

TMBC Planning & Transportation Board 24 July.

This board met Tuesday to ratify the Draft Local Plan so it can go forward in September to be adopted by the Full Council. These sort of meetings are normally just a rubber stamp, but this went badly off the rails.

There was a huge crowd of the public in attendance, 13 members of the Board, and a large number of interested but non-voting TMBC Members.

The most contentious issues were Borough Green Garden City, Broadwater Farm at Kingshill, and lack of infrastructure and parking provision, and the lack of any serious work on traffic impact.

It was also noted that we do not have robust policies to tackle Air Quality, to deal with heavily contaminated sites, or to ensure Developers do not weasel out of Planning Commitments on the flimsy grounds of "financial viability".

The unhappiness with aspects of the Plan was discussed at length, with a vote at about 10pm. It was 5 in favour, 5 against, and 3? abstentions. That means the majority of the Board did not support the Plan, so there will have to be some serious amendments very quickly. No one had a good word to say about it. It came within a whisker of being rejected completely, despite the danger, and the urgency of getting the Plan passed.

TMBC have to get the Plan agreed and lodged with the Government before January, or they risk an uplift in housing numbers of 23%, and the Planners have put us in serious jeopardy of that increase.

Meeting attendance

Attendee	Role	Attendance
Councillor Dave Davis CEng FICE	Chairman	Present
Councillor Jon Botten	Vice-Chairman	Present
Councillor Matthew Balfour	Committee Member	Present
Councillor Mrs Sarah Barker	Committee Member	Present
Councillor Peter Bolt	Committee Member	Present
Councillor Vivian Branson	Committee Member	Apologies
Councillor Mark Davis	Committee Member	Present
Councillor Tom Edmondston-Low BA (Hons)	Committee Member	Absent
Councillor Des Keers	Committee Member	Present
Councillor Mrs Ann Kemp	Committee Member	Present
Councillor Russell Lancaster BA (Hons)	Committee Member	Apologies
Councillor Mike Parry-Waller	Committee Member	Present
Councillor Steve Perry	Committee Member	Present
Councillor Roger Roud	Committee Member	Present
Councillor Allan Sullivan	Committee Member	Present
Councillor Mike Taylor	Committee Member	Present
Councillor Mrs Jill Anderson	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Owen Baldock MIET	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Robin Betts	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Timothy Bishop	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Martin Coffin	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor David Cure	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Mrs Trudy Dean	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Benjamin Elks	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Nicolas Heslop BA (Hons)	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor David Lettington	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Brian Luker	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Daniel Markham	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Piers Montague	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Mrs Anita Oakley MA BA (Hons)	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Mark Rhodes	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Howard Rogers	Other Member	In attendance
Councillor Trevor Walker	Other Member	In attendance

