

North Norfolk Local Plan Examination

Week 3: Inspector's actions raised in examination hearings, and Council's response

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| <p>Q3. Please provide a table of all Open Spaces proposed for designation, specifying which of these are carried forward from a previous Local Plan and which are new. Include details of the current use of each site, which designation type is being proposed, and which are privately owned.</p> | <p>See Appendix 1 Examination Library document EH016 (l)</p> <p>At the hearing sessions the Inspector asked for further clarity and information relating to the designation of various types of Open Spaces. He subsequently requested ownership information which we have taken to mean what is the sites 'use' and whether it is 'privately owned'. In many cases we are unaware of specific ownership and have indicated accordingly on the attached table.</p> <p>Policy HC2 includes three separate types of designation. These are:</p> <p>Formal Education and Recreation Areas - These are school playing fields, recreation grounds, sports pitches etc</p> <p>Open Land Areas - Areas of land which contribute positively to the character of the area as a consequence of being open (free of development). In terms of ownership and land use these include lots of types of sites such as church yards, car parks, private gardens, village greens, allotments, and informal recreation spaces in a mix of both public and private ownership. Neither public access nor recreational use are qualifying criteria for designation.</p> <p>Local Green Spaces - These are the Local Green Spaces which meet the 'demonstrably special' threshold included in the NPPF.</p> <p>Almost without exception, these spaces are located within the proposed develop boundaries of growth settlements, so if not</p> |

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| | designated then these sites would become available, at least in principle, for development. |
| Q4. Please provide a copy of the suggested alternate Open Land Area map for OSP195 (Land at Warren Road, High Kelling), as submitted at the hearing session on Wednesday 6 th March by Sarah Hurry on behalf of the Rudd Family. | See Appendix 2 Examination Library document EH016 (I) |
| Q5. Please provide the planning appeal decision for 39 New Road, Blakeney PF/15/0483. | See Appendix 3 Examination Library document EH016 (I) |
| Q6. Please provide background heritage and landscape documentation related to Blakeney: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blakeney Conservation Area Appraisal • Aerial & historic maps of The Pastures, Blakeney, including 39 New Road. • Norfolk Coast AONB Integrated Landscape Guidance • North Norfolk Landscape Character Assessment SPD | See Appendix 4-6 Examination Library document EH016 (I) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 4 Blakeney Conservation Area Appraisal • Appendix 5 Aerial & historic maps of The Pastures, Blakeney, including 39 New Road. • Appendix 6 Norfolk Coast AONB Integrated Landscape Guidance • North Norfolk Landscape Character Assessment SPD (See Examination Library document J7) |
| Q7. Please provide any policy documents that relate to the Heritage Coast and Undeveloped Coast designations. | See Background Paper 9: Coastal Change & Management (Examination Library document C9) Background Paper 9 sets out the rationale to Policy ENV3. Chapter 6 paragraph 6.3, summarises the key coastal issues and Chapters 7 - 10 provides an explanation, review and revised conclusions regarding the proposed policy wording. Heritage Coast The North Norfolk Heritage Coast was originally designated by the Countryside Commission in April 1975, a predecessor of Natural |

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| | <p>England. The North Norfolk Heritage Coast can be viewed on Natural England 's website: Heritage Coasts (England) Natural England Open Data Geoportal (arcgis.com)</p> <p>Paragraph 184 of the NPPF recognises the special quality of the Heritage Coast and states that 'planning policies and decisions should be consistent with the special character of the area and the importance of its conservation.' It also states that 'Major development within a Heritage Coast is unlikely to be appropriate, unless it is compatible with its special character.'</p> <p>Undeveloped Coast The Undeveloped Coast designation was established as part of the 1998 North Norfolk Local Plan. In line with the aims of national policy PPG20 and Regional Spatial Strategy policy SS9, Policy EN3 of the current North Norfolk Core Strategy continued the approach to protect the undeveloped coast from inappropriate development. The NPPF continues to promote maintaining the character of the undeveloped coast (Para 180 (c)).</p> <p>The Undeveloped Coast is therefore rolled forward through policy ENV3 in the emerging Local Plan. The designated area shown on the Policies Map, as consulted on in January 2022, was adjusted to exclude proposed growth settlements (new or amended), otherwise the Undeveloped Coast is unchanged from its originally defined geographic area.</p> |
| <p>Q8. Please provide the Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan, as submitted, the Examiners Report, and the final, made version of the Plan.</p> <p>N.B: The Council to include the following for additional context: 'Interim Decision Statement February 2023' (showing further proposed modifications).</p> | <p>See Appendix 1-4 Examination Library document EH016 (m)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan (Examination Version) • Appendix 2 Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Examination Report • Appendix 3 Interim Decision Statement February 2023 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appendix 4 Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan (Made Version) |
| Q9. Please provide Holt Neighbourhood Plan made version. | See Appendix 5 Examination Library document EH016 (m) |