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## **Development Management Panel**

**Report of the meetings held on 14th December 2015.**

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### **Matters for Information**

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#### **10. REVIEW OF PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

The Panel has been acquainted with the outcome of a review of planning enforcement. The review had been undertaken at the request of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being). It proposed changes in response to growing work pressures while the Zero Based Budgeting programme was indicating there would not be any increase in resources. The result primarily meant planning complaints would be prioritised accompanied by greater delegation to officers.

The Panel has discussed the Council's approach to enforcement and whether cases should only be pursued where there is a quantifiable impact. The decision to prioritise cases has been taken following a "lean" review, which takes into account what customers value.

Having endorsed the comments of the Economic Scrutiny Panel on investigating improved ways of communicating with Town and Parish Councillors on enforcement matters, on ensuring developers comply with their planning obligations and on the use by Enforcement Officers of technology, the Panel has endorsed the new planning enforcement arrangements. The next step will be to produce a Planning Enforcement Plan.

#### **11. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT – OTHER APPLICATION**

The Panel has authorised the Head of Development to approve an exception site for development on land on the eastern edge of Earith. Subject to the satisfactory completion of a S106 Agreement, the development will comprise eleven affordable dwellings. Importantly they will not be subject to the "Right to Buy".

#### **12. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT – SECTION 106 AGREEMENT**

The Panel has approved an application for the development of up to 45 dwellings and a residential care home together with terms for a S106 Agreement in relation to land on the east of Somersham. It includes 18 affordable dwellings though, subject to negotiations with the developer, at the request of the Parish Council, some of the might be retirement dwellings. The developer also is prepared to negotiate with the Parish Council on the design of the entrance to the site. The

Panel has been pleased to note that having identified this need, the Parish Council is prepared to contribute towards the cost of a solution.

### **13. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

The Development Management Panel has considered five applications for planning permission. Of these, four have been approved and one deferred. The deferred item will allow the applicant to undertake further work with Officers to make the design of the dwelling acceptable. If this cannot be achieved the application will be referred back to the Panel for determination.

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#### **Other Matter of Interest**

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### **14. APPEAL DECISIONS**

The Development Management Panel has been acquainted with recent decisions by the Planning Inspectorate. Four appeals recently have been heard, three of which have been upheld.

Mrs B E Boddington  
Chairman