

Local Development Framework: Reg 25 Consultees

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Dear Consultee

North Norfolk Local Development Framework (LDF) Public Consultation on Core Strategy Submission Document

Following consideration of the comments received on the 'preferred options' consultation in September 2006, North Norfolk District Council has submitted the following documents to Government for Examination:

- **Core Strategy** (incorporating development control policies) Development Plan Document – this contains the policies that determine which settlements in North Norfolk are suitable for development, how much they will receive and when it will be permitted up to 2021.
- A **Proposals Map** showing the areas where the Core Strategy policies will apply.
- Supporting / background documents as follows:
 - Sustainability Appraisal Report – assessing the environmental, social and economic implications of the Core Strategy
 - Appropriate Assessment Report – assessing the impact of the Core Strategy on European Wildlife Sites.
 - Consultation Statement – explaining how the public and others were involved in preparation of the Core Strategy
 - Background Paper 1: Housing – explains the housing numbers
 - Background Paper 2: Retail – explains the retail policies
 - Background Paper 3: Employment land – explains the quantity of land to be reserved for employment development.

These documents have been enclosed for your information (either in paper copy or on the enclosed CD-Rom) and we are seeking your views on the Submitted **Core Strategy** during a formal **six week period of consultation** which runs from **midday 18 June to midday 30 July 2007**.

Please note that the Core Strategy does not make allocations for new development sites, these will be within a Site Specific Proposals document which is programmed for further consultation early in 2008, with submission in August 2008.

Please make your comments on the Core Strategy via the representation form, which is enclosed, or by using our on-line consultation system (www.northnorfolk.org/ldf and follow the links to the public consultation page). If you are making a number of representations about different parts of the Core Strategy please use a separate form for each. The representation form can be photocopied and / or further copies can be requested from NNDC. Representation forms should be sent to: the LDF Programme Officer, North Norfolk District Council, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN. Please note that this is a statutory period of consultation and all comments must be received by midday on 30 July 2007 in order to be considered. The enclosed leaflet 'Comments Form Guidance Notes' gives further information on making your representation.

Further copies of the documents and representation forms are available from:

- North Norfolk District Council offices in Cromer and Fakenham (during office hours)
- To view in North Norfolk libraries – please call individual libraries for opening times
- Our website www.northnorfolk.org/ldf - all information including an on-line consultation system for submitting your comments on-line is available

Thank you to those who made comments during the previous 'preferred options' consultation in 2006. These comments have informed the preparation of the Submission Core Strategy, and the Consultation Statement summarises the main issues raised and how they have been addressed in the Core Strategy.

Next steps:

Following submission the Government will appoint an Inspector to examine the 'soundness' of the Core Strategy. Copies of all representations received will be sent to the Inspector for his / her consideration and will also be available to view at the Council offices, local libraries and via the LDF website.

The Core Strategy does not make individual site allocations, however it does designate land for certain purposes. Any representations received that seek a boundary change will undergo a further six week period of consultation starting in August, details of which will be advertised, sent to consultees and made available in the same way as the consultation documents.

The Government intends that the majority of comments will be considered by written representations. However those seeking to make a change to the Core Strategy can request to be 'heard' by the Inspector at the public hearing which is programmed for December 2007. Following examination the Inspector will publish recommendations of how the Core Strategy should be amended. These are binding on the Council and must be made before the Core Strategy can be adopted.

Representations made on the submission Core Strategy may be accompanied by a request to be notified of the publication of the recommendations of the person appointed to carry out the examination (the Inspector) or the adoption of the Core Strategy or both.

Please take this opportunity to influence the policies that will shape future development in North Norfolk. If you have any queries about the public consultation, or the Local Development Framework as a whole, please contact a member of the Planning Policy team on 01263 516318.

Yours sincerely



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