

Dear Councillor,

In accordance with paragraph 16 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution, Councillor S J Osborne has requested that the draft decision contained in Minute 54.1 of the Cabinet at its meeting on 7 September 2011, be called-in for consideration by the Scrutiny Committee. The draft decision related to the "Review of Lewes Conservation Area Boundary" and the text of Minute 54.1 reads as follows:

"54.1 That the prioritisation of the progression of the boundary changes to Lewes Conservation Area, as recommended in the 2007 Conservation Area Character Appraisal and as detailed in Report No 147/11, be not agreed and that no further action be taken by the Council on the matter".

I am therefore now required to e-mail the reasons for the request of Councillor Osborne to all members of the Scrutiny Committee. The reasons are:

- 1) The work to extend the Lewes Conservation Area would be funded by the South Downs National Park Authority, so the cost implications would be minimal.
- 2) The extension would quite likely have widespread support in Lewes.
- 3) The decision by Cabinet gives the appearance of putting the interests of the County before the interests of the District.
- 4) This extension merits prioritisation over other proposed extensions because the County Council is currently consulting on proposals that would involve a change of use at the site. A delay in implementation might result in a permanent loss of opportunity to protect valuable open space in Lewes".

Members of the Scrutiny Committee must decide within two working days whether they support the request for the draft decision to be reviewed. If you do support the request, then you must e-mail your response to me, zoe.downton@lewes.gov.uk by 5.00pm on Tuesday, 20 September 2011.

A meeting of a Panel of the Committee will be held if at least five members of the Committee are in favour of calling in the draft decision.

As Councillor Osborne is a member of the Scrutiny Committee, her submission of the call-in request constitutes her as being one of the five members of the Committee who are required to be in favour of calling in the draft decision in order that a Panel of that Committee can consider the matter.

(NB I have copied this e-mail to members of the Cabinet, members of the Corporate Management Team and other appropriate officers FOR INFORMATION ONLY. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, **responses to this e-mail are required only from members of the Scrutiny Committee**).

