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The Planning Policy Committee on 30th May and 4th July considered a report on a Legal Agreement for Warnford Park Estate Nutrient Mitigation Scheme. This report is critical to the Council's continuing work to ensure that all new development in the Borough is nutrient neutral. The recommendations in the report itself would ensure that a robust approach to the monitoring and enforcement of third party nutrients mitigation schemes can be put in place.

The Council's own Warblington Farm mitigation scheme has been highly successful, winning multiple national awards, however its capacity is finite and is now available only to schemes of more than 15 dwellings. It is critical that there is an ongoing supply of suitable mitigation sites in order for the Council to be able to continue to lawfully grant planning permission for new development. This is particularly the case for brownfield and regeneration development, all of which requires nutrients mitigation.

Following a detailed presentation at the 4th July Planning Policy Committee meeting, the committee have recommended to Cabinet that legal agreements be put in place regarding third party mitigation schemes. The Cabinet will consider this at their meeting on 26th July.

There is also a great deal of work underway through the Partnership for South Hampshire where the Joint Committee considered a refreshed Statement of Common Ground on 11 July.

The Statement of Common Ground provides a framework for the local authority partners to work together on strategic planning matters, such as delivering much needed infrastructure. It also sets out some of the underlying evidence for other types of development required across the area.

A Spatial Position Statement is now being prepared and is intended to be adopted before the end of the Calendar Year. This will provide a high level framework setting out the measures which local authorities in South Hampshire are taking to collectively tackle cross-boundary issues including the need for development and the environmental constraints in the sub-region.

It will be critical to engage on the production of the Spatial Position Statement as well as to engage constructively with neighbouring and nearby local authorities to ensure that those more able to accommodate development assist those which are more constrained.

Environmental Health inc Water Quality

Water Sampling in Langstone Harbour commenced on the 15th June 2023. Langstone Harbour board are undertaking the sampling. The sampling will continue throughout the summer and into the autumn.

Licensing

After being agreed by the Licensing committee, there are a number of policies that are out for public consultation

1. Review of Statement of Licensing Policy: Licensing Act 2003

The Council is required under section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 to publish its statement of licensing policy every five years in respect of alcohol, entertainment, and late-night refreshment. The policy is currently under review, with a public consultation running until **30 July 2023**. You can view the draft policy [here](#), and submit comments or representations to the Licensing Team during the consultation via email to licensing@havant.gov.uk.

2. Review of Statement of Principles: Gambling Act 2005

The Council is required under section 249 of the Gambling Act 2005 to publish its statement of principles every three years in respect of betting, gaming, and participating in lotteries. The policy is currently under review, with a public consultation running until **30 July 2023**. You can view the draft policy [here](#), and submit comments or representations to the Licensing Team during the consultation via email to licensing@havant.gov.uk.

2. Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

The Department for Transport published its '[statutory taxi and private hire vehicle standards](#)' in July 2020, with the aim to establish common core minimum standards across the taxi and private hire sector, and to protect children and vulnerable adults. The Department for Transport expects all licensing authorities to implement the recommendations contained in the publication unless there are compelling local reasons not to. The 2020 publication replaces the relevant sections of the Best Practice Guidance issued by the Department for Transport in 2010.

Havant Borough Council is reviewing its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy to take account of the above standards. The proposed changes to the Policy also include changes to the age limits on hybrid and electric vehicles and the process

for renewing vehicle licences. To view the full draft of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, this can be found [here](#). To take part in the consultation survey, please click [here](#). The consultation closes on **16 July 2023**

Development Management

Casework

A large number of significant planning applications remain under consideration by the team, including a number of cases where technical issues and/or S106 negotiations are prolonging the time being taken to reach a decision.

[These include Cabbagefield Row, Leigh Park (150 dwellings); Land north of Long Copse Lane, Emsworth (210 dwellings); Land east of St George's Avenue, Havant (184 dwellings); Southleigh Park House, Havant (reserved matters application for 70 dwellings); Southmere Field, Havant (65 dwellings); Rook Farm, Hayling Island (300 dwellings); Land rear of Fathoms Reach, Hayling Island (51 dwellings); South Downs College, Purbrook (102 dwellings); Land north of The Oysters, Hayling Island (29 dwellings); Land south of Saltmarsh Lane, Hayling Island (60 dwellings); Land at Kingscroft Farm, Havant (140 dwellings); Former Dairy Crest Depot, Leigh Park (74 dwellings); Land at Palk Road, Havant (90 dwellings); and Victoria Road/London Road, Waterlooville (29 dwellings)].

A new application has been registered in respect of the 'Blue Star land', Waterlooville (90 dwellings) during June.

Planning Committee

A planning application for the erection of a 64 bed care home and 6No. dwellings on land at Cowplain School was considered by the Committee on 15th June 2023. A resolution was secured to grant permission subject to a S106 Agreement being completed.

The reserved matters planning application for the construction of 70 dwellings at Camp Field (land west of Havant Crematorium), Havant, which was considered by the Committee on 16th March 2023, has seen its related S106 Agreement completed and permission was issued on 30th June. Construction activity is under way.

Building Control

The new operational standards and data reporting requirements that all Council Building Control teams must comply with identified in last month's report have been published. The Building Control service already meets many of these standards, but there will need to be some changes in a few areas to ensure compliance. Liaison with our current software provider Idox Cloud (Tascomi System) will also be required to

ensure that the necessary changes are made to the systems to enable compliance, although it is understood that discussions on these changes are already being facilitated at national level through LABC, which represents all Building Control services in England and Wales.

Service is being delivered 'as usual' with Building Regulation application processing remaining fast and achieving above target level.