

PLANNING POLICY SUB COMMITTEE

MEETING: Thursday, 15th September 2016

PRESENT: Cllrs. Taylor (Chair), Lewis (Vice-Chair), Lugg, D. Brown and Dee

Officers

Anthony Wilson, Head of Planning

Shona Robson-Gyde, Historic Environment Officer

Matt Haslam, Urban Design Officer

Tony Wisdom, Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES: None.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made on this occasion.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

4. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

There were no petitions or deputations.

5. SHOPFRONTS, SHUTTERS AND SIGNAGE - DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR GLOUCESTER AND PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY DRAFTS FOR CONSULTATION

The Urban Design Officer presented the report of the Head of Planning which sought approval for consultation purposes of the draft Shopfronts, Shutters and Signage – Design Guidelines for Gloucester.

The Head of Planning advised that the draft Public Realm Strategy had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be presented to a future meeting.

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The Urban Design Officer reported that the document was an updated version of one which had been first produced over twenty years previously and contained advice on general principles and guidance with examples of good and bad design.

The Vice-Chair suggested that a copy be sent to all the bad examples of shopfronts particularly in the Gate Streets.

The Head of Planning advised that the document would form part of the evidence base for the City Plan. He would give some consideration to producing a leaflet for door to door circulation in the city centre in consultation with the Chair.

Another Member noted that Eastgate and Barton Streets seemed particularly vulnerable to poorly designed shopfronts.

The Vice-Chair questioned the cost of the preferred design principles and the Head of Planning noted that quality construction would last longer than poor work.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND to Cabinet that the Shopfronts, Shutters and Signage – Design Guidelines for Gloucester be approved for a six week period of public consultation.

6. ENDORSEMENT OF STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT OF LAND AVAILABILITY REPORTS

The Historic Environment Officer presented the report which invited the Sub-Committee to endorse a number of Strategic Assessment of Land Availability (SALA) site assessment reports.

She advised that the SALA formed part of the evidence base for the preparation of the Gloucester City Plan. As part of the site allocation process for the City Plan a number of sites were identified as having the potential to be allocated for housing or employment uses. Following Officer consultation, a total of 37 sites will be subject to an historic environment assessment to ensure that the SALA and subsequently the City Plan is based on adequate, up-to-date and relevant evidence with regard to the historic environment in accordance with paragraph 158 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

RESOLVED that the following historic environment assessment reports be endorsed:

EA06 Land south of Eastern Ave and Barnwood Rd junction

FS05 Former Royal Mail Distribution Centre

FS15 Redcliffe College, Horton Road

SUB12 Saintbridge House, Painswick Road

SUB22 Land south of Hempsted

SUB29 Hare Lane Car Park

SUB33 Land at Snow Capel Farm

SUB40 The Knoll, Stroud Road

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SUB44 Land south of Grange Road SUB54 Land at Rea Lane SUB58 30 St Catherine Street SUB59 9-11 St Catherine Street

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 17 November 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Time of commencement: 6.00 pm

Time of conclusion: 6.50 pm

Chair