

NOTES OF MEETING:

Cheshire East Area Planning Update:

Sponsored by Cheshire Association of Local Councils (CALC)

held at Holmes Chapel Community Centre, Tues 25 July 2017, 19.00 hrs

Introductions by Phillip Jackson, CALC Chairman

Presentations were made by Cheshire East Council planning managers: Sean Hannaby, David Malcolm, Adrian Fisher and Tom Evans

Copy of slides used for presentations has been requested.

Specific issues/items raised/noted:

- 1) - Repeated that the CEC Local Plan goes before the full Council with recommendation to approve/adopt on Thurs 27 July.
- 2) – Housing numbers and the method of calculation of housing requirements dominated the local plan reviews. Hopefully Gov't will clarify the procedure to be used for future calculations. Several housing related initiatives underway or expected.
- 3) – Strategic Green Gap has been designated 'south of Crewe'. [this needs to be clarified].
- 4) – Part 2 of the Local Plan – the designation of additional housing required from the Local Service Centres - is now due out for consultation late 2017/early 2018.
- 5) – Planners will, in the future, seek the views, opinions and co-operation of the local councils [will need to be defined as to the context].
- 6) – CEC does not currently have much power to expedite planning applications already approved. Awaiting central Gov't actions upcoming regarding this issue, under 'land banking'.
- 7) – Latest housing figures for the period up to end March 2017 briefly delayed due to Gov't activities [to be followed-up with Tom Evans]. Tom agreed that CEC is amenable to corrections to the housing development listing. [The NP will require a fully complete and agreed list/total numbers. PC input will be sought.]
- 8) – The emerging Minerals & Waste Plan to include policies on Fracking.
- 9) – More than 1000 local councils and parishes in England could potentially produce Neighbourhood Plans. Emerging NP need to consider applications for central Gov't funding soonest possible. [CCA investigating for Steering Group].
- 10) – Neighbourhood Plans with specific sites designated as acceptable for new housing are being promoted. [After-meeting chat with Tom Evans (Manager of CEC Neighbourhood Plan Support Team) confirmed that this suggestion of including specific sites for development within the Shavington-cum-Gresty NP draft was not feasible, given the current number of new houses already approved].

Notes by Bill Atteridge, 26/07/17