

HERTFORDSHIRE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING PARTNERSHIP
Thursday 17 November 2016

MINUTES

Present:

Cllr. M. Perkins	Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (Chair)
Cllr. A. Campbell	St Albans City & District Council
Cllr. J. Gardner	Stevenage Borough Council
Cllr. D. Ashley	Hertfordshire County Council
Cllr. D. Andrews	Hertfordshire County Council
Cllr. L. Haysey	East Herts District Council
Cllr. G. Jones	East Herts District Council
Cllr. I. Sharpe	Watford Borough Council

Officers in Attendance

T. Harvey	St Albans City & District Council (Chair HPG)
K. Steptoe	East Herts District Council
J. Tiley	Hertfordshire County Council
B. Clemence	Hertfordshire County Council
D. Scholes	North Herts District Council
I. Fullstone	North Herts District Council
I. Dunsford	Watford Borough Council
C. Haigh	Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
D. Welton	Hertfordshire Planning Co-ordinator (Minutes)

Guests

Laura Griggs	NHS England
Alan Pond	NHS East & North Herts CCG
Trudi Mount	NHS Herts Valleys CCG

1. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were noted from Cllr. P. Seeby (Broxbourne), Cllr. G. Sutton (Dacorum), Cllr. D. Levett (North Herts) and Cllr M. Trevett (Three Rivers).

2. HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

Laura Griggs, Trudi Mount and Alan Pond were welcomed to the meeting.

Reference was made to the planning workshop that was held in June 2015 with the aim to improve communications between the health sector and the local planning authorities. This had been very helpful and a process of engagement with the 10 local planning authorities has been established. NHS England works on a joint commissioning basis with the Hertfordshire

Clinical Commissioning Groups and they comment on individual planning applications and emerging Local Plans and Infrastructure Plans.

The health representatives received different advice on how the 'rule of 5' relating to S106 should be interpreted and they required further advice in this respect. They were being challenged on this by developers. With regard to planning gain contributions the health sector found it challenging to identify specific projects when it was unsure when development would be delivered and what the trigger points were.

Strategic planning for health is reflected in 44 Sustainability & Transformation Plans across the country. These are five year plans that demonstrate how health services are to be delivered. There is proposed to be a fundamental change in service delivery with more services being delivered in the home. Too many resources are going in to hospitals and more investment is required in communities and in integrating health and social care. The direction of travel is for fewer but larger GP facilities enabling a better skill mix and economies of scale. This produces a challenge as no longer can it be assumed that a development of a specific size will require a GP surgery. Health services are no longer to be focused on buildings and planning gain is required to support new ways of delivering services.

In discussion Cllr Ashley commented that in future more development would be exempt from making planning gain contributions and that developers were successfully challenging contribution levels. He asked if the health representatives were prepared to support Hertfordshire authorities should an appropriate test case arise where developers could be challenged. Alan Pond confirmed that they would be prepared to provide support in such circumstances providing the test case was the right one.

It was agreed that an appropriate way forward was for the health representatives to engage with officers through the Hertfordshire Planning Group with further discussion at HIPP if appropriate.

After the health representatives had left CH advised the meeting that Laura Griggs was to leave at the end of the month and no plans were currently in place to replace her.

It was agreed:

- (i) That the NHS England and CCG presentation be circulated to HIPP;**
- (ii) That officers through HPG, and individually, liaise with the Health representatives with a further presentation/meeting with HIPP as appropriate;**
- (iii) HIPP writes to the Secretary of State for Health in respect of the issues raised in the presentation;**
- (iv) HIPP writes to Laura Griggs' line manager for confirmation of the arrangements to fill her vacant post; and**
- (v) David Scholes to raise the relevant issues through the Chief Executives Group.**

3. HEALTH, WELLBEING & PLANNING

Bethan Clemence referred to the papers circulated and provided a PowerPoint presentation that demonstrated the links between health, wellbeing and planning. She stated that economic disadvantage had a major impact on health and resulted in 7 years lower life expectancy and 17 years more ill health. She referred to national work progressed by the Local Government Association, the Town & Country Planning Association and NHS England.

BC added that she did seek to comment on planning applications for developments of 100 or more dwellings but as a non statutory consultee she did not always get notified.

BC referred to health considerations in planning and how positive benefits could be achieved through design layouts and green spaces and that negative impacts arose from proximity to fast food outlets and poor air quality. Local planning authorities could also seek to make a positive impact through appropriate local plan policies. She added that Hertfordshire's Health & Wellbeing Planning Guidance was a reference document for planners and developers that sought to help them meet existing national planning guidance. It was also intended to integrate this in to the building futures toolkit.

In discussion Cllr Campbell asked about the evidence regarding the link between environment and health, including where the low levels of life expectancy were and how the built environment contributed. It was noted that RSLs and individual council housing departments would have access to the appropriate information.

It was agreed:

- (i) Copies of the presentation and notes should be circulated to HIPP; and**
- (ii) Steps are taken to ensure that the County's Planning & Health lead is appropriately consulted on planning applications.**

4. LONDON PLAN/WIDER SOUTH EAST (WSE) ENGAGEMENT

The report circulated was noted. Cllr Haysey referred to the 'City for All Londoners' consultation that related to all of the Mayor of London's statutory plans, including the London Plan. She added that she attended the main launch event and the workshop on growth but had not been invited to any of the other workshops.

Cllr Haysey advised that the Infrastructure & Growth group had met on 14 November and discussed how to encourage the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to adequately engage with the East of England. A meeting with Gavin Barwell

MP, the Chair and Vice Chair of EELGA, SEEC and two representatives of the GLA is scheduled for 19 January.

A proposed HIPP response to the 'City for All Londoners' was discussed and agreed.

It was agreed:

- (i) That HIPP Members be encouraged to attend the Wider South East Summit on 9 December; and**
- (ii) The proposed HIPP letter to the Mayor of London on the 'City for All Londoners' consultation is approved.**

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2016 were agreed as a true record.

6. WATER STUDY UPDATE

It was noted that John Rumble was unwell and not present. Consequently, this item will be deferred to a future meeting.

7. FOLLOW UP TO DEVOLUTION DISCUSSIONS

David Scholes advised that arrangements had changed since the last meeting. The discussions at HIPP were fed through to the Leader's Group at the end of October and as a consequence the aim is for HIPP to provide advice so that the Leaders can develop a proposition in January. A meeting involving Cllr. Mandy Perkins, Cllr Linda Haysey, Cllr Derrick Ashley, David Scholes and other officers is to be held on 18 November to discuss this and how to move forward.

HIPP will be kept informed of progress.

8. HCC REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL PLANS

The report was noted.

9. HERTFORDSHIRE LEP UPDATE

Adam Wood was not able to attend the meeting but had circulated an update report. This was noted and it was commented that it was a good and comprehensive report.

10. TRANSPORT UPDATE

Jon Tiley advised that consultation on the Transport Vision would continue until mid December although the County Council could be flexible and accept late comments. Presentations have been made to various groups as well as District Councils. A presentation was recently made to St Albans Members and a further one is scheduled for Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.

The LTB had met since the last HIPP meeting and received updates from Network Rail and Highways England. The National Smart Motorway Project team, who will be working on the A1 proposals, were introduced to the LTB meeting.

Cllr. Ashley referred to the Thameslink timetable issue and advised that he had written to the DfT. He confirmed that he would circulate a copy of the letter via the Co-ordinator.

It was agreed that the letter from Cllr Ashley to the DfT regarding Thameslink timetabling be circulated to HIPP.

11. REVIEW OF CO-ORDINATOR ROLE

It was noted that the Co-ordinator was to retire at the end of March 2017 and as a consequence it was proposed to review how the role would be delivered in the future.

It was agreed that HPG develop options/proposals for tabling at the January 2017 HIPP meeting.

12. HIPP FORWARD PROGRAMME

It was noted that due to deferral of the Water Study item and the possible need to allocate more time to the follow up of the devolution discussions the forward programme may need to be reviewed.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No items were raised.

14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that the dates of the next HIPP meetings were as follows:

Wednesday 25 January 2017 at County Hall.

Thursday 16 March 2017 at Welwyn Hatfield (venue to be confirmed).

HIPP meetings are 6.00pm (for 6.30pm).

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information item was noted:

A. HIPP WORK PROGRAMME