

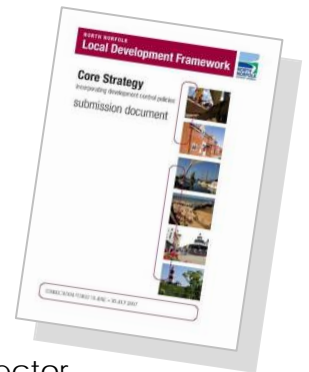
Local Development Framework

Update Bulletin – Winter 2007/08

This newsletter is published each quarter to provide an update on the North Norfolk Local Development Framework.

Core Strategy in the spotlight

It is with a sigh of relief from the Planning Policy Team that the examination hearing sessions for the Core Strategy are now finished – although there will now be a nervous wait of 4 – 5 months before we hear whether or not the Inspector finds the Core Strategy to be ‘sound’ or ‘unsound’.



The examination hearings were in 2 phases, the first commencing on 4th December running until the 14th. Phase 2 commenced on 8th January 2008 with the final hearing being held on the 18th. Each hearing involved informal discussion based on a series of ‘topic’ based questions that the Inspector raised. All participants were invited to submit written responses to these questions and these statements are available to download or view from the on-line **Examination Library**. Details of all the hearings are available on the LDF website.

Minor modifications

Following the representations and during the course of the public hearings of the Core Strategy, Planning Policy identified a number of proposed modifications that they felt were acceptable minor changes to improve clarity and consistency. In total this resulted in 154 proposed minor modifications which the Inspector will consider as part of his examination of the Core Strategy. A copy of the Core Strategy including all of the minor modifications is available to view/download from the Examination Library (Library document No. I5(iii)).

Coastal Service Village workshops



In September and October 2007 workshops were held in Weybourne, Overstrand, Mundesley, Bacton and Happisburgh. These workshops aimed to look at the specific issues affecting coastal service villages and a collaborative review of future options. Between twenty and thirty representatives attended each workshop and included members of local Parish Councils, local businesses, clubs and organisations.

As might be expected, each workshop gave rise to particular issues that were specific to each place although there were common themes, in addition to the problem of coastal erosion, such as affordable housing and retention of key facilities and services. A clear message from all settlements was that in order for them to remain viable communities they needed positive planning and a strong vision for future change.

In conclusion, the workshops generated a lot of ideas and useful information which will help in developing the Site Specific Proposals and Coastal Management Plan.

Site Specific Proposals

Review of timetable & new guidance (Streamlining the LDF)

The Council is currently reviewing its timetable to bring forward the Site Specific Proposals document. This document will identify site locations for the new development and the requirements for these developments based on the housing numbers for each settlement in the Core Strategy. An added consideration is that the Government are currently consulting on new guidance (Streamlining LDFs) which aims to change the process under which local planning authorities prepare development plan documents. It is anticipated that any new proposals will be published in the Spring and we will be expected to adhere to the guidelines with immediate effect.



Planning Policy are reviewing the full implications of the proposals and what they mean for North Norfolk and further details of the revised timetable will be given in the Spring LDF newsletter. However, it is still the intention to consult further on sites during 2008 with submission likely to be late 2009. We will resubmit the Local Development Scheme to Government in due course where details of the new timetable can be found. In the mean time further details and updates will be available on the LDF website.

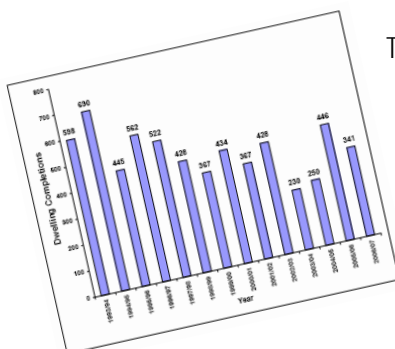
North Norfolk Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document



The aim of this document is to provide further advice and guidance to developers on how to achieve the Core Strategy policies relating to design (EN4) and sustainable construction and energy efficiency (EN6). A first draft of the guide is currently undergoing a period of internal consultation, and it is anticipated that the 6 week public consultation on this SPD will take place in early summer 2008. This will be widely advertised and further details regarding this consultation will be provided in the next LDF newsletter.

Annual Monitoring Report

Each year the Council prepares an AMR which presents progress on 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 policy.



This year's submission, covering 2006/07, has been prepared and is available to view/download from the LDF website.

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