

## Recommendations of the Public Spaces & Local Plans Panel

At its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2005, the Public Spaces & Local Plans Panel considered a number of reports and made recommendations to the Executive.

The Executive is asked to consider its response to the recommendations below:

### 1. **Wind Turbine Development in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

1.1 The Public Spaces & Local Plans Panel considered a report which presented the findings of the recent Study undertaken, by Land Use Consultants, into the landscape sensitivities and constraints to Wind Turbine Development.

1.2 The Panel made the following recommendations to the Executive:

- 1) *That the Study and its findings be endorsed.*
- 2) *That the Study be recognised as a technical background document for the preparation of future Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning documents and be used to aid in the decision-making process of future wind turbine planning applications within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.*
- 3) *That a brief description and a link to the Study be added to the Council's website.*
- 4) *That the issue of low flying aircraft be raised with the study authors.*

*Minute PS36 refers.*

Note: A copy of the Study is available upon request.

### 2. **West Swindon Joint Study and the Swindon Rural Buffer**

2.1 The Public Spaces & Local Plans Panel considered a report which provided an update of the progress that has taken place on the setting up of a West Swindon Joint Study with Swindon Borough Council. The report also set out the policy position of the Swindon Rural Buffer which will form a background to that Study.

2.2 The Panel made the following recommendation to the Executive:

*That the Executive seeks to express at all relevant opportunities, the advantages of Rural Buffers to protect settlements to the west of Swindon from coalescence.*

*(Minute PS37 refers.)*

**3. Delivery of North Wiltshire Local Development Framework Documents**

3.1 The Public Spaces & Local Plans Panel considered a report setting out the progress made on the new Local Development Documents and to revising the detailed workplan for the production of significant documents.

3.2 The Panel made the following recommendation to the Executive:

*That an amendment to the Local Development Scheme be prepared to take into account the main changes proposed, as follows:*

(1) *That the timetable for the production of the Core Strategy and the Housing and Employment Development Plan Documents be altered as follows:*

**Core Strategy**

<i>Produce and consult on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</i>	<del>By 29<sup>th</sup> July '05</del> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept '05
<i>Prepare a first draft for internal consultation purposes. (Reg 25)</i>	<del>By 18<sup>th</sup> July '05</del> 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov '05
<i>Prepare and obtain Council approval for a final Issues and Options for the Core Strategy DPD.(Reg 25)</i>	<del>By 1<sup>st</sup> Sept '05</del> 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan '06
<i>Publish the Preferred Option for the Core Strategy DPD for formal public consultation after obtaining Council approval. (Reg 26)</i>	<del>By 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov '05</del> 23 <sup>rd</sup> May '06
<i>Consider representations (Reg 27) and in their light, prepare and obtain Council approval for formal submission to the Secretary of State (Reg 28)</i>	<del>By 9<sup>th</sup> Mar '06</del> 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec '06
<i>Publish the Core Strategy DPD.</i>	<del>By 31<sup>st</sup> Mar '06</del> 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec '06
<i>Independent Examination of the Core Strategy DPD by the Planning Inspectorate.</i>	<del>By 31<sup>st</sup> Sept '06</del> 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul '07
<i>Publication of the Inspector's Binding Report</i>	<del>By Mar '07</del> 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec '07
<i>Adoption of the Core Strategy DPD.</i>	<del>By Mar '07</del> 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan '08

***The Housing and Employment Development Plan***

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| <i>Include housing and employment aspects within the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</i>  | <del>By 29<sup>th</sup> July '05</del><br>26 <sup>th</sup> Sep '05  |
| <i>Prepare a first draft for internal consultation purposes.</i>   | <del>By 18<sup>th</sup> July '05</del><br>31 <sup>st</sup> Dec '05  |
| <i>Prepare and obtain Council approval for a final Issues and Options for the H&amp;E DPD.</i>   | <del>By 1<sup>st</sup> Sept '05</del><br>25 <sup>th</sup> Apr '06   |
| <i>Publish the Preferred Option for the H&amp;E DPD for formal public consultation after obtaining Council approval.</i>                 | <del>By 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov '05</del><br>30 <sup>th</sup> Sep '06   |
| <i>Consider representations and in their light, prepare and obtain Council approval for formal submission to the Secretary of State.</i> | <del>By 9<sup>th</sup> Mar '06</del><br>1 <sup>st</sup> April '07   |
| <i>Publish the Core Strategy DPD.</i>  | <del>By 31<sup>st</sup> Mar '06</del><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Apr '07    |
| <i>Independent Examination of the H&amp;E DPD by the Planning Inspectorate.</i>  | <del>By 31<sup>st</sup> Sept '06</del><br>1 <sup>st</sup> April '08 |
| <i>Publication of the Inspector's Binding Report</i>   | <del>By Mar '07</del><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Mar '08                    |
| <i>Adoption of the Core Strategy DPD.</i>  | <del>By Mar '07</del><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Apr '09                    |
- 2) *That the topic based Development Plan Documents be deleted from the scheme.*
- 3) *That the topic based Development Plan Documents be replaced by a suitable amended Rural Area Action Plan Development Plan Document and a new Chippenham and the Main Towns Area Action Plan.*

(Minute PS38 refers.)