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The Meeting... **Yeovil Town Council**

The Time... **7.30pm**

The Date... **Tuesday 2 November 2010**

The Place... **Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil**

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Alan Tawse

Alan Tawse

Town Clerk

26 October 2010

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YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

Philip Chandler – Mayor of Yeovil

Clive Davis – Deputy Mayor

J Vincent Chainey

Bridget Dollard

Tony Fife

Julian Freke

Dave Gooding

Pete Goodman

John Grana

David Greene

Peter Gubbins

John Hann

Steve Hawker

Simon Hester

Andrew Kendall

Ruth Kendall

Mike Lock

Tony Lock

Ian Martin

Pat Martin

Tom Parsley

Wes Read

David Recardo

Alan Smith

AGENDA

Prayers

Grant Presentation

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

1. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 October 2010.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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5. CORRESPONDENCE

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9. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS

(The Minutes of the following meetings are open to discussion. Where a Committee has made a recommendation that will be listed on a separate sheet circulated with the Agenda).

Planning and Licensing Committee

27 September 2010

11 October 2010

10. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Yeovil Youth Council

16 - 20

20 September 2010

Members who represent the Town Council on Outside Bodies may wish to take this opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee will be requested to pass a resolution excluding the press and public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

11. FORMER YEOVIL SKI AND ACTIVITY CENTRE

To consider the confidential report of the Town Clerk (copy attached at page 21 for Members only).

12. FORMER GOLDCROFT ALLOTMENT SITE

To receive an oral update from the Town Clerk.

List of Engagements attended/to be attended by His Worship The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler and the Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis from 5 October to 7 December 2010

06/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended the Art Group of Yeovil's Autumn Exhibition
06/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended Ilminster Town Council's Civic Evening
07/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society's performance of 'The Boyfriend'
08/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended Weymouth and Portland Borough Council's Civic Day
08/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended The Park School Prizegiving
09/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended Blandford Forum Town Council's Civic Day
09/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended the Institute of Legal Executives Somerset Branch Autumn Ball
13/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, and the Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis, attended a presentation by Brigadier M J D Noble RM, Commanding Officer of RNAS Yeovilton
15/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended a charity auction at Nuffield Health Centre, raising funds for St Margaret's Somerset Hospice
16/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended the Yeovil Temple Band Concert
17/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended Gillingham Town Council Civic Service
18/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, hosted a visit to the Town House from Bucklers Mead School's Flexible Learning Students
19/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended the Royal British Legion's Somerset County Poppy Launch
19/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Clive Davis, attended SSVCA's Annual General Meeting
20/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Clive Davis, attended the Guiding Celebrate Bright Sparks at the Gateway Church Yeovil
22/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended the UCY Graduation Day Ceremony
23/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, and the Deputy Mayor Councillor Clive Davis attended the Yeovil Royal British Legion Poppy Day launch
23/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended a charity swim at Nuffield Health Centre, raising funds for St Margaret's Somerset Hospice
23/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended his charity bucket collection at the Liberal Club
23/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, met with Girl Guides at Grovelands
26/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, attended the Yeovil Samaritans AGM
28/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend the Life for a Life Memorial Forest cheque presentation to St Margaret's Somerset Hospice
28/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend SSDC's Gold Star Awards (Young People Salute their Volunteers) evening
29/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend Speak Up

	Somerset's launch of "The Light of My Life" publication
30/10/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend TS Mantle VC Trafalgar Night Dinner
01/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend The Hub Yeovil's open event
01/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend South Somerset Mind's AGM
02/11/10	The Deputy Mayor Councillor Clive Davis will attend the Connect South West Careers Fair
04/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend Battens Charitable Trust's cheque presentation
06/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend Chard Town Council's Remembrance event
06/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend the speech march past reception at the Octagon Theatre
07/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Clive Davis, will attend War Memorial speed march past service in the Borough
07/11/10	The Deputy Mayor Councillor Clive Davis will attend the Christmas 303 Box of Delights
07/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend St Margaret's Hospice Music and Mulled Wine
11/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler and the Deputy Mayor Councillor Clive Davis, along with members of the Town Council, will attend the Remembrance Day service
11/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will host the annual Clergy and Faith Group Tea Party
11/11/10	The Deputy Mayor Councillor Clive Davis will attend the Clergy and Faith Group Tea Party
14/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler and the Deputy Mayor, along with members of the Town Council, will attend the Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday service
15/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend a Comedy Play at the Swan Theatre
18/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend Preston School Presentation Evening
19/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler and the Deputy Mayor, Clive Davis, will attend Bright Sparks' performance of 'It's a Small World'
20/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend the second of the Yeovil & District Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society's shows
20/11/10	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis, will attend West Abbey Nursing Home Christmas Fete
23/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend the Sea Cadets "The Royal Navy – Today and Tomorrow"
25/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend the Christmas Lights Switch-on
26/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will host the Annual Mayor's Charity Ball
28/11/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend St Margaret's Hospice Light Up A Life Service
03/12/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend Blandford Forum Town Council's Civic Christmas Carol Service
04/12/10	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Phil Chandler, will attend the Gryphon West Gym Club's Celebration Gala of Gymnastics

05/12/10	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis, will attend the Salvation Army's Carols at Christmas
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6. **DRAFT CORE STRATEGY**

South Somerset District Council has published its Draft Core Strategy (incorporating Preferred Options) and is seeking views on a number of proposals.

All the documents relating to the Strategy are available by clicking on www.southsomerset.gov.uk/corestrategy and a hard copy is available for viewing at the Town House.

The strategy sets the vision for the District up until 2026, and the final strategy will be used to guide developments and change. Amongst other things, it identifies how much housing is proposed to be built and where industry providing jobs should be located.

A series of public exhibitions and events are being held during the consultation period, which ends on 3 December 2010. Details of these arrangements have been circulated to all Members along with general information about the process.

Attached at pages 7 to 13 is the published summary relating to Yeovil. This sets out the main proposals and the work that has been carried out during the initial stages of the exercise.

Council is **RECOMMENDED** to consider the matter with a view to making representations.

(Alan Tawse, Town Clerk – 01935 382424)



Yeovil

Let us know your views!

Yeovil should be identified as a strategically significant town and the main focus for growth and development because:

- ✓ It is an important sub-regional centre offering a wide range of cultural, health, education, public services and shopping facilities not available elsewhere
- ✓ It is South Somerset's largest town, almost 4 times the size of Chard
- ✓ It is an historically important town with a strong economy, originally based on cloth and leather manufacturing
- ✓ It is a focal point for industry with substantial in-commuting (people commuting to Yeovil to work) from the surrounding area
- ✓ It is a transport hub, well connected to major road routes, A30 and A303, with a range of public transport and 2 mainline railway stations

CURRENT ISSUES

- Significant new demand for housing with rising house prices and the need for more affordable homes
- Dependent on a few large employers, needs to diversify to retain its employment role
- Potential for the town centre to grow as a place to live and visit
- Transport infrastructure is reaching its natural capacity, rail is difficult to access and limited opportunities exist for cycling
- Lack of adequate sports provision including swimming pools, synthetic turf pitches & indoor facilities
- Retail sector struggling with many empty shops

STRENGTHS

- Retains a strong manufacturing base with a high proportion of skilled jobs in the aerospace industry
- An important centre with a key range of facilities for shopping, education and health
- Opportunity to work locally, nearly 75% of people living in the town also work there
- Draws people in from a wide catchment for cultural and leisure activities
- Excellent landscape setting with attractive country park in the town and many historic estates and houses nearby
- Surrounding countryside rich in flora and fauna

Vision for 2026:

- **The Yeovil Vision partnership** has identified the main ambitions for the town, summarised as:
 - Being the prime economic driver for the district with a growing manufacturing and service base increasingly characterised by hi-tech, high wage companies
 - Better links within the town itself and with the surrounding market towns
 - Improved recreational facilities
 - Improved retail and leisure facilities
 - Better links with the immediate countryside
- A significant scale of growth is now required to service and enable Yeovil's economy to grow to its expected potential, to meet the demand for housing and develop and enhance the town centre. The main proposals are set out in **Policies YV1 - 5** summarised here:

The main proposals are:

- **Policy YV1 – Housing Provision for Yeovil** – Proposal for 8,200 new homes in total.

3,725 of these homes have already been allocated including on the 3 key sites, so importantly there are only 775 to plan for in the urban area and, in addition, approximately 3,700 homes in a new urban extension.

- **Policy YV2 - Yeovil ‘Urban Extension’**

In order to meet the growth needs, an ‘urban extension’ to Yeovil is proposed. A detailed analysis, using Sustainability Appraisal (SA), has been followed to consider all options for a location for housing growth of the town looking in all directions from the town centre.

The stages of the SA process are set out on the sustainability panel.

The preferred location option for this extension is the *East Coker, Keyford, Barwick* area of search (ie the broad area within which a possible location for the homes could be found.)

In addition to the 3,700 new homes, the proposed extension should include:

- 23 hectares of employment land
- New secondary and primary school provision
- Community and transport infrastructure improvement
- Development built to the highest design standards (eco-town standards) if possible

- **Policy YV3 – Yeovil Urban Village** - It is proposed that a small town centre “urban village” should be created with around 400 new homes with leisure and retail uses at the ground floor level. The location of this is shown on the town centre proposals map, set close to the Yeovil Country Park (but not encroaching on it or within the park,) with a mixture of homes that are low cost to run and are developed to eco-town standards if viable.

- **Benefits of the Urban Extension and Urban Village**

Growth in this way presents a valuable opportunity to:

- Build top quality homes and other development, which are low cost to run as they use less energy and generate their own power
- 40% of the area of this extension would be green space including parks and recreation areas creating a pleasant living environment
- A good mix of housing types including 30% affordable homes
- Design and layout will enable people to travel without a car including public transport, walking and cycling
- A range of local services and jobs should be provided within the area, as well as good links through to the railway stations and the town centre

- **Employment and Jobs In Yeovil**

It is important that housing growth is matched by an increase in locally available jobs. Provision is made in the Core Strategy for a further 51 hectares of employment land to 2026:

- Proposed 23 hectares as part of the urban extension
- Proposed 28 hectares to be developed in a high quality business park at land off Bunford Lane (see Policy EP1)
- Further land and premises with potential to accommodate employment elsewhere in the town will be supported

- **Growth of Yeovil Town Centre**

- Proposed extension of the Quedam Centre
- Proposed improvements to the eastern side of the town centre including the old cattle market area
- Aim to identify sites within and around the town centre that accommodate the growth in shopping requirements as the town expands

- **Reducing reliance on the car**

As the town grows there are opportunities to make improvements that encourage public transport, walking and cycling

- Special research has identified a range of measures, which will help people to make more journeys without a car
- The feasibility of park and ride is being assessed and will be include in the plan at a later date
- The Strategy sets out in **Policy YV4** (modal shift for Yeovil) a range of measures to encourage cycling, walking & the use of public transport. Developer contributions will be required towards improving public transport services and the creation of cycling & pedestrian routes into the town

For the urban-village and eco friendly urban extension, a special policy has been adopted aimed at reducing the need for car travel by 50%. This is set out in **Policy YV5** (modal shift for Yeovil eco-town), which limits residential parking and requires contributions to an electric car pool scheme, quality bus routes and information, linking residents to Yeovil town centre and main employment and service sites across the town.

Is Yeovil a strategically significant town?

Do you agree with the level and type of growth being planned?

Have we got this right? Have we got this wrong? If so, please tell us why.

We need your views





Yeovil Urban Extension - Finding the best location

December 2009

We started by looking in all directions around Yeovil and undertaking an exercise to map constraints



December 2009/ January 2010

All of Yeovil's Town and Parish Councils were invited to workshops to discuss possible options for the required growth, and to give initial feedback on the proposed locations. This was important as we could discuss advantages and disadvantages of each broad 'area of search'.



February 2010

The feedback from the workshops generated six locations for further consideration. An initial review of infrastructure provision resulted in the removal of the two northern options, as they were identified as being unsustainable and not viable. So, the six suggested location options went down to four.



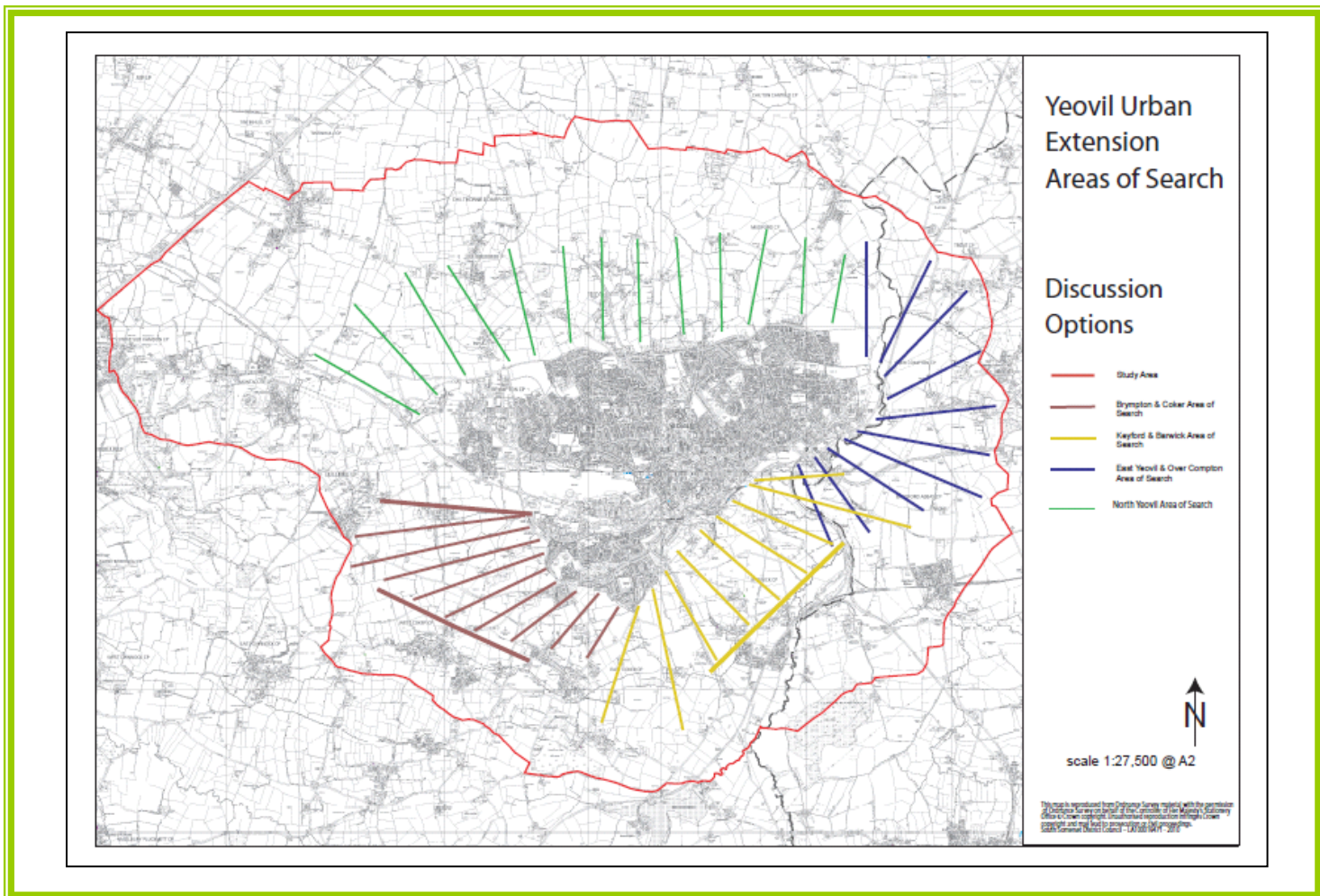
March 2010

On the advice of the County Council transport department the four remaining southern options were combined and made into three broader areas of search as there was no longer considered a requirement for a southern link road and due to airfield restrictions. The Yeovil Sustainability Appraisal was again reassessed.



August 2010

On the advice of English Heritage an Historic Environment Assessment was prepared to assess the effects of development on the historic assets surrounding Yeovil. The Sustainability Appraisal was again updated to reflect the findings of this study and to confirm the Council's Preferred Option for sustainable growth.



Sustainability Appraisal Summary Table – After Site Development

Objective	East Yeovil/Over Compton	EastCoker/ Barwick /Keyford	Brympton & Coker	Northern Options
1. Improve access to essential services and facilities	0	+	-	--
2. Reduce poverty and social exclusion	+	++	+	+
3. Provide sufficient housing to meet identified needs of the community	++	++	++	++
4. Improve health and well being	+	++	0	-
5. Improve education and skills	+	++	+	+
6. Reduce crime and fear of crime	+	+	+	+
7. Support a strong, diverse and vibrant local economy	+	+	++	+
8. Reduce the effect of traffic	+ / --	+ / -	0 / --	0 / --
9. Protect and enhance landscape and townscape	+	+	+	--
10. Conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment	0	0	0	0
11. Reduce contribution to climate change	+	+	+	0
12. Minimise pollution (including air, water, land, light, noise) and waste production	-	--	-	-
13. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding	0	0	0	0
14. Conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	-	-	-	--

Where answer is unknown due to data being unavailable for Dorset, the Sustainability Appraisal assumes the worst-case scenario of significant negative effect (--) for scoring.

Objective 8 has been given two scores; the first concerns public transport and the second private transport.



Yeovil Urban Extension - Finding the best location

For a location to be considered appropriate for development in a Core Strategy it needs to meet 3 criteria. It needs to be:-

- **Suitable**
- **Available**
- **Viable**

This means that within the plan period to 2026 there needs to be a reasonable prospect of suitable and appropriate land within the chosen area of search being made available for development and that the necessary infrastructure and facilities can be achieved at a cost which allows the development to be built.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is a main test of suitability. Further work is continuing to consider land availability within South Somerset (West Dorset are responsible for this exercise within the West Dorset Option) and through work with the infrastructure providers to consider any constraints on their areas of work, which may affect the viability of the preferred location.

Following initial consultation with key service and infrastructure providers and, on the basis of their low scores against the other options on Sustainability Appraisal the northern options have been dismissed from further consideration at the current time.

The remaining southern options have been adjusted to reflect constraints from AugustaWestlands airfield and to avoid overlaps and 3 remaining options have been further tested through SA.

The pro's and con's of the areas of search are included within the Sustainability Appraisal paragraphs 4.5.4 – 4.5.8 (and Appendices) and summarised for the 3 southern Options in the Core Strategy.

Some of the key issues are set out below:-

- **Option 1: Over Compton / West Dorset (South & East of Yeovil)**

Positives:

- This option has few environmental, historic or landscape constraints and benefits from close proximity to Yeovil Pen Mill Industrial Estate and Railway Station.

Negatives:

- This option is partly constrained by flooding and steep topography and would impact on the separate identity of the nearby villages of Over Compton & Bradford Abbas (Note: the joining of settlements will be avoided). Option is located in West Dorset and would involve significant cross border working arrangements.

- **Option 2: East Coker / Barwick / Keyford (South of Yeovil)**

Positives:

- This option is located a short distance from the town centre (although the route is steep in places) and is considered to offer opportunities for walking, cycling and to establish a bus route between the outlining stations, town centre and Urban Extension. This option is largely a south facing slope to allow benefits from solar power. Option presents an opportunity to bring Yeovil Junction Station into the Yeovil Urban Area.

Negatives:

- Option will impact on the separate identity of the nearby villages of North Coker, Barwick and Stoford (Note: the joining of settlements will be avoided) and will result in a loss of Grade 1 agricultural land. Option is located in close proximity to Barwick Country House a Grade II* Listed Building and Newton Surmaville a Grade I Listed Building, both houses are designated Historic Parks and Gardens.



Yeovil Urban Extension - Finding the best location

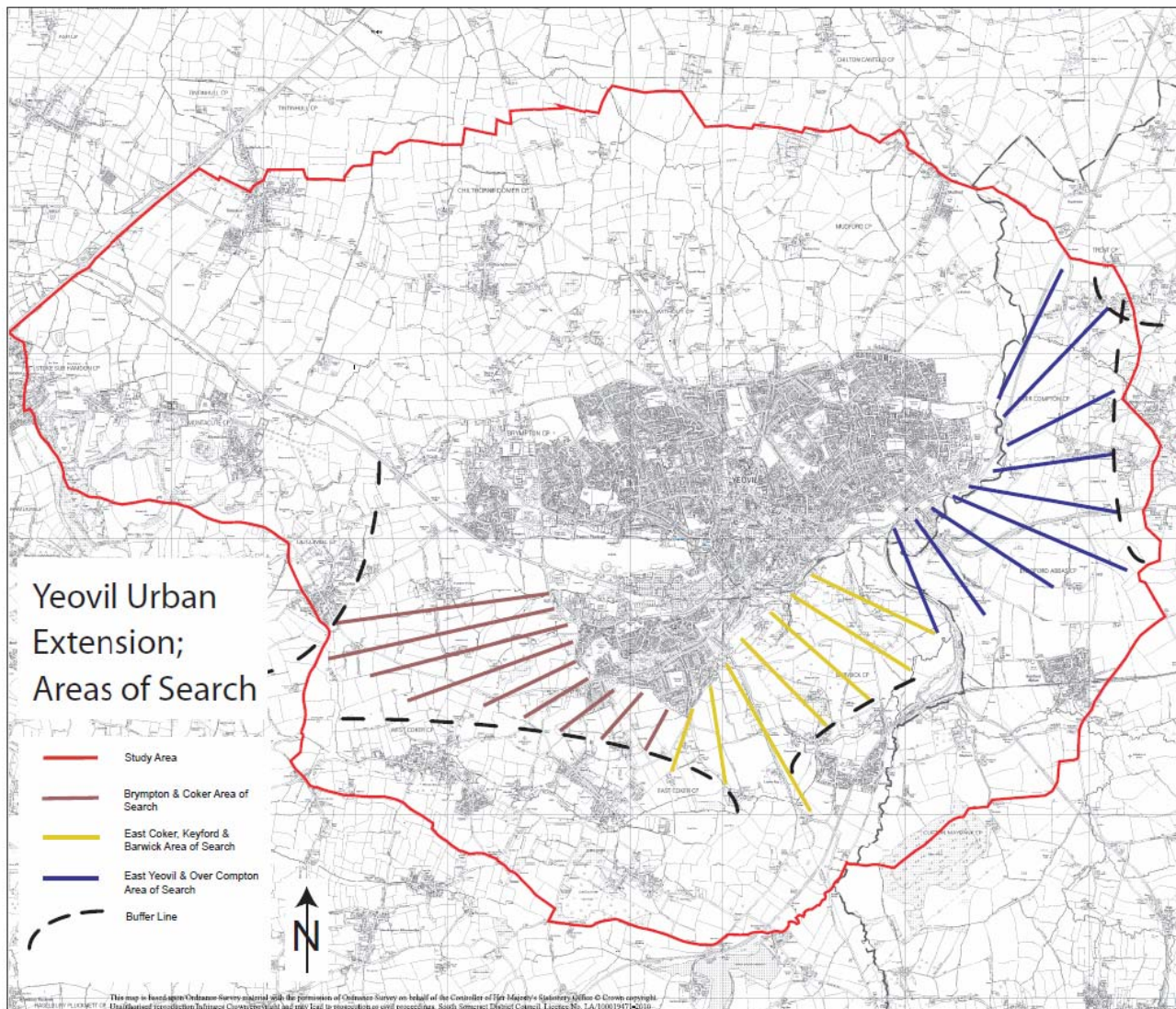
- **Option 3: Brympton / Coker (South & West of Yeovil)**

Positives:

- This option has few environmental or landscape constraints and has easy access to cycle routes encouraging healthy lifestyle choices.

Negatives:

- Option will impact on the separate identity of the nearby villages of Odcombe, East Coker and West Coker (Note: the joining of settlements will be avoided) and will result in the loss of Grade 1 agricultural land. Option is located in close proximity to Brympton D'Evercy Manor House a Grade I Listed Building and designated Historic Park & Garden as well as West Coker Manor. Option is badly related to the town centre.



The preferred Option is East Coker, Keyford and Barwick area of search shown in yellow

7. **STANDING ORDERS**

Provisional arrangements have been made for the Sub-Committee that was appointed to review the Council's Standing Orders to meet later this month.

In discussing the arrangements with the Mayor, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee, it has been suggested that consideration be given to deferring the review until after the forthcoming local elections, which take place in May 2011.

This view is shared by the Monitoring Officer, who feels that this would provide the newly elected Council with the opportunity to consider and determine the procedures that would apply to its proceedings.

Council is **RECOMMENDED** to consider the matter and to decide the best way forward.

(Alan Tawse, Town Clerk – 01935 382424)

8. **CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OFFICE OPENING ARRANGEMENTS**

This year, Christmas Day and Boxing Day will fall on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 December respectively and, being public holidays, the office will be closed on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 December (in lieu of these two days). The office will also be closed on the following Monday 3 January (in lieu of Saturday 1 January) for the New Year public holiday.

It is usual practice for the staff to take one of their statutory days at this time of the year, and the staff have requested that this be taken on Friday 31 December.

Council is **RECOMMENDED** to consider this matter.

(Alan Tawse, Town Clerk – 01935 382424)

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Yeovil Youth Council** held in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Monday 20 September 2010.**

(7.00pm – 9.05pm)

Present:

Thomas Sankey (Acting Chairman)
Adam Coppard
Laura Coppard
Tamsin Eddey
Hannah Law
Aaron Newbury

Also Present:

Alan Tawse Town Clerk
Zara Case Area Youth Worker SCC
Mark Pedlar Group Manager -Transporting Somerset

(1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Roberta Burns and Gill Tomlinson.

Alan reported that Alex Fells, who served on the Youth Council as a Co-opted Non-Voting Member, would shortly be starting at university and had tendered her resignation from the Youth Council.

A letter of thanks from Alex was read out at the meeting along with Alan's response in which he had thanked Alex for all her help, support and participation in the Youth Council over the years and had wished her every success with her studies and future career.

(2) Transport and Bus Subsidies

Mark Pedlar gave a short presentation on the work undertaken by the County Council in delivering and promoting public transport throughout Somerset.

Mark explained the limitation placed on the County Council to subsidise bus routes and to offer concessionary fares. He also drew attention to a number of practical issues regarding the provision of bus services in rural areas and how anticipated reductions in public expenditure could create additional difficulties.

Turning to new initiatives, Mark explained that trials were taking place in Taunton regarding the use of SMS text messaging as a way of providing interested individuals with 'real-time' information on bus movements. He added that this system would be rolled out across Somerset and he undertook to provide the Town Clerk with information about how local students could access the information.

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the benefits of local

leisure facilities used by young people subsidising the cost of public transport with a view to encouraging more young people to use such facilities.

Reference was also made to the importance of ensuring that young people were involved in any survey work undertaken by organisations responsible for transport services.

The Acting Chairman thanked Mark for his interesting and informative presentation.

(3) Election of Chairman

RESOLVED

that Thomas Sankey be confirmed as Chairman for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

(4) Election of Deputy Chairman

RESOLVED

that Tamsin Eddey be confirmed as Deputy Chairman for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

(5) Election of Secretary

RESOLVED

that Adam Coppard be confirmed as Secretary for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

(6) Election of Treasurer

Hannah Law indicated that she had recently commenced studies at Yeovil College. However, she indicated that she would be prepared to continue serving on the Youth Council as a Co-Opted Non Voting Member should the Council so wish.

RESOLVED

(1) that Aaron Newbury be elected as Treasurer for the Municipal Year 2010/11;
and

(2) that Hannah Law be appointed to serve on the Youth Council as a Co-opted Non Voting Member for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

(7) Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 July 2010, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(8) Skateparks

Zara indicated that survey sheets had now been produced and she was currently putting mini schedules together with a view to carrying out the survey in the near future.

She felt that it would be best to concentrate initially on Lysander Road Skatepark and she suggested that a visit take place between 4pm and 6pm on Friday 1 October and between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 2 October.

The Youth Council expressed their support for this proposal and it was,

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted.
- (2) that Hannah, Adam and Laura attend the Friday visit, and Aaron, Tamsin and Thomas attend the Saturday event; and
- (3) that the outcome of the survey be reported to a future meeting.

(9) Youth Council Website

Adam updated the Youth Council on options for the future hosting of the Youth Council Website.

He suggested 2 options be considered one of which would cost £60 per annum with the other option costing £130 per annum. He explained that the more expensive option would not be subject to a fair usage policy and that it would also include the ability to upload larger files such as videos and photographs. He added that the more expensive option would also be quicker to access and would be more reliable.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that approval in principle be given to the second option (£130 per year), subject to details of both options being forwarded to Alan for further consideration.

(10) Grant Awareness Workshop

Zara indicated that Adam and Hannah would be attending a one-day session on fund raising and would be reporting back to the Youth Council on the events. She felt that it would be useful to use the £50 won by those attending the recent Avon Tyrell training event workshop on ways of developing future fund raising activities and events.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the matter be further considered after Adam and Hannah had attended

the above identified training session and reported back to the Youth Council on their findings and conclusions.

(11) Yeovil Youth Council Leaflet

Zara circulated an updated version of the draft leaflet, which was supported subject to deletion of the reference to the emerging Youth Council web site pending its establishment.

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted.

(12) Yeovil and Area Youth Opportunities Group

RESOLVED

that Aaron be appointed to represent the Youth Council on the above group.

(13) Facebook Account

Further to the previous meeting, the Youth Council discussed the merits of setting up a Facebook Account.

Whilst it was acknowledged that there could be some benefits in setting up such an account, it was felt that the type of registration and access arrangements needed to be carefully considered along with all the security implications.

RESOLVED

(1) that the matter be noted; and

(2) that the matter be deferred to a future meeting.

(14) Elections 2010

Alan indicated that he had recently written to the Principals of Preston Community School and Westfield Community School seeking their support in organising elections at both schools in the near future.

He undertook to seek both Schools' support for existing Youth Councillors being invited to take part in planned presentations at both schools.

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted.

(15) Fairmead School

Alan indicated that he had invited Fairmead School to nominate a student representative of that School to serve as a Co-opted Member of the Youth Council, but that a response had yet to be received.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the response of Fairmead School be reported to a future meeting.

(16) Parliamentary Visit

Alan gave an update on the Parliamentary visit that had been arranged for 13 October 2010, and he indicated that he had written to the Head teachers of all the schools involved to advise them of the event.

He added that details of transport arrangements etc would be circulated shortly to all Youth Councillors who had expressed an interest in attending.

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted.

(17) Date of next meeting

IT WAS NOTED

that the next meeting of the Youth Council would take place at 7.00pm on Monday 18 October 2010.

AT/GMT
12/10/10