

EREWASH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report of the Director of Resources to the
Council Executive

7 January 2020

Erewash Core Strategy Review – Options for Growth

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1** To seek the approval of Council Executive to consult on growth options for the Core Strategy Review and to make a recommendation to Council.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1** That the Council Executive consider the proposals contained within this report and recommends to Council that public consultation on the Draft Options for Growth of the Erewash Core Strategy Review (Appendix 1) and the Draft Sustainability Appraisal of the Options for Growth (Appendix 2) be approved.

3 Information, issues and options

- 3.1** In June 2018 Council Executive approved a Local Development Scheme that committed the council to a review of the Core Strategy, commencing with a growth options consultation in Autumn 2019. The documents attached as appendices to this report have been prepared to meet this requirement.

- 3.2** The main purpose of the Core Strategy Review is to identify the location of sufficient land to deliver the housing requirements of the Borough. The Sustainability Appraisal supports the preferred hierarchy of options which has resulted in a balanced strategy of urban intensification, redevelopment of strategic brownfield sites such as the former Stanton Ironworks and West Hallam Depot, and the release of four strategic Green Belt sites. This strategy will ensure that 99% of the Green Belt remains free from strategic development.

- 3.3** Landowners have promoted many other Green Belt sites for development through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment process. Though the proposed consultation does not consider those sites to be preferred options for growth, the consultation process will provide landowners with an additional opportunity to make the case for the development of those sites.

- 3.4** If approved consultation will be carried out with statutory consultees and the general public, in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement a copy of which is included for approval elsewhere on this agenda.

Options

- 3.5** The options available to the Council Executive for consideration are:

- a) To approve consultation on the options for growth set out in the appendices to this report. This would enable the council to progress the Core Strategy Review, in accordance with the commitments of the Local Development Scheme.
- b) To not approve consultation on the options for growth set out in the appendices to this report. This would not enable the council to progress the Core Strategy Review, raising the risk of speculative development in the Green Belt and planning by appeal.
- c) To approve an amended options for growth for consultation. Such options would need to either comply with the strategic hierarchy supported by the Sustainability Appraisal, or propose justified amendments to the strategic hierarchy.

4 Risk and financial implications

- 4.1 Should the Core Strategy Review be delayed, subsequent planning appeals could result in significant costs not allowed for in the Council Budget.

5 Legal implications

- 5.1 The Council has a statutory duty to review the Core Strategy, under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

6 Personnel implications

- 6.1 There are no direct personnel implications arising from this report.

7 Alignment to council priorities

Corporate Plan 2018-2019

- 7.1 The recommendation of this report would contribute towards the Corporate Plan priorities for “a clean, safe and welcoming borough” and “creating opportunities for economic growth and prosperity” through the priority to “deliver efficient and effective services that residents need”.

Background papers

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2019

Strategic Growth Area Assessment 2019

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Erewash Core Strategy Review – Draft Options for Growth January 2020

Appendix 2 – Strategic Growth Options – Draft Sustainability Appraisal – January 2020

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Key decision status

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