

Agenda item 6(g)

Grove Farm Development Brief and Firwood Road Development Brief

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 19 JUNE 2014

9. GROVE FARM DEVELOPMENT BRIEF AND FIRSWOOD ROAD DEVELOPMENT BRIEF

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director Planning as contained on pages 85 to 211 of the Book of Reports which set out the final development briefs for the allocated housing sites at Grove Farm, Ormskirk and Firwood Road, Lathom/Skelmersdale are adopted by the Council in order to form part of the planning decision-making framework.

RESOLVED A. That the following agreed comments be forwarded to Cabinet in relation to Grove Farm:-

- (i) That careful consideration be given to buffer zones to protect the amenity and safety of existing properties between new development and Linear Park boundaries.
- (ii) That the affordable housing/elderly unit percentages and crossover split be adhered to as closely as possible, as laid out at Appendix 1 of the Report on page 188, having taken the viability test into account.
- (iii) That the Linear Park be considered as a public asset which will provide a major contribution to public amenity and therefore should be given significant priority within any scheme submitted.
- (iv) That it is considered important that the site is assessed for compliance with habitats regulation assessments in order to ensure maximum ecological protection of habitats and wildlife.

B. That the following agreed comments be forwarded to Cabinet in respect of Firwood Road:-

- (i) That careful consideration be given to buffer zones to protect the amenity and safety of existing properties between new development and Linear Park boundaries.
- (ii) That the eventual position and design layout of the Linear Park be optimised rather than compromised due to final site design layout between different landowners.
- (iii) That the affordable housing/elderly unit percentages and crossover split be adhered to as closely as possible, as laid out at Appendix 1 of the Report on page 205, having taken the viability test into account.

- (iv) That it is considered important the site is assessed for compliance with habitats regulation assessments in order to ensure maximum ecological protection of habitats and wildlife.
- (v) That the agreed road access/egress changes are implemented, although Members expressed concern about traffic flow numbers quoted by the Highways Authority.

(Note:- During consideration of this item Councillors Mrs. Atherley and McKay left the Chamber and therefore took no part in the debate or decision making process).