Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Transport, Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 17 October 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Luke Spillman (Chair), Tom Kelly, Terry Piccolo

(substitute) and Lee Watson

Apologies: Councillors Alex Anderson (Vice-Chair), Vikki Hartstean and

Jacqui Maney

In attendance: Mark Bradbury, Interim Director of Place

Alec Scragg, Place & Design Manager

Kenna-Victoria Healey, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting may be filmed and was being recorded, with the audio recording to be made available on the Council's website.

18. Minutes

The minutes of the Planning, Transport and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 4 July 2023, 30 August 2023 (Extraordinary) and 28 September 2023 (Extraordinary) were approved as a true and correct record.

19. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

20. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of Interest.

21. Thurrock Scheduled Ancient Monuments: Assessment of Settings - April 2023

The Place & Design Manager presented the report explaining Thurrock was host to 17 Scheduled Ancient Monuments, designated by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport under the 1979 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act. These areas included Coalhouse Fort, Tilbury Fort, and the WWII Bombing Decoys on Fobbing Marshes.

Members heard the Thurrock Scheduled Ancient Monuments: Assessment of Settings was a technical baseline document which provided detailed assessment of the significance and setting of these Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs), as well as initial recommendations as to how the setting and significance of each SAM can be preserved and enhanced.

Following questions from the Committee it was discussed how the SAMs would be considered when updating the Local Plan. Members heard how officers would always be considerate of these sites when looking at site allocations to be included within the Local Plan.

It was commented that Members were pleasantly surprised as too how much historic land there was within the borough and thanked the Place & Design Manager for his report.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Transportation and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee note and provide comment on the Thurrock Scheduled Ancient Monuments: Assessment of Settings report (April 2023) (Appendix 1)

22. East Tilbury (Bata Village) & Corringham Conservation Areas Character Appraisal and Management Plans - April 2023

The Place & Design Manager introduced the report which highlighted the East Tilbury (Bata Village) conservation area and Corringham conservation area were two of seven conservation areas defined by Thurrock Council. Both had Character Appraisals adopted in March 2007, and these were now significantly out of date given new historical research and recent developments in East Tilbury.

Members are how no changes were proposed to the East Tilbury conservation area boundary, however there were minor amendments proposed to the Corringham conservation area boundary to allow it to better follow existing physical features and boundaries along the south-west and south-eastern edges. For both conservation areas, no objections were received following the public consultation.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Transport and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes and comments on the East Tilbury (Bata Village) Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan (April 2023) (Appendix 1) and of the Corringham Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan (April 2023) (Appendix 2).

23. Work Programme

Members discussed the work Programme and suggested items to be included.

RESOLVED:

The following items be included on the work programme, briefing note

on Coalhouse Fort, update on Stanford Le Hope Train Station, update on East Facing Slips.

The meeting finished at 7.31 pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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