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ELMBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION MAKING - PLANNING SERVICES

Report of decisions taken on 2 November 2016

Present:

Mrs. K. Randolph (Portfolio Holder for Planning Services)

Also present:

Mrs. C. Elmer and A. Kelly

1/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MATTERS OF REPORT

2/16 RESPONSE TO THE SURREY WASTE LOCAL PLAN ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

(Link to Council Priorities: All)

The Portfolio Holder for Planning Services considered a report in respect of the consultation being undertaken by Surrey County Council on the first stage of their new Surrey Waste Local Plan (SWLP).

In this regard, the Planning Policy Manager explained that an Issues and Options Report had been produced that set out the strategic level vision and objectives of the Plan together with various options of how to manage waste in the future.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning Services noted that whilst the SWLP would deal with all waste, it would focus on Local Authority collected household waste; commercial and industrial waste; construction, demolition and excavation waste; and hazardous waste. It would also include policies for how and where waste management could take place in Surrey in the future as well as identifying sites suitable for hosting waste management facilities.

During consideration of the item, the Portfolio Holder invited Councillor A. Kelly, who was present at the meeting, to comment on the proposed response.

Councillor Kelly requested that the following amendments and additions be incorporated into the second paragraph in Question 5 (b):

- “This issue has been raised by the Council as part of the planning application (ref. no. 2014/0222) for Weylands Treatment Works. This application, and the previous one (ref. no. 2013/0036), raised

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considerable concern regarding the potential for odours from anaerobic digestion (AD) facilities near residential areas. The Council commissioned an independent report into these concerns, which we attach with our response. We recommend that a buffer zone of 250m is introduced. This would demonstrate a clearer message to businesses looking to select suitable sites to operate this technology in Surrey.”

- “The Council strongly supports point 3E within Objective 3. We believe it is vital that sites in highly residential areas and away from main trunk roads are not included in site allocations.”

Councillor Kelly further commented that Objective 4C and 4D of Question 7 (d) should be strengthened to provide the Council’s robust viewpoint on Greenbelt issues and the impact on waste management operations on such sites on the local community must be considered. The Planning Policy Manager agreed to circulate suggested wording for Member approval to strengthen these objectives.

In addition, Councillor Kelly requested that the following amendments and additions be incorporated into Question 8 (b):

- “The Council broadly agrees with the proposed Scoping Statement.”
- “We strongly support Point F (Traffic and Access) within Appendix 2 of the Statement.”
- “Roads will need to be suitable for HGV’s and sites should not be reliant on unclassified local roads.”
- “Whilst recognising site allocations will be considered at a later stage, the Council would like to reaffirm its position that the Weylands Treatment Works, Walton-on-Thames be removed from the Waste Plan. The Council requested the removal of the site earlier this year following two planning applications for the site. This was primarily because of the growth in residential properties around the site since the 2008 Plan and the possibility of more housing due to a change in planning legislation. We also believe the roads around the site are unsuitable for the quantity and type of traffic expected with a waste site. The Council’s view remains that this is an unsuitable site for any future Surrey Waste Plan.”

Subject to the above amendments and additions, the Portfolio Holder supported the proposed consultation response and accordingly

RESOLVED that, subject to the above amendments and additions the Council’s proposed response to the Surrey Waste Local Plan Issues and Options consultation, as set out at Appendix A of the report, be approved.

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The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.28 am

MRS. K. RANDOLPH
Portfolio Holder for Planning Services

Democratic Services Officer

Mrs. P. Phillips

Committee and Member Services Officer

Other Officers in attendance

A. Harrison
M. Behrendt
M. Corbett

Head of Legal Services
Planning Policy Manager
Planning Policy Officer