

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Priory Lodge Hall, Malvern**

**Thursday 10 November 2011 6.30pm**

Present: Mrs S Adeney, Mr R Chamings, Mr D Hawkins, Mr T Musgrove, Mr B Pilcher, Mr J Plant, Mrs G Rees, Mr C Rouse, Mr C Smith, Mrs H Stace, Mr J Trethewey, Mr P Watson and Mr T Yapp.

In Attendance: Director, Administrative Officer, Conservation Officer, Deputy Conservation Officer and 1 member of the public.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr D Baldwin, Mrs B Nielsen and Mr P Watts.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr C Smith and Mr B Pilcher stated that they were members of the Malvern Hills District Council.

### **3. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **4. PLANNING WORKING PARTY MEETING OF 31 OCTOBER 2011**

The Director stated that the deadline to respond to the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) was the 18<sup>th</sup> November. Members' comments can be passed to the office for collation.

Mrs H Stace presented a Draft Response paper to the SWDP. Mrs Stace advised that the SWDP document contained numerous cross references to other documents, such as the Local Transport Plan 3, therefore it was vital that these documents were examined and considered before drafting a response.

In a summary of the paper, Appendix 1 and Appendix 2, the following points were raised:

- The SWDP did not contain any detailed plans nor does it acknowledge the land owned by MHC.
- MHC will support policies contained in the SWDP that protect the environmental assets of the Board.
- MHC will request a rewording of the Vision Statement.
- MHC will comment on the proposed cycle routes.
- MHC will stress the importance of land and state MHC position.
- MHC will support the Green Infrastructure policy and ask that MHC are engaged in the SWDP strategy.
- MHC reserves the right to comment on development land that is adjacent or close to MHC land, such as land off Mayfield Road.

- MHC have no objection in principle to the development of the site at Walsh's Yard but would seek to remove and restore the common land currently used as car parking bays.
- At the Barracks Store site the compulsory purchase of entrance to this site has been agreed.
- There are no objections in principle to the QinetiQ site but MHC would strongly resist any land take, and the impact on views from the hills needs to be considered. MHC will register a holding objection pending clarification of this issue.
- There are no objections in principle to the Blackmore Park site, but it should be noted that MHC have concerns regarding any upgrade to roads that may damage the verges.
- There are no objections in principle to the Newland site, however, Townsend Way roundabout will give access to the site which will impact on MHC land and verges therefore MHC reserves the right to discuss this matter further when the full extent of land needed for access is known.
- MHC object to the wording of SWDP Policy 27. This policy states that economic considerations will outweigh environmental considerations. MHC objects to this sentence and asks for its removal.
- MHC supports green networks and the protection of open spaces.

On a proposal by Mr J Tretheway, seconded by Mrs S Adeney, the following recommendations were **CARRIED** by 9 votes with 2 abstentions.

1. The Malvern Hills Conservators should lodge a formal response to the South Worcestershire Development Plan, to support those policies which provide protection for the environmental assets that we own.
2. The Malvern Hills Conservators agree an interim position with respect to the sites identified in the plan, to assist the Director in discussions with planners and developers.
3. The Malvern Hills Conservators engage more pro-actively in future with significant development plans as they evolve, including:
  - Further iteration of the South Worcestershire Development Plan;
  - The implementation of the Local Transport Plan 3;
  - The development of the Green Infrastructure Strategy and;
  - The development of relevant Master Plans and associated Traffic Plans for key sites.

**The meeting closed at 6.52pm**