

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

