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## **Development Control Panel**

**Report of the meetings held on 23rd February and  
16th March 2009**

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### **Matters for Information**

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#### **25. TRANSFORMATION FROM DEVELOPMENT CONTROL TO DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

The Panel has endorsed a proposal to transform the development control function to development management and authorised the Head of Planning Services to implement the necessary administrative and procedural changes required to effect the change.

This has arisen from the recent shift in the national agenda towards a 'Spatial Planning System' and the introduction of the Local Development Framework which places greater emphasis on the importance of a sustainable and deliverable vision for development in the District as opposed to the negative and reactive view held formerly in some quarters about the development control function. In noting that the transformation will require cultural change and a wider range of skills, the Panel welcomed the fact that the service had already begun to take forward elements of the development management approach.

However, and whilst commending the change, the Panel has expressed some concern over the suggested resource implications of the new proactive approach and is anxious that their decision to endorse the proposal is not considered to represent support for any additional financial costs that might be forthcoming.

#### **26. ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

Having considered the options available to the District Council in managing an incident of unauthorised occupation of a site by gypsy travellers, the Panel has endorsed an approach to issue an enforcement notice to secure the cessation of the unauthorised use of the land at Harpers Drove, Ramsey Heights and the removal of the caravans and mobile home from the site.

#### **27. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

Over two meetings, the Panel has determined a total of twenty applications of which eleven were approved, seven refused and one deferred. The Panel also has authorised the Head of Planning Services to determine one application involving the erection of an agricultural building to house free range hens at Rectory Farm,

Wistow Road, Broughton, subject to the outcome of an archaeological investigation and any subsequent comments by Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeology by 20th April 2009 and conditions if the application is approved.

P G Mitchell  
Chairman