

Castle Point Plan Workshop - Net zero

25th January 2024

Energy

- Members want more time to consider the potential for solar farms in Green Belt areas, solar farms can go forward to be considered so that members not on the board as well as the wider public can consider these proposals.
- Members want to encourage the use of solar panels on roofs for existing and new builds in the CPP. They want people to be informed of any potential issues that implementing solar panels could have.

Operational carbon

- Members like the use of the ECC operational carbon policy and exploring if that could be used within the CPP. More information is required on whether it is achievable for flatted developments.
- Members agreed to allow provision in the plan for future development and implementation of net zero technologies. This will include some flexibility for any unknowns for the future.
- Members have issues surrounding viability. Particularly in relation to redevelopment of brownfield sites and urban development.

Embodied carbon

- Members agreed to promote the reuse of existing buildings where possible, and the on site recycling of construction waste as part of the CP Plan to reduce the loss of embodied carbon.
- Members agreed to work with the Essex Climate Action Commission (ECAC) to establish a policy for embodied carbon, as long as it does not hold up the plan.
- Members suggested that further scrutiny could be given to the policies provided by the ECAC, this could include looking into what scrutiny was completed through Essex County Council.

Retrofitting

- Members wanted officers to explore the options surrounding retrofitting and develop a short report on that topic.

EV Charging

- Members agreed that further work should be looked into the provision of EV chargers and the relationship between public car parks e.g. the seafront and flatted developments.