

Minute Item 148

Informal Joint Workshop for Culture Tourism and Enterprise; and Environment and Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committees

London Road Central Masterplan; Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Tuesday 28 April 2009 Hove Town Hall Room 3

Councillors Present: Ian Davey, Pete West, Mel Davies, Warren Morgan, Bill Randall, David Smart, Pat Drake, Mo Marsh, Amy Kennedy, Tony Janio

1. Planning Projects Manager Alan Buck opened the meeting which was the first time a joint scrutiny workshop had been convened to consider and comment on a draft SPD. Comments from this session would be reported to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting on 7 May 2009 with the recommendation to start the statutory 6-week public consultation period in late May. Part of the public consultation would include a 3-day exhibition in the former Co-op department store in London Road.

2. This latest draft had been informed by initial consultations in Summer 2008 including 3 well-received external workshops and a workshop for Members in November.

3. The format of the meeting was; after the short presentation Members could make representations or ask questions of the Planning Projects Team officers at each station covering the six themes:

- Land Use
- Movement and Access
- Urban Design
- Public Realm
- Sustainability
- Community and Funding

4. Comments written down at each station would be taken forward to the Cabinet Member meeting. (summary below)

5. Issues raised by Members:

- a development company and a local community group are also producing a Masterplan
- a list of all the City's protected/locally important buildings would be useful
- advantages/disadvantages of re-routing north-bound traffic
- advantages/disadvantages of excluding through traffic from retail areas
- implications of a square at Ann St /Oxford St junction
- effects of road junctions on traffic congestion
- width of London Road carriageway and traffic queuing
- importance of improving air quality, relating to long-term exposure to pollution

