

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD ON
MONDAY 4 JULY 2022, AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor (Chairman/Leader)
Councillors E Buckmaster, J Goodeve,
J Kaye, G McAndrew and G Williamson.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

James Ellis	- Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer
Peter Mannings	- Democratic Services Officer
Katie Mogan	- Democratic Services Manager
George Pavey	- Principal Planning Officer
Sara Saunders	- Head of Planning and Building Control
Helen Standen	- Deputy Chief Executive

67 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Boylan, Cutting and Haysey.

Councillor Williamson chaired the meeting on behalf of the Leader.

68 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Williamson and Councillor E Buckmaster declared an interest in item 4 as they both sat on the Old River Lane Delivery Board so would not comment or vote on the item.

70 OLD RIVER LANE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT
- DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

The Executive Member for Planning and Growth presented the Old River Lane Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) report. Councillor Goodeve said that the SPD outlined the council's vision for the site and would guide its development. It was a high level document which set out objectives for sustainable development, enhanced public spaces, varied mix of shops and leisure spaces. The SPD had wide ranging community aspirations and Councillor Goodeve thanked those who gave up their time to participate in meetings.

Councillor McAndrew asked if developers would be encouraged to recycle and reuse materials that were currently on the site.

The Principal Planning Officer referred to page 51/52 of the planning document which referred to sustainable energy

efficiency. He said that the planning application process could guide developers towards reusing and recycling.

Councillor McAndrew said he hoped the council would engage with developers so they were aware of what was expected of them.

Councillor Kaye commented that Bishop's Stortford was a great and historic town and the document showed how the town had changed over the years. He said that the steering groups working on the project had influenced the content of the SPD and not producing an SPD would mean there would not be an overarching strategy to guide future development at the Old River Lane site. He said he was comforted by that and supported the document.

Councillor McAndrew referred to page 56 and the reference to the Emerging Herts Growth Plan. He said the Highways Cabinet Panel was meeting the next day and questioned whether the reference needed to be changed.

The Principal Planning Officer said it was a draft document so it would be updated as and when required.

The Head of Planning and Building Control said it was helpful to get the draft SPD out for consultation in order for residents and community groups to review the document and provide feedback.

Councillor Goodeve proposed, and Councillor McAndrew seconded a motion supporting the recommendations in the report. On being put to the meeting and a vote taken, the motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED - That (A) the draft Old River Lane Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), as detailed at Appendix A to this report, be agreed and published for a four-week period of public consultation between 5 July – 2 August 2022; and

(B) in accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 it has been determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the emerging Old River Lane Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is not required as it is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

71 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm

Chairman
Date