

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

LOCAL PLAN TASK GROUP

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Local Plan Task Group held on
Wednesday, 2nd September, 2020 at 10.00 am in the Remote Meeting on
Zoom and available for the public to view on WestNorfolkBC on You Tube -
Zoom and You Tube**

PRESENT:

Councillors R Blunt (Chair), F Bone, A Bubb, C J Crofts, M de Whalley, C Joyce,
J Moriarty, T Parish (Vice-Chair), S Sandell and D Tyler

Portfolio Holders

Officers:

Alex Fradley, Principal Planner (Policy)

Alan Gomm, Planning Policy Manager

Peter Jermamy, Principal Planner (Policy) and Water Management
Officer

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair advised the Task Group that the meeting was being
broadcast live on You Tube

A recording of the meeting could be viewed on WestNorfolkBC on You
Tube.

3 NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meetings held on 5 and 14 August were agreed as a
correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

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

Councillors A Kemp and A Ryves were present under Standing Order 34.

8 **CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no Chair's correspondence.

9 **LOCAL PLAN REVIEW DRAFT**

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Councillor A Kemp (left the meeting at 11.36 am) and A Ryves were present under Standing Order 34 and asked questions/made comments.

The officers highlighted the changes to the policies set out below and responded to questions and comments.

The Task Group considered the following policies:

LP23 Renewable Energy Policy

The Principal Planner (Policy) and Water Management Officer outlined the changes.

RESOLVED: The Task Group agreed the policy.

LP24 Sites in Area of Flood Risk Policy

The Principal Planner (Policy) and Water Management Officer outlined the changes.

The following amendments were agreed:

- Page 135, 6 and 7– amend 'should' to 'must'.
- Page 135, 7(c) and (d) - to be reviewed in consultation with Anglian Water and the Environment Agency.
- Amend 'is' to 'are' in 7c, 2nd line
- Preamble 6.11.6– include reference to role of Internal Drainage Boards, Middle Level Commissioners and other bodies who are involved in the water management process.
- Amend wording to refer to Annex B or the latest version of it.

RESOLVED: The Task Group agreed the policy, subject to the amendments set out above.

LP25 Protection of Local Open Space Policy

The Principal Planner (Policy) and Water Management Officer outlined the changes.

The following amendments were agreed:

- Paragraph to be included recognising the deficit of open space and that the Borough Council would seek ways to address the deficit.
- Amend clause 2 of the policy by including 'locally' after 'replacement in 3rd line.

RESOLVED: The Task Group agreed the policy, subject to the amendments set out above.

LP26 Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Policy

The Principal Planner (Policy) and Water Management Officer outlined the changes.

The following amendments were agreed:

- Reference be made that the policy would be updated relating to RAMS, if required, in the future.
- Officers to investigate wording for potential increase in Habitats Regulation Levy.
- Make reference to the detailed Council guidance note on habitat payments be included.
- Include a note to say that the designated sites may change and these will be protected by the policy automatically.

RESOLVED: The Task Group agreed the policy, subject to the amendments set out above.

LP27 Policies

The Task Group was advised that the following policies were still being progressed:

- LP27 Housing Policies.
- LP27a Older People Housing and Specialist Care.
- LP27b Accessible and Adaptable Homes.

LP28 Residential Development Reasonably Related to Existing Settlements Policy

The Principal Planner (Policy) outlined the changes.

The following amendment was agreed:

- Small scale development be defined.

RESOLVED: The Task Group agreed the policy, subject to the amendment set out above.

LP29 Houses in Multiple Occupation Policy

The Chair advised that the Task Group had considered this policy at a previous meeting.

RESOLVED: The Task Group agreed the policy.

LP30 Enlargement or Replacement of Dwellings in the Countryside Policy

The Principal Planner (Policy) outlined the changes and explained that this policy had been considered by the Task Group at a previous meeting.

RESOLVED: The Task Group agreed the policy.

LP31 Housing Needs of Rural Workers Policy

The Chair advised that the Task Group had considered this policy at a previous meeting.

RESOLVED: The Task Group agreed the policy.

LP32 Residential Annexes Policy

The Principal Planner (Policy) presented the above policy.

RESOLVED: The Task Group agreed the policy.

LP33 Delivering Affordable Housing on Phased Development

The Task Group was advised that this policy would be merged with LP27, work on which was still being progressed.

LP34 Community and Culture Policy

The Principal Planner (Policy) and Water Management Officer outlined the changes.

RESOLVED: The Task Group agreed the policy.

LP35 Community Facilities Policy

The Principal Planner (Policy) and Water Management Officer outlined the changes.

RESOLVED: The Task Group agreed the policy.

10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled date was 7 October 2020.

The Chair proposed that an additional meeting be held. The Democratic Services Officer undertook to canvass the Task Group to identify a convenient date.

(Following the meeting the 17 September 2020 at 3 pm was agreed).

The meeting closed at 12.17 pm