That it be recommended to Cabinet and Council:

1. That the draft policies and explanatory text relating to the Inspector's recommended replacement Policy H.3 and Local Reserve sites, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2, be endorsed and incorporated into the Council's Proposed Modifications in response to the Inspector's Report.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

The Local Plan Review contains policies on a range of issues which are relevant to many of the Council's key priorities, including Homes & Environment, Green Agenda and Economic Prosperity.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Provision has been made for the District Plan Reserve to meet the costs of producing the Local Plan to the current programme.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Notes of the Stakeholder meetings and draft policy approach posted on the Council's web site and circulated at the 28th November Stakeholder meeting.

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: Recommended Local Reserve Site Policy and Explanatory Text.

Appendix 2: Recommended Replacement Policy H.3 and Explanatory Text.