

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, 17th May, 2021

Present: Cllr J L Botten (Chairman), Cllr D J Cooper (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M D Boughton, Cllr D A S Davis, Cllr M O Davis, Cllr S A Hudson, Cllr Mrs F A Kemp, Cllr D W King, Cllr N G Stapleton and Cllr D Thornewell

Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, R P Betts, V M C Branson, G C Bridge, A E Clark, Mrs T Dean, N J Heslop, M A J Hood, F A Hoskins, D Lettington, B J Luker, P J Montague, Mrs A S Oakley, W E Palmer, M R Rhodes, R V Roud and T B Shaw participated via MS Teams and joined the discussion when invited to do so by the Chairman in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

(Note: As Councillor M Taylor was unable to attend in person and participated via MS Teams, he was unable to vote on any matters).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Bishop, R W Dalton, D Keers and H S Rogers

PE 21/7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

PE 21/8 TUNBRIDGE WELLS LOCAL PLAN - REGULATION 19 CONSULTATION

(Decision Notice D210043MEM)

The report summarised the main changes between the Regulation 18 and 19 versions of the Local Plan and set out a proposed response for endorsement.

During an in-depth discussion, Members expressed concerns on a number of matters including the significant impacts related to increased volumes of traffic; lack of infrastructure to support health care and education; insufficient assessment of visual, ecological and biodiversity impacts; and an increased risk of flooding and did not feel that the mitigation measures proposed by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council adequately offset the scale of development in this location.

In addition, Members considered it important that the Statement of Common Ground identified areas of difference as well as areas of co-operation.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) the proposed response to the Regulation 19 consultation, attached at Annex 3 to the report, be revised to reflect the strong concerns expressed by Members (as summarised above). Final changes to the response to be delegated to the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health and agreed in consultation with the portfolio holder; and
- (3) a proposed Statement of Common Ground be presented to the next meeting of the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board to be held on 29 June 2021 for final consideration.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

PE 21/9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no matters considered in private.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm