

## **CASTLE POINT PLAN BOARD**

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (@ 4pm)**

### **Minutes from meeting**

#### **Present:**

Councillors: W Gibson (Chair), R Savage, B Palmer, T Copsey, S Mountford, R Lillis.

Officers: I Butt (Director of Place & Communities), A Parrott (Assistant Director of Climate and Growth), G Ball (Principal Planning Officer), M Hennessy (Senior Planning Policy Officer), N Gale (Community Engagement Officer)

#### **Apologies:**

Cllr D Blackwell, Cllr M Fuller, A Hutchings (Chief Executive), M Amner (Planning Policy Officer)

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Previous Minutes:**

Members agreed the notes of the previous meeting for publication.

#### **2. Castle Point Plan R19 Spatial Strategy Draft Chapter:**

Members considered the spatial strategy chapter for the Castle Point Plan. This sets out the approach to green infrastructure, the overall approach to development and the approach to securing infrastructure alongside development.

As part of this discussion, consideration was given to the length of the plan period. The Council is required to identify a 15 year housing supply from the point of adoption which is expected to be in 2026. Given the base date for the housing evidence which is 2023, the shortest plan period could be 18 years to 2041. Following extensive discussion, it was considered appropriate to keep to a 20 year plan period as initially proposed, providing flexibility in case the examination is delayed by PINs.

#### **3. Castle Point Plan R19 Town Centres Draft Chapter:**

Members considered the approach to town centres and retail development. Issues that arose for consideration in the drafting of policies were:

- The need for banking provision and the need to protect banks that remain;
- The need to factor in Canvey market when considering that town centre;
- The importance of mixed use schemes for vibrant town centres – Shenfield Library identified as a good example by Members;
- The importance of creating local jobs and providing local services to reduce the need to travel for some residents;
- Whether retail parks and other commercial and industrial land could be used to create mixed use developments, and the economic impact and benefits of such an approach;
- How hot food takeaways and residential development can co-exist with regard to odour;
- The need for a clear definition of hot food takeaways;

- There was support for protecting local shops in locations where there is limited convenience provision.

#### **4. AOB:**

Members asked when the results of the Issues and Options Survey would be available so that they could get an idea what the community are thinking. A presentation was scheduled for the following meeting.

##### **Date of Next CPP Board Meeting**

Next CPP Board Meeting is scheduled for 4pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Next workshop Meeting is scheduled for 4pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024.