AGENDA ITEM 7

Report to Planning and Conservation Committee. December 15th, 2022.

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

We have been advised that is CDC's intention to report the draft Regulation 19 Local Plan to a Special meeting of the District Council's Cabinet on 23 January and a Special meeting of Full Council on 24 January 2023. If Council approve the plan for consultation, then the intention will be to hold the consultation immediately and following that, to submit the Plan for formal examination.

This timescale is subject to the satisfactory completion of various elements of ongoing technical work required to support the emerging plan strategy in relation to matters including transport, the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA). In the event that this essential evidence work cannot be concluded in the time available, we will need to consider the implications and provide a further update.

CDC will update the planning policy section of the Council's website shortly and arrange further communications updates to ensure that these dates are well publicised.

Just recently we have also been informed that CDC no longer has a 5 year Housing supply. The latest assessment shows 4.7 years however this is based on the 625 housing target, if the new housing target of 575 is agreed with the inspector then a 5 year housing supply would be exceeded.

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