



## **MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017, at 7.00 p.m.  
RVS, Harlington**

### **PRESENT**

#### **Councillors**

Cllr Pierce –Chairman  
Cllr Holt  
Cllr Hope  
Cllr Schofield  
Cllr Gotel  
Cllr Robinson

#### **Apologies**

Cllr Jasper

#### **Also Present:**

Phil Gower – fccs  
Colin Gray – fccs

#### **Officers**

Charlotte Benham – Projects and Committee Officer

### **ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jasper

### **ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declaration of Interest was expressed by any members.

### **ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No questions were received.

### **ITEM 4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes from meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October were approved

## **5 DCLG CONSULTATION**

To draft a response to the DCLG consultation.

Some notes from meeting as follows:

- Consultation suggests the more expensive the houses in the area, the more need to be built to try and bring down the price – naïve and won't work as cheaper houses will then be more desirable bids will increase in price
- No. houses required is also split into specific housing types i.e. elderly care, affordable... - complicated
- Why build houses if there's no local jobs
- Document is aimed at councils who want to build houses – not all do and some don't have land so their housing requirement will be pushed onto neighbouring areas
- Importance of infrastructure is not highlighted
- If no. houses required under new housing need calculations is less than last number published then the last number published i.e. the higher one would be used
- Guaranteeing developers a specific % profit – if developer doesn't reach this percentage then they can claim it's not viable to provide affordable housing. Even more houses would be needed to meet affordable housing requirements
- Whole consultation document is difficult to make sense of and comes across as naïve and impractical in real world

Cllr Schofield & Pierce to draft a paragraph for each heading of the Consultation

## **6 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee (if required) will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm at the Harlington in the RVS Office

Meeting closed at 9.05pm