



NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL, CRAWLEY ROAD, HORSHAM ON MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 11am

Present: Councillors: A. Britten (Chairman), Mrs. K. Burgess, P. Burgess*, J. Davidson*, Mrs. G. Davidson-Fernandez, Mrs. R. Ginn*, Mrs. J. Gough, R. Knight*, T. Rickett B.E.M., D. Searle*, J. Smithurst, S. Torn, R. Turner and Mrs. S. Wilton (Vice-Chairman)

* denotes absence

In attendance: Sarah Norman (Clerk)

FC/104/24 Public Forum

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11.01am

A Member of the public addressed the meeting on three subjects, as had been referred to in an email circulated to all Councillors on 21st February 2024, namely Designated Green Spaces, the impact on volunteering due to the increasing retirement age and gas infrastructure.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 11.08am and thanked the member of the public for their comments

Cllr. Torn joined the meeting.

FC/105/24 Apologies for absence

The Council received apologies for absence from Cllrs. P. Burgess, Davidson, Searle.

No apologies had been received from Cllrs. Ginn or Knight.

FC/106/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interests.

FC/107/24 Local Plan Review Regulation 19 Consultation

Members **NOTED** the report including the circulated Notes of the Working Group Meetings held 30th January and 12th February 2024. Members also received draft Representation forms for consideration, based on the comments and recommendations of the Working Group.

Following discussion, the following additional points were raised :-

SP10 - Flooding

Add that it should be noted that the area north of Horsham has historically been a floodplain and continues to flood.

Maps

Some maps, such as Colgate, appear to be missing their Legend.

It was subsequently **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the following recommendation of the Working Party :

- a) The entire summary of comments on the Draft Local Plan
- b) On the assumption that the reference to electric scooters is intended to mean 2-wheeled electric scooters and not mobility scooters, Legal Compliance of the Plan is questioned regarding Para 8.8 under the heading Sustainable Transport as reference is made to electric scooters which are not vehicles that may be legally used on public land and there is no approved hire scheme in Horsham District.
- c) The Soundness of the Plan is questioned regarding SP37 and HA10 due to :
 - Ambiguity of naming of sites i.e. Land at Mercers Road/Land at Cuckmere Farm/HOR2
 - Potential for a site name being missed as point 4 of SP37 ends with “and”
 - Ambiguity of the number of additional dwellings to be provided through intensification of the previously outline approved 2,750 dwellings at Mowbray
 - The site North of Horsham has already been through a thorough, rigorous and in-depth examination including the Planning Inspectorate and the evidence resulted in a decision that 2,750 was a suitable density for the area
 - The inclusion of a new sites at Cuckmere Farm and/or Mercers Road and/or HOR2 is contradictory to the proposed SP15 which intends to avoid the coalescence of settlements

Furthermore, it was **RESOLVED** that the full summary of comments - with the addition of the statements regarding flooding and the map Legends - be submitted to Horsham District Council together with the completed Representation Forms, copies of which had been circulated to Members.

The issue of whether to request to participate in the Hearing Sessions was raised and after discussion it was **AGREED** that no request should be made.

Members expressed their thanks to the Working Group for the efforts in preparing this response.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 11.26pm.

Signed

Date