

This newsletter is published each quarter to provide an update on the North Norfolk Local Development Framework. Previous newsletters can be viewed at www.northnorfolk.org/ldf



Site Specific Proposals Draft Plan Consultation on Key Changes

Following the Public Consultation this summer, the comments received were considered by the Council and some changes are now being proposed. These changes will be sent to the Inspector appointed to examine the Plan and it is for him/her to determine if any of the changes are accepted.

Most of the requested changes are limited to factual corrections or clarifications which do not dramatically alter the Plan, and these will be contained in a

'Schedule of Minor Modifications' that will be sent (alongside the Site Specific Proposals document) to Government for examination in the spring.

There are, however, a limited number of changes which the Council feels are more significant and would benefit from consultation prior to examination. These 'Key Changes' are set out in a new consultation document which is being published to enable your feedback.

Key Changes are being sought in the following locations:

Aldborough, Briston, Little Snoring, Sheringham, Stalham & Weybourne.

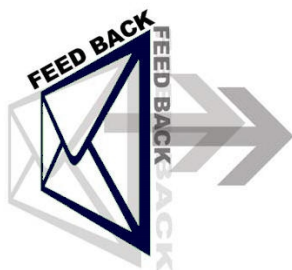
The 'Schedule of Key Changes' will be published for **Public Consultation** from **5 January to 16 February 2010**. From 5 January the document will be available from the Council Offices in Cromer & Fakenham, to view in local libraries (Aylsham, Fakenham, Holt, Sheringham & Stalham), and on the LDF Website. Documents can be sent to you - please contact us.

In relation to the changes in Stalham, an exhibition will be held at Stalham Town Hall on Tuesday 12 January from 3-7pm. Officers will be available here to discuss any of the Key Changes.

Please Note: **The Council is only seeking comments on the changes outlined in the Schedule of Key Changes consultation document. This is not an opportunity to comment on the original Site Specific Proposals Draft Plan (all comments received at the previous consultation stage in June/July 2009 will be sent to the Inspector for consideration). Comments received that do not relate to the Schedule of Key Changes consultation will not be accepted.**

Key Changes are proposed in the following situations:

- Where the Council will request that an additional site be considered;
- Where the Council will request that an alternative site should be considered;
- Where the Council is suggesting that a site should be reduced or increased in size and consequently would accommodate a different number of dwellings to that originally consulted upon; or
- Where requested changes to the policy requirements may result in a different form of development not previously envisaged (e.g. different access proposals).



Submitting your comments

Comments should be made via the Council's website at <http://consult.north-norfolk.gov.uk/portal> but may also be submitted in writing using the appropriate comments form. The forms will be available shortly to download from our LDF website or these can be posted to you on request - Tel 01263 516318.

Comments must be received by 5:00pm, Tuesday 16 February.

Conversion & Re-use of Rural Buildings as Dwellings

The Draft Policy for the Conversion & Re-use of Rural Buildings as Dwellings was published for Consultation from 2 October to 13 November 2009. In total **82** comments were made. Of these **16** supported the policy, **20** made comments and **46** objected to the soundness of the policy.

After considering the comments, the Council has identified a number of minor modifications it would like made to the Draft Policy. These modifications will be sent to the Planning Inspector in spring 2010 along with the original Draft Policy document and a copy of all comments made. It is for the Inspector to decide whether any changes should be made to the policy.

All comments received are available to view via the on-line consultation system: <http://consult.north-norfolk.gov.uk/portal> . See also: December LDF Working Party Report: <http://www.northnorfolk.org/council/4708.asp>

Submission & Examination Dates

Submission

The Council will submit two key documents for independent examination in spring 2010; The **Site Specific Proposals Draft Plan** and the **Conversion & Re-use of Rural Buildings as Dwellings Draft Policy**. Both documents will be sent in their original consultation format. Any requested changes by the Council are submitted separately for the Inspectors consideration.

Examination

It is anticipated that examination of both documents will commence in summer 2010. A pre-hearing meeting, held by the Inspector, will take place beforehand where the Inspector will set out the intended examination programme. Further details will be published in our spring newsletter.



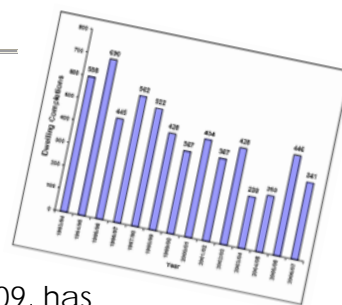
Code for Sustainable Homes

It is increasingly important that new development is as energy efficient as possible. During 2010 the Council will introduce new standards for energy efficient construction particularly in relation to the building of new dwellings. From October 2010 new dwellings will be required to achieve at least a three star rating under the Code for Sustainable Homes. These changes in planning policy are likely to coincide with revisions to the National Building Regulations.

Advice on the measures which can contribute towards complying with the Codes requirements is available from the Council's Sustainability Coordinator on 01263 516271

Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)

Each year we publish an AMR which shows the Council's progress with the production of policy documents and the performance of policies. This underpins the LDF as the mechanism which enables the Council to 'plan, monitor and review' its planning policies. This year's submission, covering 2008/09, has been prepared and is available to view or download from the LDF website.



Christmas Wishes to you all...



Our special thanks to everybody who took part in our consultation events this year.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous new year!

Finding out more...

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