



## GETTING THE DOCUMENTS

### Where can I get the documents from?

*They can be picked up at Exhibitions, the Council Offices at Cromer, North Walsham and Fakenham (during office hours). They are available on request (tel 01263 516318) or to download from the website. [www.northnorfolk.org/ldf](http://www.northnorfolk.org/ldf) Documents can also be viewed at local libraries.*

### Do I have to pay for the documents?

*You can pick up a copy of the documents free of charge from the exhibitions or Council offices. If you want them posted to you there is a £10 p&p charge per set of two documents. CD ROMS will be provided and posted free of charge.*

### How do I find out more?

*Visit one of the exhibitions, read the September Outlook magazine or visit our website.*

### Can I have several copies?

*We only have a limited number of paper copies and we would appreciate organisations to limit the number of documents requested. We will be happy to provide relevant 'sections' of the documents as requested. Tel 01263 516321 for further information.*

### What does the CD ROM contain?

*The CD Rom contains the Core Strategy and Site Specific Proposals documents, comments form and the supporting Sustainability Appraisals.*

## SUBMITTING COMMENTS

### Do I **have** to use a comments form?

*It is really helpful if you can use a comments form or submit your comments using our on-line consultation system as this will help us deal with comments quickly and effectively. However if you wish to write a letter, email or fax please ensure it is clear which part of the document you are referring to and your name and contact details are supplied.*

**Six weeks isn't very long - Why won't you consider views outside this period?**

*This is a statutory six week period which is set by Government regulations.*

**I have views but have trouble writing – can you help me?**

*If you are able to get to an exhibition or one of the Council Offices (during open hours) there will be staff available to help you submit a representation. If this is not possible telephone 01263 516318 and we will endeavour to help.*

**I like some of the ideas but are they actually going to happen?**

*At this stage they are draft proposals that we are seeking views on. There is another stage of consultation and independent examination before the proposals can be adopted and implemented.*

**Will submitting my comments make any difference?**

*If there are points that haven't been considered it is important that they are raised at this stage so either they can be taken into account or it may mean that a site is no longer considered suitable. We will consider ALL comments that are made and the Council will form a view on what is best for the town and village or the District overall. If you agree with a proposal it is also important that you let us know to give a balanced picture.*

**I disagree with some of the sites proposed but how many objections will it take to stop a site being developed?**

*The substance of an objection is more important than the number of objections received.*

**I have a piece of land – how do I put it forward for consultation?**

*You are welcome to propose alternative sites. Details of how to do this are included in the Site Specific Proposal Consultation document.*

**When will the proposed changes take place?**

*The existing Local Plan will still be the planning policy for North Norfolk until the new Local development Framework is adopted in 2008, however new policies will start to carry more weight the further through the system they get. Proposals will still need to be subject to a planning application before development occurs.*

**I live next to a proposed site and wish to object. If the proposal still goes forward can I object again?**

*Yes. When revised documents are submitted to Government there is another six week period for*

comments. An independent inspector then looks at the views and makes the final decision. You will also be able to raise further objections if a planning application is made.

**Who ensures that the Council listens to the public?**

The independent inspector will look at all of the evidence including a consultation statement that summaries how we have invited comments, what comments were made and how these comments were considered and changes implemented. If the Authority is unable to demonstrate how your views were taken into account the Inspector may not approve the Plan.

**Do I need to go to the exhibition in my town or can I attend any one of them?**

The exhibitions will focus on the places in which they are held but information on all the proposals will be available at every exhibition.

**I can't get to an exhibition – can I still talk to a Planner about my concerns?**

Yes – telephone 01263 516321 and we will endeavour to help.

**What happens to my comments after I submit them?**

You will receive an acknowledgement to confirm your comments have been duly made (or rejected – in which case we will say why, and, time permitting, you will be able to resubmit your comments). Your comments will be entered onto a database and considered alongside others made. All comments will be reported to Members who will decide how the documents should be revised.

**Why do I have to provide my name and address?**

It is a statutory requirement that all comments are 'verified' by submission of bone fide names and addresses.

**When will the sites be developed?**

The District Council is not a developer. We expect that the proposals which are finally agreed will be built between 2008 and 2021. However, this will be subject to land owners and developers choosing to develop the sites as set out in the approved Plan.

**How were the sites identified?**

A range of sites have been considered. Some of these have been put forwarded by land owners, developers and other organisations and others have been identified by planning officers as

worthy of consideration because of its suitability for the type of development needed.

**How were 'preferred option' sites selected?**

The Council has completed a detailed appraisal of all of the sites to assess the social, economic and environmental impact. Further details are given in the consultation documents.

## **GYPSEY AND TRAVELLERS**

**Why do we have to have any sites?**

Recent changes to legislation have altered how the police and the Council can deal with gypsy and traveller encampments. In order to move unsuitable encampments, an alternative site must be offered that contains a suitable pitch (one that is provided with minimum facilities of water, toilets and hard standing – although these facilities can just be provided on a temporary basis as required). At present the Council does not have a designated site which will make it very difficult to move on unsuitable encampments.

**How was the 'need' for a site determined?**

By looking at previous patterns of traveller behaviour, the twice-yearly caravan counts, previous planning applications and a county-wide gypsy and traveller accommodation needs survey.

**Will the sites be permanent?**

The intention is to provide a site that will be for use for short periods of time (up to 3 months) and will be secured at all other times.

**When will you decide on which sites are used?**

Further work is currently being carried out to investigate site options which will be published for public consultation in Spring 2007. These will go through the same consultation and examination process as the rest of the documents and will then be subject to a planning application.

**HAVE YOU ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE ANSWERED?**

Please let us know and we will include them on this Q&A sheet.