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Agenda Item Number 6E

Title PREPAREDNESS FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION?

Details

Public consultations are expensive and time consuming necessities. It is therefore vital that draft plans submitted for consultation are thoroughly developed and are supported by evidence-based analysis derived with full dialogue and input from local residents and interest groups. This said, it would appear that this draft plan falls short, and raises concerns over the future handling and consideration of consultation responses.

Awareness of the extent of these plans has not previously been evident to those wards most affected, with limited disclosure of information via a newspaper media whose circulation does not reach those communities severely impacted.

It now appears that Councillors are being asked to support the start of a consultation that has limited validity based on input from the electorate and for which full disclosure of information has not been forthcoming. How is it possible for a fair and open consultation to be actioned if all supporting technical papers and reviews have not been available for Councillors to consider?

Furthermore, it is clear that the intended media channel for notifications is inadequate in terms of communication to affected wards and even the one-to-one sessions planned do not take place in those areas most significantly impacted.

I urge the councillors to vote to postpone the start of the consultation until such time as all evidence is available and has been assessed for relevance to the Local Plan.

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