

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

LOCAL PLAN TASK GROUP

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Local Plan Task Group held on Thursday,
31st January, 2019 at 11.00 am in the Meeting Room 2-4, Second Floor,
King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn**

PRESENT: Councillor R Blunt (Chairman)
Councillors A Bubb, C J Crofts, T Parish, M Peake (Vice-Chairman),
Miss S Sandell and D Tyler

Officers:

Alex Fradley, Principal Planner
Alan Gomm, LDF Manager
Peter Jermany, Principal Planner Policy and Water Management
Officer

Under Standing Order 34:

Councillor J Moriarty

1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S Buck and
Mrs E Watson.

2 **NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the meeting held on 9 January 2019 were agreed as a
correct record.

3 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

5 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

6 **MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor J Moriarty was present under Standing Order 34.

7 **CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no Chairman's correspondence.

8 **LOCAL PLAN REVIEW DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION**

The Principal Planner (Policy) provided a demonstration of the Local Plan published on the website that would be considered by Cabinet on 5 February 2019.

The Task Group commented and proposed amendments to the Local Plan Review document which would go out to consultation. The Planning Policy Team noted the amendments which would be made to the document before it went out to consultation.

It was noted that an email would be sent out to all Parish Clerks informing them of the consultation process.

The Task Group was advised that at the next meeting on the 6 February 2019, discussions would be held regarding the consultation process and events to be held in the south, north and central regions of the Borough, to inform the public of the consultation exercise.

A discussion took place on the phrase "at least" remaining in the consultation document. The Planning Policy Manager undertook to draft amended wording and circulate to the Task Group for agreement to be presented at Cabinet on 5 February 2019.

The Chairman, Councillor Blunt thanked the Task Group and officers for the work undertaken to be able to take the review document to consultation.

AGREED: The Local Plan Task Group supported the recommendation to Cabinet as set out in the Cabinet report with the addition of the amended wording set out below:

New text at the end of paragraph 4.1.16:

All the allocation policies include the words 'at least' before the proposed number of dwellings. This reflects the need for the Local Plan to be positively prepared.

Should it be found that an allocated site could not accommodate the proposed level of development because of local issues, it is important that the Local Plan incorporates sufficient flexibility to address such a situation. To this end it is important to ensure that the wording of each allocation policy incorporates sufficient flexibility.

It is also important that the best use of land is achieved but that this **should not** be at the expense of other considerations such as the provision of open space, and local amenity considerations. If a

proposal came forward for a planning application in excess of the specified figure, it would have to demonstrate carefully how it meets design, amenity and other safeguards (with explicit reference to relevant policies, including; LP16, LP17, LP18 and LP19) and clearly state how the additional units could be accommodated without detriment to the locality.

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Task Group will be held on Wednesday 6 February 2019 at 11.00 am in Meeting Room 2-4, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn.

The meeting closed at 12.57 pm