

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

1st July, 2020

A meeting of the Local Plan Committee was held on Wednesday 1st July, 2020. Due to government guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held virtually at various remote locations and live streamed.

Present

Councillor N Phillips (Chair)

Councillors J. Beaumont, C. Golby, S. Gran, B. Longden, A. Sargeant, J. Sheppard, J. Tandy and R. Tromans.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

LPC01 **Chair's Announcements**

A one minute silence was held in memory of four previous Borough Councillors; Mr Des O'Brien, Mr Michael McMahon, County Councillor Bill Oler (former Mayor of the Borough) and County Councillor Richard Chattaway (former Mayor of the Borough) who have sadly passed away.

LPC02 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chair

LPC03 **Declarations of Interest**

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interest for this meeting are as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes.

LPC04 **Local Plan Review**

The Director – Democracy, Planning & Public Protection submitted a report to the committee updating members of the progress made since the last committee meeting held on 21st January 2020

RESOLVED that it be recommended to Cabinet that;

- a) subject to the publication of the revised Government guidance, a revised Local Development Scheme with a clear timetable for the review be reported to Cabinet by the end of September 2020, together with a first draft of the list of polices that will be suggested for review;
- b) the work through the joint committee on a sub regional basis be endorsed; and
- c) the financial implications of abortive work be noted.

LPC05 **Gypsy and Travellers**

The Head of Planning submitted a report for committee consideration of the provision of sites for Gypsy and Travellers in relation to legislation, guidance and the adopted Local Plan and Local Development Scheme.

RESOLVED that a new Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment be undertaken with an end date of 2036 to provide evidence for a gypsy and traveller development plan document and for a review of the Local Plan.

LPC06 **Evidence Base and Planning for the Future**

The Head of Planning submitted a report to committee outlining the need to update the evidence base before any review of the Local Plan.

RESOLVED that it be recommended to Cabinet that:

- a) where the new evidence is required to feed into the Supplementary Planning documents, Development Plan documents or other work the Council is progressing then an end date commensurate with being able to fit in with a review of the Plan be encouraged;
- b) no further work on the evidence base be undertaken until the method for calculating Housing Needs and other policy changes are clearer so that work undertaken is not done so prematurely; and
- c) further reports be made to the Committee on the changes to the planning regime.

LPC07 **Affordable Housing Briefing Note**

At the last panel held in January 2020, the committee requested a briefing note on Affordable Housing be provided at this meeting. The briefing note covered the definition of Affordable Housing as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, the affordable housing delivery in the Borough, the guidance on Starter Homes and First Homes and the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which is due to be adopted at Full Council in July 2020.

RESOLVED that the briefing note on Affordable Housing be noted

**Local Plan Committee
Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2020/21**

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	J. Beaumont		Board member of Bulkington Community Library CIC in addition to an unpaid Manager of the library. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Older People's Forum 	
	C. Golby	IPT Administration Manager	Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	S. Gran		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
	B.J. Longden		Daughter and son-in-law work in the NHS Member of the Stockingford Community Centre Ex-Officiate of the Veterans Contact Point Board Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board • George Eliot Hospital 	

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			NHS Foundation Trust Governors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed Forces Covenant Meeting • Astley Charity 	
	N. Phillips (Chair)	Employee of DWP	Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Sterling Group (Council Representative) • Nuneaton Labour CLP • The Fabian Society • The George Eliot Society • The PCS Union • Nuneaton Credit Union Non-Executive Director with Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited.	NABCEL – to speak and vote on any matter where the Council or Cabinet is asked to approve any funding arrangement; grant; or other legal instrument with the company but this dispensation shall not apply where any Non-Executive Director benefits from the arrangements in a personal capacity.
			Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Member Partnership • PATROL Joint Committee • Warwickshire Health & Wellbeing Board • Building Control Partnership Steering Group 	
	A. Sargeant		Member of Warwickshire County Council Chairman of The Nook (Nuneaton) Residents Association. Chair of Attleborough Community Matters group. Chair of Attleborough Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer at Volunteer Friends Bulkington. Member of Nuneaton Carnival Committee	
	J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.	
			Director of Wembrook Community Centre.	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre

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			<p>Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop in.</p> <p>Champion for Safeguarding (Children & Adults)</p> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board • Warwickshire Direct Partnership • Warwickshire Waste Partnership • West Midland Employers • Nuneaton Neighbour Watch Committee 	
	J.A. Tandy		<p>Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.</p> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Festival of Arts • Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership • Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership • West Midlands Combined Authority Audit Group 	
	R. Tromans	Director of RTC Ltd		