

PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL

7 April 2016

RUTLAND LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Report of the Director for Places (Development and Economy)

Strategic Aim:	Creating an active and enriched community Creating a sustained environment Building our infrastructure	
Exempt Information	No	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Panel:

1. Note the progress on the Rutland Local Plan Review and the next stages in the review process.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the progress on the Rutland Local Plan Review (LPR) and the next stages in the review process.

2. BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The review of the Rutland Local Plan commenced in 2015. The existing Local Plan covering the period up to 2026 is being reviewed and extended to cover the next 10 year period up to 2036. The review is required in order to comply with national planning guidance and to meet the future needs for additional new housing, employment and other development over the extended period.
- 2.2 The review of the Rutland Local Plan commenced with a call for sites between September – November 2015 and the publication of an “Issues and Options” consultation document in November 2015 – January 2016. 126 sites have been submitted through the call for sites process and 106 responses to the Issues and Options consultation. These are currently being reviewed and mapped and a

summary of the consultation responses and call for site submissions will be published in April 2016.

- 2.3 The next stage in the process is to carry out a detailed appraisal of each of the sites submitted and assess the responses before preparing a “Preferred Options” document. This will set out the Council’s strategy for development considering all ‘reasonable alternatives’ for development and the proposed planning policies. It is anticipated that consultation on the Preferred Options will take place in late 2016.
- 2.4 To support the decision making process, the Council will be liaising with relevant officers and members on the proposed site allocations and draft policies and the service providers (e.g. education, health) to identify the main infrastructure requirements needed to support the planned growth over the plan period.
- 2.5 A number of evidence base studies have been undertaken to support the plan as follows:
- Waste Needs Assessment – August 2015
 - Strategic Housing Market Assessment (update) - October 2015
 - Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy and Open Space Informal Recreation Assessment – October 2015
 - Sustainability of Settlements Assessment – October 2015
 - Employment Land Assessment Update – January 2016
- 2.6 Further evidence base studies are being carried out to support the plan as follows:
- Retail Capacity Assessment
 - Transport Assessment
 - Local Aggregate Assessment
 - Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment
 - Review of Important Open Space and Frontages
 - Review of Parking Standards
 - Whole Plan Viability Assessment
- 2.7 A summary of the findings on the Employment Land Assessment Update and the Draft Retail Capacity Study is attached at Appendix A for information.

3. CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Places Scrutiny Panel is asked to note the progress on the LPR and the next stages in the review process. A report will be brought back to the Panel to consider the responses to Issues and Options consultation, call for site submissions and the proposed site allocations and draft policies in the Preferred Options document prior to consultation with the local community and key stakeholders in late 2016.

4. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 4.1 Further information on the Local Plan Review and evidence base studies can be viewed on the Council’s website at www.rutland.gov.uk/localplanreview

5. APPENDICES

Appendix A – Employment Land Assessment Update and Draft Retail Capacity Study
– Summary of Findings

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