

## **Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Planning**

**27 July 2021**

### **Development Management**

Planning application income was particularly high during April and May and, despite a decrease in June, this met the budget requirement for the first quarter of the financial year 2021-22.

The team also performed strongly in this same period, achieving the following figures:

- 100% of major applications determined on time against a target of 80%.
- 88.2% of minor applications determined on time against a target of 85%.
- 91.3% of other applications determined on time against a target of 90%.
- 93.3% of householder applications determined on time (no specific target).

The Council is receiving a wide variety of applications including major schemes such as a proposed employment development on the draft allocation site in the emerging Local Plan at land north of Dalton Old Airfield Industrial Estate. To maintain a high level of performance a recruitment programme is underway involving the following positions:

- Senior Planning Officer;
- Planning Officer;
- Validation Officer;
- Graduate Planning Officer;
- Planning Information Officer; and
- Enforcement Officer.

Offers are being made to and accepted by internal and external candidates and the Chief Planning Officer will be introducing new staff to Members in the near future.

### **Local Plan**

The Inspectors have provided a post-consultation letter following the formal consultation on additional evidence that took place between 8 April and 20 May 2021 and the additional hearing day on 1 June 2021.

This letter states support for the approach of undertaking an urgent review and update to the Local Plan following adoption to address the need to identify specific deliverable sites for Gypsies and Travellers. Main Modifications to the Local Plan will be required to address the changes to policy HG6. The Inspectors have advised that they are satisfied they have sufficient justification to support the inclusion of the requirements of the Nationally Described Space Standards and invite further Main Modification to the policy HG2 regarding Accessibility Standards relating to wheelchair accessible and wheelchair adaptable homes.

The Inspectors are continuing to provide assistance via the Programme Officer in the preparation of the Main Modifications, Additional Modifications and Policies Map Modifications. The Cabinet and Council meetings in September 2021 are the target for seeking approval to commence the 6-week consultation on the Modifications.

## **Neighbourhood Plans**

### **Ingleby Arncliffe:**

Consultation on the draft Ingleby Arncliffe Plan took place in the spring and is currently with an Independent Examiner appointed by this Council. After receipt of the Examiner's report, and the making of any changes, the plan will need to be subject to approval at referendum before becoming a part of the Development Plan.

### **Brafferton and Helperby:**

As a first step in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Brafferton and Helperby, the Parish Council have proposed that part of their area is designated as a neighbourhood area. As the proposed area is not coterminous with the Parish boundary this is subject to a period of public consultation (started 16 June to end at 17:15 on 28 July 2021).

### **Hutton Rudby:**

Rudby Parish Council has started consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan (covering the Parishes of Hutton Rudby, Middleton-on-Leven, Rudby and Skutterskelfe) ending Tuesday 31 August 2021.

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