

Response to Runnymede Borough Council's Draft Local Plan 2030 (Regulation 19) Part 2 consultation

Summary

Runnymede Borough Council published a Draft Local Plan document for consultation in January and February 2018.

In light of representations made during this Regulation 19 consultation and the publication of additional evidence base documents, a revised Draft Local Plan (Part 2) document has been produced and accordingly, a final round of public consultation is currently underway. The consultation began on the 18th May and runs until the 29th June.

The purpose of this second round of consultation on Runnymede's Draft Local Plan is to allow comments on the amendments which have been made since the last round of public consultation earlier this year, before the Plan is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The Plan sets out the approach to be taken to development in Runnymede Borough up to 2030, including the DERA north and south sites in Longcross, now known as 'Longcross Garden Village'.

Members are requested to consider the proposed consultation response set out in the letter at Annex 1 of this report as the Borough's formal representations on the Draft Runnymede 2030 Local Plan Part 2 Document.

Portfolio - Regulatory

Date Portfolio Holder signed off report: 23rd May 2018

Wards Affected

Windlesham and Chobham

Recommendation

The Executive is asked to RESOLVE that the letter at Annex 1 to the agenda report be agreed as Surrey Heath Borough Council's formal representation to the Draft Runnymede 2030 Local Plan (Part 2) Document.

1. Resource Implications

- 1.1 There are no resource implications beyond that provided for within the agreed budget for 2018/19.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Runnymede Borough Council published a Draft Local Plan document for consultation in January and February 2018. In light of representations made during the Regulation 19 consultation and the publication of additional evidence base documents, a revised Draft Local Plan (Part 2) document has been produced and accordingly, a final round of public consultation is currently underway. The

consultation on Runnymede's Draft Local Plan (Part 2) began on the 18th May and runs until the 29th June, and is the final opportunity to comment on the Plan before it is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

- 2.2 The Runnymede Draft Local Plan (Part 2) sets out the approach that Runnymede Borough Council will take to delivering housing (and other development) in Runnymede to 2030, including the DERA north and south sites in Longcross, now known as 'Longcross Garden Village'.
- 2.3 The current Draft Local Plan (Part 2) consultation sets out that DERA (Longcross Garden Village) would be expected to deliver development comprising up to 79,025sqm of employment floorspace with associated retail and community facilities, in addition to around 1,700 dwellings. This is consistent with proposed quantum of employment and residential development at Longcross Garden Village contained within the previous version of the Draft Runnymede Local Plan, which was consulted on in January and February 2018.
- 2.4 In response to Runnymede's previous Draft Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation held in January and February, Surrey Heath was satisfied that Runnymede's Draft Local Plan took previous comments into account in respect of additional modelling to address transport impacts and improvements to the A320. Surrey Heath Borough Council remains satisfied that these comments have been considered in Runnymede's Draft Local Plan (Part 2) and through the publication of the A320 Corridor Study Final Report as part of Runnymede's updated evidence base. Runnymede has worked collaboratively with Surrey Heath Borough Council, Woking Borough Council and Surrey County Council to produce the A320 feasibility study, which assesses the impact of strategic growth on the A320 and gives recommendations on how to address the impacts. The recommendations include junction improvements at three junctions on the A320 between the M25 Junction 11 and Woking, and working with Highways England to explore how additional growth will be addressed at Junction 11 of the M25, with the A320 (St Peter's Way).
- 2.5 Surrey Heath recognised in response to Runnymede's previous Draft Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation that the possible provision of a Junction (2a) of the M3 to allow separate entry and exit for local traffic to and from the motorway at the B386 Longcross Road overbridge had been considered as part of the Longcross Infrastructure and Viability Assessment. The Assessment concluded that such a scheme is unlikely to be feasible. Notwithstanding this, Surrey Heath maintains its position that provision of a Junction (2a) is necessary and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with Runnymede Borough Council.
- 2.6 In view of the above, Officers consider that the Runnymede Borough's Draft Local Plan (Part 2) is sound, subject to the continuation of collaborative working between Runnymede Borough Council, Surrey

Heath Borough Council, Woking Borough Council and Surrey County Council in respect of highways matters.

3. Options

3.1 The options are to:

- (i) Agree the response set out in the letter (Annex 1) and to submit this as the Council's formal response to the Runnymede Draft Local Plan (Part 2) consultation.
- (ii) To agree the response set out in the letter (Annex 1) with any additional comments from Executive and to submit them as the Council's formal response to the Runnymede Draft Local Plan (Part 2) consultation.
- (ii.) To not agree the response.

4. Proposals

4.1 To send a letter in response to the consultation on the Runnymede Borough Council Draft Local Plan (Part 2).

5. Supporting Information

5.1 The Runnymede Draft Local Plan (Part 2), May 2018.

6. Corporate Objectives And Key Priorities

6.1 Responding to the Runnymede Draft Local Plan (Part 2) consultation will enable Surrey Heath to maintain an active engagement with an adjoining Borough where there are matters of strategic importance between the Boroughs.

7. Policy Framework

7.1 Making a representation on the Runnymede Draft Local Plan (Part 2) will enable Surrey Heath to formally draw Runnymede's attention to comments it has in relation to the Runnymede Draft Local Plan.

Annexes	Annex 1: Response to the Runnymede Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19) Part 2 consultation – June 2018 Annex 2: Response to the Runnymede Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19) consultation – January 2018
Background Papers	Runnymede Draft Local Plan 2018 (Part 2)
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Consultations, Implications and Issues Addressed

Resources	Required	Consulted
Revenue	✓	<u>23/05/2018</u>
Capital		
Human Resources		
Asset Management		
IT		
Other Issues	Required	Consulted
Corporate Objectives & Key Priorities	✓	<u>23/05/2018</u>
Policy Framework		
Legal	✓	<u>23/05/2018</u>
Governance		
Sustainability		
Risk Management		
Equalities Impact Assessment		
Community Safety		
Human Rights		
Consultation	✓	<u>23/05/2018</u>
P R & Marketing	✓	<u>23/05/2018</u>

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