

Report of the Assistant Director Governance and ICT

Recommendations of the Local Plan Working Group - Wheldrake Village Design Statement and Strensall with Towthorpe Village Design Statement

Summary

1. This report presents the recommendations from a meeting of the Local Plan Working Group (LPWG) held on 29 January 2015 in respect of the Wheldrake and Strensall with Towthorpe Village Design Statements and asks Members to consider the advice given by the Group in their capacity as an advisory body to the Cabinet, in relation to these Design Statements.

Background

2. Under the Council's Constitution, the role of Working Groups is to advise the Cabinet on issues within their particular remits. To ensure that the Cabinet is able to consider the advice of the Working Groups, it has been agreed that recommendation from Groups' meetings will be brought to the Cabinet. In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, the recommendations of the Local Plan Working of 29 January 2015, in relation to these Village Design Statements are presented with this report at Annex A.

Consultation

3. No consultation has taken place on the attached recommendations, which have been referred directly from the Working Group. It is assumed that any relevant consultation on the items considered by the Group was carried out in advance of their meetings.

Options

4. Options open to the Cabinet are either to accept or to reject any advice that may be offered by the Working Group, and / or to comment on the advice in relation to the Village Design Statements.

Analysis

5. The LPWG at their meeting on 29 January 2015, considered both the Wheldrake and the Strensall with Towthorpe Village Design Statements. These would, following approval, become draft Supplementary Planning Documents to the emerging Local Plan and form a material planning consideration when considering applications for development with the Village Design Statement area. Cabinet are firstly asked to consider the recommendations in respect of the Wheldrake Village Design Statement set out below and in the attached draft minutes at Annex A (minute 20 refers):

'That, in accordance with Option 1, Cabinet be recommended to:

- (i) Approve Wheldrake Village Design Statement, as attached at Annex A of the report, as a draft Supplementary Planning Document to the emerging Local Plan.*
- (ii) Delegate to the Director of City of Environmental Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member, the making of any incidental changes to the Village Design Statement as a result of the recommendations of Cabinet.*
- (iii) Delegate to the Village Design Statement group and officer the final graphic design.*

Reasons: (i) Wheldrake Village Design Statement follows in the footsteps of other previous examples that have been agreed; observing the general guidance and principles required in their production, whilst successfully defining the individual qualities of the villages and bringing forward appropriate Design Guidelines.

- (ii) So that changes recommended as a result of discussions at this meeting can be made, in liaison with the Village Design Statement group.*

(iii) To allow changes to the final graphics/layout as required e.g. improved photo quality, or number of pages to meet print specifications.'

6. Secondly, in respect of the Strensall with Towthorpe Village Design Statement, Supplementary Planning Document, Members are asked to consider the following recommendations contained in the attached draft minutes at Annex A (minute 21 refers):

'That, in accordance with Option 1, Cabinet be recommended to:

- (i) Approve Strensall with Towthorpe Village Design Statement, as attached at Annex A of the report, as a draft Supplementary Planning Document to the emerging Local Plan.*
- (ii) Delegate to the Director of City and Environmental Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member the making of any incidental changes to the Village Design Statement as a result of the recommendations of Cabinet.*
- (iii) Delegate to the Village Design Statement group and officer the final graphic design.*

Reasons: (i) Strensall with Towthorpe Village Design Statement follows in the footsteps of other previous examples that have been agreed; observing the general guidance and principles required in their production, whilst successfully defining the individual qualities of the villages and bringing forward appropriate Design Guidelines.

- (ii) So that changes recommended as a result of discussions at this meeting can be made, in liaison with the Village Design Statement group.*
- (iii) To allow changes to the final graphics/layout as required e.g. improved photo quality, or number of pages to meet print specifications.'*

7. As previously agreed, Chairs of Working Groups attend meetings of Cabinet when the recommendations of their Working Group are considered; an invitation has been extended to Councillor Merrett, as Chair of the Local Plan Working to attend the meeting for consideration these minutes.

Council Plan

8. The aims in referring these minutes accord with the Council's recognition that to achieve the priorities set out in the Council Plan it needs to Build Strong Communities and Protect the Environment.

Implications

9. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members, namely to consider the minutes and determine their response to the advice offered:

- **Financial**
- **Human Resources (HR)**
- **Equalities**
- **Legal**
- **Crime and Disorder**
- **Property**
- **Other**

Risk Management

10. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to note the recommendations in the minutes attached at Annexe A and to decide whether they wish to:
 - a. Approve the specific recommendations made by the Local Plan Working Group in respect of the two Village Design Statements, as set out in paragraphs 5 and 6 above, and/or;

- b. Respond to any of the advice offered by the Working Group.

Reason: To fulfil the requirements of the council's Constitution in relation to the role of Working Groups.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes

Annex A – Draft minutes of the Local Plan Working Group relating to the Wheldrake and Strensall and Towthorpe Village Design Statements, 29 January 2015.

Background Papers

Agendas and associated reports for the items - available on the Council's website here

<http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=128&MId=8896&Ver=4>