



## **WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Planning, Safety & Highways Committee**

Agenda Item No 7  
10 April 2019

#### **Review of Neighbourhood Plan**

##### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 Wroughton's Neighbourhood Plan (The Plan) was produced after consultation with residents, local businesses and organisations, Swindon Borough Council, potential developers and a number of statutory agencies.
- 1.2 The draft Plan was published in September 2014, and following consultations and independent inspection, was updated and formally adopted by Swindon Borough Council on 14 July 2016
- 1.3 Residents voted overwhelmingly in favour of the Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan at the referendum on 9 June 2016. The turn-out of just over 40% was one of the highest turnouts in the country for a Neighbourhood Plan at the time with 87.5% of the electorate voting in favour of its adoption.
- 1.4 Wroughton's Neighbourhood Plan is a planning document to be used by Swindon Borough Council, the Local Planning Authority when determining applications for planning approval within the parish.
- 1.5 Paragraph 2.6 of The Plan states: 'A key objective is to ensure that the ambitions of the Neighbourhood Plan are delivered and that mechanisms are in place to ensure this happens. Wroughton Parish Council; will lead a review of Neighbourhood Plan progress, involving partner organisations, at least once every three years and will act urgently and appropriately on the findings'.

##### **2.0 Report Details**

- 2.1 The Plan has been in place for nearly 3 years and the time is now right to conduct the first review of The Plan.
- 2.2 The first draft of the review of the Plan is attached at Appendix A.
- 2.3 Swindon Borough Council is reviewing the Swindon Local Plan 2016-2026. This review is likely to put a greater emphasis on expanding existing settlement areas, including Wroughton. Swindon have included a number of large development sites to the East of the village in the most recent version of the SHEELA. Should this sites be included in the revised Local Plan it is essential that infrastructure improvements are also included. It is proposed to attach a list of infrastructure improvement requirements to the review of the Neighbourhood Plan.



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2.4 The Proposed timetable for the review is as follows:

(i) 10th April - Planning, Highways and Safety Committee agree the review, with any required changes, and recommend to Full Council that the Review be agreed and that a 6-week consultation on the review is undertaken.

(ii) 15th April Full Council agrees to review and consultation. Consultation list to be the one used in developing the Plan.

(iii) 16th - 26th April - Office staff set up consultation details on Parish Council website and prepares contact communications (letter or email) for consultees.

(iv) 29th April - Consultation starts

(v) 17th June - End of Consultation

(vi) 18th June - 1st July - Consultation responses compiled for report to PHS

(vii) 10th July - Consultation responses considered by PHS, PHS agree any changes required to the review as a result of the consultation and recommends review to Full Council

(viii) 15th July Full Council considers and adopts Review

### **3.0 Recommendation**

3.1 To agree the draft review of Wroughton Neighbour Plan.

3.2 To agree the timetable set out above for consulting on the Review of the Neighbourhood Plan.

3.3 To refer the review of the Neighbourhood Plan and the proposed timetable to the next meeting of the Parish Council.