

Notice of Motion – Next Local Development Plan

Proposed by: Cllr Sam Swash

Seconded by: Cllr Gillian Brockley

Flintshire County Council notes:

1. that Flintshire County Council's Unitary Development Plan (2000-2015) was adopted in September 2011, eleven years late.
2. that Flintshire County Council's Local Development Plan (2015-2030) was adopted in January 2023, eight years late.
3. the significant community opposition to proposed sites allocated within both the UDP and the LDP, with the Ash Lane development in Hawarden & Mancot being particularly notable in its unpopularity across both plans.

Flintshire County Council believes:

1. that the residents and communities of Flintshire have paid a high price because of the Council's inability to adopt Development Plans sooner, leading to local communities, notably including Penyffordd, Higher Kinnerton, and Buckley, being overrun with inappropriate speculative private housing developments which significantly undermines local public services and infrastructure.
2. that insufficient community engagement has taken place in advance of previous plans, resulting in the top-down allocation of sites designed in the interests of landowners and private developers, with little-to-no community support for proposed sites.
3. that Local Development Plans should be designed in the interests of Flintshire's residents and communities, not in the interests of private housing developers and landowners.
4. that the number of social homes and truly affordable homes delivered under previous Development Plans is completely inadequate, and that the construction of such large numbers of unaffordable homes in previous plans has actively exacerbated the housing crisis in Flintshire.

Flintshire County Council resolves:

1. that Council expects that work should start immediately on the replacement Local Development Plan.
2. that Cabinet should develop and publish a strategy for enhanced community involvement in the plan process no later than the end of 2024.
3. to recommend that the request for candidate sites should be commenced no later than Q2 2025.
4. to recommend that a draft plan should be ready for a vote on depositing with the Welsh Government no later than Q3 2027.