

**COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ECONOMY AND GROWTH) –
20th June 2017**

HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL PLAN TO 2036 – APPROVAL FOR CONSULTATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Customers) was presented the Huntingdonshire Local Plan To 2036, the Local Plan Quarterly Update and the Infrastructure Planning Update at their meeting on 20th June 2017.

The Panel expressed approval with the approach taken in regards to the consultation. Members are pleased that the consultation will last two weeks longer than usual to account for the summer.

Concern was expressed that without Wyton there would not be enough sites coming forward however it was explained that there will be enough housing supplied with the existing sites that have been identified.

The Panel recommends that the Cabinet endorses the proposed approach and approves for consultation the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036, Consultation Draft 2017 and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal and a Housing and Economy Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) June 2017 and issues a call for sites.

Members would also like the Cabinet to encourage Members to champion the Local Plan and ask Members to encourage Parish and Town Councils to get involved in the consultation.

For the avoidance of doubt a number of stages of the Local Plan have been completed. Within these stages, assessment of individual sites submitted to the Council as possible allocations has been completed, including at the following points:

Dates	Local Plan stage	Assessment of sites
February to June 2012	Stage 1: Scoping and Initial Issues and Options	N/A
August to November 2012	Stage 2: Strategy and Policy Consultation	Draft Huntingdonshire Environmental Capacity Study
May to July 2013 November to December 2013	Stage 3: Draft Local Plan	Huntingdonshire Environmental Capacity Study Huntingdonshire Environmental Capacity Study: Additional Site Assessments
January to March 2015 September to November 2016	Stage 4: Targeted Consultation	Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment: Additional Sites Consultation 2016

The additional sites now assessed, over and above those assessed in previous stages of the Local Plan are:

- East of Romans' Edge (Bearscroft part 2, submitted on the HELAA last year)
- Main Street, Yaxley (came in following an enquiry earlier this years)
- South of Gidding Road, Sawtry (reflects recent permission)
- Extension to West of Station Road, Warboys (reflects recent permission)