

**City of Derby Local Plan – Consideration of representations made on the Proposed Modifications and Adoption of Plan****SUMMARY**

- 1.1 A Public Inquiry into objections to the draft City of Derby Local Plan (CDLP) Review was held in 2003-04 and the Inspector's report received in January 2005. Cabinet considered this at its 6 September meeting last year and a number of proposed modifications placed on deposit from the end of September to 11 November 2005. This report now considers objections and supporting representations made to these modifications and seeks authority to adopt the Plan.
- 1.2 There has been a relatively small number of representations, reflecting the late stage in the Plan preparation process. Of these, I am pleased to report that there are slightly more supporting representations (nearly 40) than objections (around 35). Having said that, some of the objections raise issues that require careful consideration.
- 1.3 A summary of the representations and full responses to them is set out in Appendix 2, which can be seen on CMIS. A shorter summary of the main issues is given in the Director's report. One of the objections refers to the Inspector's recommendation that the Council should urgently review its strategy on convenience retail floorspace. A review of this strategy was considered by Cabinet at the 6 September meeting and can be viewed on CMIS as Appendix 3. Also available on CMIS, as Appendix 4, is a copy of a retail report submitted with a planning application for development at the former Friar Gate station. This report argues the case in favour of retail use in the bonded warehouse and is relevant in considering the current objections.
- 1.4 I am recommending a number of very minor changes to the Plan, but do not consider that any of these are significant enough to need advertising as Further Modifications. Subject to Council approval, the next stage will be to adopt the Plan next month. Once adopted, it will replace the existing CDLP.
- 1.5 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To approve the responses to representations, including recommended minor changes, as set out in Appendix 2.

- 2.2 To resolve to adopt the CDLP Review as previously modified and to authorise the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Community to make the necessary arrangements.
- 2.3 To authorise the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Community, in consultation with myself, to approve any further minor textual and/or technical changes to the Plan and to produce a final printed version of it once the six week period for High Court challenge has expired.
- 2.4 To note the contents of Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 and to have regard to these in reaching a decision on recommendations relating to them.
- 2.5 To refer this report and appendices to the 25 January Full Council meeting.

<b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
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- 3.1 Detailed reasons for the responses to the representations received are set out in Appendix 2. It is necessary to progress the Plan to adoption in line with the timetable set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme.