

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE - 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2015**

### **LOCAL PLAN UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION)**

#### **Local Plan**

Good progress continues to be made on the Local Plan. The first working draft of the Preferred Direction consultation document was discussed at Local Plan Working Group at the end of September. Five key areas were highlighted for discussion. These included the preferred alternative for the level and locations of growth and how this and the reasonable alternatives should be presented in the emerging document; the setting of the affordable housing target and how this fits into the wider strategic context of the cross border Housing Market Area; the recent changes to the definitions of Gypsy and Travellers and how this could affect the approach to be taken; a review of the vision and emerging policy approach around Attleborough which seeks to complement the emerging neighbourhood plan and finally whether to align the plan timeline to the CNSHMA evidence base of 2012.

The Local Plan is programmed to be discussed at Cabinet in December.

In terms of ongoing evidence base studies, consultants for the Habitats Regulation Assessment, Dereham Transport Assessment and Plan Wide Viability have now been appointed.

#### **Neighbourhood Plans**

In relation to emerging neighbourhood plans:

A Proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation is currently being consulted on for Yaxham Parish. The details are on the Council's Web site.