

Marks Tey Parish Council

Full Council Meeting 10th Dec 18

Local Plan Update

This note is to update the Parish Council on progress with the proposed Local Plan. Since submission of the Local Plan for inspection at the start of 2018 and the Inspectors detailed critique of part 1 of the plan (the Strategic Garden Community proposals - his letter IED011) dated 2nd Aug 2018, there has been much work done by the PAs on the plan but no new stages reached. There has also been no detailed interaction with the Parish Council since our response on the Development Plan Document of January 2018 apart from individual meetings/visits that have already been reported to the Parish Council.

The Planning Authorities have been organising much of the additional work requested by the Inspector, however, the key areas to report on is the letter from the Planning Authorities to the Inspector on their proposed approach to the Local Plan following the Inspectors critique and the Inspectors response to this.

The Planning Authorities letter to the Inspector sought to gain cross-party agreement to the future approach to the Local Plan and this is detailed in their letter (NEA005) to him dated 19th October 2018. Our Borough Councillor, Andrew Ellis, has been instrumental in this, trying to affect a compromise between the CBC Conservatives desire for an Option 1 approach (put the Garden Communities proposals on hold), and the CBC Administration's view to continue with option 2 (undertake the additional work required by the Inspector). The letter proposes to continue with the additional but to effect a review of the Garden Community proposals if the required infrastructure is not forthcoming. The letter also proposes to delay our Garden Community to the end of the 15yr Local Plan (although it was intended to be late in the programme anyway). It is notable that it is a cross-party approach to the Inspector, although, I suspect that there may be a different approach if the Conservatives take control of CBC following the elections in May. Thus political instability is still one of the biggest threats. The Planning Authorities intention is for the additional work to be concluded in Spring 2019 and to undertake a further public consultation on this so that the proposals (and public response) can be sent back to the Inspector in summer 2019 and the aspiration for the Plan Plan to be confirmed at the end 2019 (the Inspector suggested this would take 4yrs in his critique). This could, thus, be argued as ambitious but is needed to have established plans for Braintree and Tendring as soon as possible. The letter offers monthly updates on progress to the Inspector.

The Inspectors response to this document is dated 21st Nov 2018 (IED014). It is detailed and considered and gives specific things that are required from the Planning Authorities for their approach to be effective. Of importance to Marks Tey is the early stated need for community consultation and support for the proposals (especially as we have had no formal consultation during

2018). The Inspector also welcomes monthly updates and it is important to ensure that these are public statements.

I have attached the above documents and asked Gemma to either send these on to you and/or reference to them on our website. It is worth you reading through the PA's letter (NEA005) and the Inspector's response (IED014). I have also asked Cllr Andrew Ellis if he is able to attend our Parish Council meeting on Monday 10th Dec and there is another meeting of CBCs Local Plan Committee on 17th Dec which is likely to deal with the Inspectors response and I will try to attend to observe what is said.

Allan Walker

Chair, Marks Tey Parish Council

30th Nov 2018