

CABINET 6.05.09 REF PUBLIC REALM AND MOVEMENT STRATEGY (ITEM 12)

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I'm speaking about consultation on the Strategy -

It was reported to Cabinet last November that PRMS was to be adopted as an SPD, supplementing policies on design, shopping, environment etc., and its release was authorised for Statutory Public Consultation in accordance with the Council's Adopted Statement of Community Involvement. To comply with the SCI a summary of the main issues raised in public responses and **how they are to be addressed must** be reported. Both these actions were clearly stated in the Consultation Questionnaire and also that the council intends to adopt the Strategy as an SPD. The intention to adopt as an SPD was also stated in the Public Notice made by Planning Services.

Yet the report to Cabinet tonight only contains a summary of key responses and there is no reference to adoption as an SPD, other than for developer contributions. Rather it is proposed that a final draft of the strategy highlighting detailed changes **made** will be **produced** for approval of the Cabinet members for Development & Major Projects and Customer Services.

In the absence of any further reference to the Strategy being adopted as an SPD, or Cabinet being informed of how the main issues raised are to be addressed, it is most concerning that you are now being asked to endorse the Strategy and that Council will be requested to input into its development as Policy **prior to its approval**. Furthermore the report states that the majority of comments included requests for ongoing consultation. As PRMS contributes to sustainable growth, Cabinet also seem obliged by resolution of Council last November (ref. Delivering Sustainable Growth in BANES*) to ensure full and meaningful engagement with the public on how it is to be implemented, but it seems the proposed engagement strategy is not yet in hand.

Please would you comment:-

- i) What arrangements and schedule are proposed for adoption of PRMS as an SPD?
- ii) What steps will be taken to publish how key comments will be addressed before the strategy is adopted as an SPD?
- iii) What steps will be taken to engage the public in implementation of this Strategy.

Thank you

- This ref. omitted, as worried I might run over time!