

## SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Report of:** Development Manager

**To:** Planning Committee - Wednesday, 12 February 2020

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**Subject** Review of Implemented Planning Decisions

**Purpose:** To report on the conclusions of the Performance Monitoring Panel and to invite the Committee to submit any comments back to the Panel

### **Recommendation:**

- 1) That the Planning Committee considers the Performance Monitoring Panel's conclusions and to agree any comments Members may wish to report back to the Panel.

### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Local Government Association's Probity in Planning guide highlights that it is good practice for councillors to visit a sample of implemented planning permissions to assess the quality of the decisions and the development. It is suggested that this should improve the quality and consistency of decision-making, strengthen public confidence in the planning system, and can help with reviews of planning policy.
- 1.2 At South Holland District Council, this review is undertaken by the Performance Monitoring Panel. Part 3, Section D (Delegations to Committees) of the Constitution states that the Performance Monitoring Panel shall 'revisit a number of implemented planning decisions'.
- 1.3 The Panel had previously carried out a tour of the District on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

### **2.0 THE TOUR**

- 2.1 The latest tour took place on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 with morning and afternoon sessions taking in different areas of the district. Eight Members took part and were present for the whole day.
- 2.2 A selection of eight residential developments were visited after prior discussion with the Chairman of the Panel. The sites chosen comprised both small and large-scale schemes with some under construction and some now complete.
- 2.3 For the day, Members were provided with an electronic information pack outlining the background and key issues relating to each site as well as a block plan of the site. Paper copies of this pack were provided where required. Verbal assistance was given on site where necessary and Officers noted Members' feedback for each site.
- 2.4 A debriefing was held after the tour to review the day and draw conclusions.



**Appendices attached to this report:**

Appendix A

Summary of Comments from Tour (Updated January 2020)