

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 11 July 2018

Planning and Development Services (Questions to be directed to the Leader of the Council)

Development Services

There are a number of large housing applications anticipated to be submitted based on the number of DCFs that have taken place in 2018. These include Land off Westwood Close, Emsworth (49 dwellings); Camp Down, College Road, Waterlooville (700 dwellings, sports facilities and infrastructure); North of Long Copse Lane, Emsworth (260 dwellings and POS) and Castle Avenue, Havant (78 dwellings).

An application for 300 dwellings at Forty Acres at Bedhampton has been recently received. Proposed DCF on 1 August 2018 is for the land north of Bartons Road (adjacent to the Crematorium) for residential development.

Development Management Committee

Committee approval for continuing beach management activities on the south coast of Hayling Island was granted in May.

Planning Policy and Urban Design

A successful consultation took place on the Draft Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 and a new Preliminary Draft Community Infrastructure Charging Schedule earlier this year. There were 12,895 views of the Local Plan webpage during the consultation and the Council held 10 well-attended exhibitions where residents could find out more about the Local Plan and the bold proposals for the regeneration of our key sites, where new development is proposed and, crucially, what new infrastructure will be required to support the Borough. There were 505 responses across 111 different policies and topics.

Summaries of the consultation responses and how the Council will take these forward and make changes to the plan have been published at www.havant.gov.uk/localplan. Officers are now pushing forward preparing the Pre-Submission Havant Borough Local Plan 2036. This will be subject to consultation in February-March 2019, followed by submission to the Secretary of State in the summer and an Examination towards the end of the year.

Community Infrastructure Levy

As part of the Council's drive to make sure that new development provides the infrastructure the Borough needs, most new housing and retail development pays the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Council has over £2.2 million to spend on infrastructure this year, including £222,000 for neighbourhood projects. As in previous years, this funding is apportioned through a bidding process, which is now open and details are at www.havant.gov.uk/spending-bid-process. Bids can be submitted by Havant Borough Councillors,

community groups and infrastructure providers and need to be submitted by Friday 10th August 2018.

Building Control

Regional Award: The Building Control Service was pleased to learn that a project it worked on, 'The Hayling Island Community Centre', Station Road, Hayling Island won 'Best Small Commercial Project' at the **Local Authority Building Control South East Regional Awards** in June 2018. Besides Havant Borough Council Building Control the project team included Speltham Contracts Ltd, PDP Architecture LLP, Hayling Island Community Centre, McAndrew Martin Ltd and ITD Consultants Ltd. The building will now receive **automatic nomination for the LABC National Awards**.

Building Control IT. In addition to business as usual and the Capita transition, the team is working with EHDC Building Control on the design, procurement and mobilisation of a new IT system for Building Control due for 2019. This will enable more modern and effective ways of working (e.g. mobile working and significant reduction in use of paper) and a better service experience for residents and local businesses (e.g. easier booking and tracking). In addition a new system will provide scope for growth and greater resilience in the business.

Recruitment. Recruitment of suitably qualified and experienced technical staff continues to be a challenge. The service has been carrying a vacancy for 6 months. However an offer has recently been made to a prospective employee. In the meantime to assist with a backlog of work created by the Capita transition and reduction in staff levels, temporary staff have been appointed.

Coastal Management

South Hayling Beach Management Activities (2017-2022)

Procurement for the next year of works is underway, with two separate term service contracts currently being written. One to cover the beach recycling works over the upcoming year, with the potential for two campaigns over 12 months. The second is a dredging contract which will cover a period of 4 years – continuing from the recently expired contract for the same period. This will allow Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership to 'call-off' works and instigate dredging off the Chichester Harbour bar with deposition identified at Eastoke, Hayling Island.

Planning Approval and the Marine Licence (MMO) are now in place and re-activated, with the Marine Licence valid for 10 years and planning in perpetuity for these works.

Broadmarsh Coastal Park

No new damage has been recorded along the Broadmarsh frontage over the 2017/18 winter period, although there are several areas of known failures in recent years. To investigate the methods of failures at Broadmarsh, and

coastal protection at the site, a feasibility study will be carried out during this financial year. The feasibility study will consider the key issues, constraints and risks at the site and will investigate several key areas including groundwater processes, wave climate and overtopping, history of the site, current usage and ecological importance. It will then consider the most appropriate course of action to prevent future failures at Broadmarsh, and develop this option to outline design.

Funding of £73,000 has been sourced through Local Levy via The Environmental Agency Regional Flood & Coastal Committee. The project is due to begin July 2018, with results expected by March 2019.

West Beach Hayling Island

The age expired timber groynes at West Beach were finally removed in March 2018 on health and safety grounds. Since this time ESCP has been monitoring the beach to record changes in levels and beach crest position. There continues to be positive ongoing communications with the beach hut owners at this location, to inform them of the natural changes occurring. The team at Norse are responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the beach huts, and a Working Group consisting of Councillors and Officers has been set up within HBC to consider the longer-term position of the huts and car parking at West Beach.

Warblington seawall repairs

The old concrete sea defence wall at Warblington has several sections of defective and damaged areas. Works to remove concrete debris from the foreshore and to repair the damaged areas are due to commence during the second week of July 2018, and will involve the use of an innovative repair product called *Concrete Canvas*.

It is expected that the works will last two weeks. The local farmer is aware of the works being undertaken in his field and has made access available for the Contractor across his land.

Regional Habitat Creation Programme (RHCP)

The RHCP is legally required to deliver habitat creation across the region, to replace habitats lost through Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM). The RHCP is administered by the Environment Agency (EA), however limited progress has been made since 2011 other than the delivery of the Medmerry Managed Realignment scheme between Selsey and Bracklesham, West Sussex. With many opportunities for habitat creation within the Havant Borough (and wider ESCP area), it has been critical for us to inform and progress this programme. Future FCERM schemes to protect people and property rely on the successful provision of compensatory habitat.

Phase 1 of the project, the Strategic Update report for the RHCP has now been signed off by both the Environment Agency and Natural England. The ESCP's Strategic Update work confirms the quantity of habitat creation required in this area to meet our legal obligations. The findings of the strategic update will be shared with local authority planning officers, the MMO and

other relevant stakeholders via a workshop to be run jointing on the RHCP and the Solent Bird Studies in September 2018.

We are now working on Phase 2, the Tactical Stage of the RHCP project. We have investigated 18 priority sites (five of which are within the Havant Borough) for their feasibility for intertidal habitat creation. Jointly with the EA we have produced a habitat creation delivery plan that will ensure we meet our RHCP targets up to the end of the second epoch of the Shoreline Management Plan (i.e. 2055). Ten potential habitat creation sites have been added to the EA's Medium Term Plan, which is the first step in securing FDGiA funding to start investigating the viability of these schemes. Three of these sites (located at Northney, Conigar and Warblington) are within the Havant Borough. Over the coming years, we will be looking at these sites in detail to confirm and plan the habitat creation opportunities.

Solent Bird Studies

A combined report for the Coastal Network Study and Bird Movement Study is now out for review by the Environment Agency and Natural England. The results of the analysis of 40,000 bird records and a series of recommendations for taking forward future FCERM and habitat creation projects are presented with in report. The data has already been used for assessing sites for the RHCP tactical stage, discussed above. The data also formed the bulk of the records used in the 2017 update of the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy.

Hayling Island Funding and Implementation Strategy

Funding approval and financial sign off by the EA for the modified 'Hayling Island Funding and Implementation Strategy' was received in May 2018, securing £190k (£247k including 30% optimism Bias) from Flood and Coastal Risk Management Grant in Aid (FCRM GiA).

We are currently in the process of procuring a professional services consultant to assist in the development of the Funding and Implementation Strategy with the option to progress to a full strategy, subject to securing additional funding. The ESCP are actively investigating and bidding for alternative funding from CIL and Local Levy in addition to GiA to secure the future stages of this work.

The Funding and Implementation Strategy is currently scheduled to start in October 2018. At present we are not actively publicising this project until this time.

Langstone FCERM Scheme – Outline design

AECOM were appointed as professional services consultant in May 2018 to support the ESCP develop the Langstone option appraisal and outline design study, with a start date in mid July 2018.

A press release was issued and engagement with the local community started in May 2018, where letters were sent to residents, along with a questionnaire, to publicise the project. We have started to meet with key stakeholders informally to start building relationships and are planning formal key stakeholder working group and Steering Group meetings in August 2018.

We have recently appointed a contractor to carry out Ground / Structural Investigation works along the frontage to inform the study. These works will commence in late August / early September 2018.