

**BROOKSIDE, HUNTINGDON  
URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK  
(Report by PLANNING POLICY MANAGER)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Cabinet is asked to approve the Urban Design Framework for its use in the potential re-development of these sites.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 A draft version of this document was released for public consultation by Cabinet on 17th January 2006 and the consultation period extended until 20<sup>th</sup> March. It has been advertised locally and directly affected properties have been leafleted.
- 2.2 As a result of comments received in writing, a number of revisions have been made to the document.
- 2.3 The adoption of the Framework as Interim Planning Guidance will be an important step towards achieving the most appropriate form of re-development for this area. It will help to ensure that forthcoming schemes are of a high architectural and urban design quality, and are well integrated with existing developments.

**3. THE CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

- 3.1 8 written responses have been received from statutory agencies, local organisations and members of the public, containing 27 separate comments for consideration. A summary of the respondents, their comments and the Council's response is contained within Annex 1.
- 3.2 Most comments have given rise to minor text or graphic changes.
- 3.3 The most significant concern related to the densities of development indicated in the illustrative layouts. These were considered too low for the location and it was felt that potential exists for buildings of greater height. These observations have been noted but are not considered to alter the basic layout and design principles for the development of the site. Increases in density and/or height will be considered as part of a detailed submission supported by a Design Statement.

**4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The revised document incorporates a number of minor changes as a result of the public consultation process.

## **5. RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 That the Cabinet considers the responses to comments presented in Annex 1 and agrees to adopt the revised Urban Design Framework, incorporating the specified changes, as Interim Planning Guidance, subject to the Executive Member for Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Manager's approval of the final document with the changes shown.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Draft Brookside Huntingdon Urban Design Framework

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