

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning Committee** of the Purbeck District Council held in the Council Chamber, Westport House, Wareham on Wednesday 19 December 2018 at 11.00am

Present:-

Councillor Peter Wharf (Chairman)

Councillors Malcolm Barnes, Cherry Brooks, David Budd, Beryl Ezzard, Caroline Finch, Mike Whitwam and Mike Wiggins

Also in attendance for part of the meeting: Councillors Barry Quinn and Bill Trite.

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting: Andrew Collins, Principal Planning Officer; Alan Davies, Development Manager; Bridget Downton, General Manager – Planning and Community Services; Colin Graham, Dorset County Council Highways Authority; Kirsty Riglar, Democratic and Electoral Services Manager and Peter Walters, Senior Planning Officer.

(Note: These minutes have been prepared by Officers as a record of the meeting and of any decisions reached. They are to be considered and confirmed at the next meeting of the Planning Committee).

47.18/19 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mike Lovell, Gloria Marsh and Claire Pipe.

53.18/19 **Dorset Innovation Park Enterprise Zone Local Development Order 2018**

Following a site visit earlier in the day, the Development Manager presented a report seeking adoption of the Dorset Innovation Park Local Development Order (LDO). He reminded Members that in May 2017, Council resolved to produce this LDO and to delegate the making of this to the Planning Committee, as well as authorising the General Manager – Planning and Community Services to take any steps in connection with the preparation and consultation on any draft LDO. With the Enterprise Zone status, came the opportunity to produce a streamlined planning application approach in order to attract new business to the site.

Members were informed that statutory consultees had been invited to comment on the proposed LDO and public consultation had been undertaken alongside the recent Local Plan Review consultation. A late response had been received from Wessex Water, which suggested that an additional condition relating to odour on part of the site be added.

The Dorset County Council Highways Authority had checked the on- and off-site transport assessments; the only concern raised was that the site was not served by a public bus service.

Mr Nigel Hill, representing Moreton Parish Council, outlined the Parish Council's objection to the adoption of the LDO. This was based on concerns that the Innovation Park cluster was too restrictive and businesses of the types targeted were unlikely to relocate to this site. The Parish Council therefore requested that the LDO not be adopted.

Mr Graham Stephens of Stride Treglown Town Planning, spoke in support of the LDO. He explained that this fulfilled a long-standing policy objective for this employment site and was intended to drive a mix of usage to create a vibrant, successful and economically sustainable site. He informed Members that during the recent stakeholder events, existing tenants had confirmed the advantages of being on the site and the assessments completed as part of the LDO process would de-risk the site for potential tenants. He confirmed that the LDO was in accordance with both the adopted and emerging Local Plans and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Members expressed their support for the adoption of the LDO and the advantages of this in redeveloping the existing site and attracting highly skilled employees to the area.

**Resolved that:**

- (1) the Dorset Innovation Park Enterprise Zone Local Development Order (LDO) 2018 be adopted;
- (2) the General Manager – Planning and Community Services be authorised to send a copy of the LDO, the Statement of Reasons relating to the making of the order and any Environmental Statement (if applicable) to the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable, and no later than 28 days of the date of adoption; and
- (3) authority be delegated to the General Manager – Planning and Community Services, the Development Manager and Principal Planning Officers to determine all LDO submissions and amendments to them.

The meeting ended at 2.28pm.

Chairman