

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

A meeting of Local Plan Working Group was held on 28th July. The following subjects were discussed:

- The Vision and Strategic Objectives of the emerging Local Plan were discussed and agreed.

The working group were advised that work is progressing on all aspects of policy formation from over arching strategic polices to DM polices and preferred options site assessments. Work on the 2015 SHLAA addendum was due to be completed in July and work is progressing on the SA of the emerging site alternatives.

In terms of evidence base the final version of the SHMA is due in August and it is timetabled that this evidence base will be discussed at the Duty to Co operate Forum on the 9th September. Part of the brief includes a Member presentation by the consultants ORS and a Breckland specific presentation is now being organised through the steering group for mid - late September.

We are due to appoint consultants for the Habitat Regulations after a review of tenders and currently tendering for a Dereham Transport Study and Affordable Housing / Plan Wide Viability Study as well as project managing the Water Cycle Study and updated SFRA.

Neighbourhood Plans

In relation to emerging neighbourhood plans:

Consultation recently finished for the proposed area for Dereham - Comments are currently being reviewed and a report will be written shortly.

Notification has been received that North Lopham are currently working up a request for Area Designation consultation and we are awaiting further details.