

Summer 2015 Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the Planning Policy newsletter which will be published on a quarterly basis.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed about the work we are doing in relation to producing the new Local Plan for the district.

The Local Plan provides the planning policy context for development across the whole of North Norfolk. It sets out the policies against which planning applications will be assessed including policies on housing, the economy, community facilities, safeguarding the natural and built environment, adapting to climate

change and securing good design. The document will also allocate land for development for housing and employment uses.

We want you to be involved as we develop our new Local Plan and this newsletter sets out the first steps we are taking to achieve this.

We hope you enjoy the first edition and find it useful and informative and we look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Launch of the Local Plan

Local Plans are the key to delivering sustainable development that reflects the vision and aspirations of local communities.

The National Planning Policy Framework (2012) (NPPF) requires Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) to prepare and maintain up to date Local Plans (called 'Development Plans' in legislation). They should comply with national policy and guidance and provide for all development needs whilst being consistent with the principles of sustainable development. Planning decisions must be taken in accordance with the Local Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Council's current Local Plans were adopted in 2008 (Core Strategy) and 2011 (Site Allocations). Whilst our current policies broadly comply with the NPPF, there are likely to be an increasing number of tensions, especially in relation to which types of development require planning permission. Most notably the NPPF adopts a more pro-development approach than that which underpinned the preparation of our current plans.

The Council is now starting the process to produce a new Local Plan covering the period 2016-2036. The following pages of this newsletter outline the timetable for production of the new Local Plan (The Local Development Scheme (LDS)), the scope of what we think should be included in the new Local Plan (the Regulation 18 notification), and our Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out how we will consult people throughout the plan-making process. We are seeking your views on some of these documents and details of how to contact us are included in the relevant section of this newsletter.

This is your chance to help shape the future of North Norfolk ...

We want you to get involved!



The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the timetable for the preparation of all Local Plan documents, including which documents are proposed to be prepared and when. It also shows the stages where the public can get involved in the plan-making process.

The preparation of Local Plans is subject to specific regulations, a formal duty to engage positively with other bodies (called the Duty to Co-operate), at least two separate statutory periods of public

consultation and independent examination to establish the legal compliance and 'soundness' of the plan. The Local Plan must be based on a credible and proportionate evidence base and should positively seek to address all needs for different types of development. The diagram below shows the milestones we must achieve and when we hope to reach them:

Milestones	Key Stages of Local Plan Preparation	Provisional Timetable
1	Project planning	June 2015 – July 2017
	Plan Preparation	
	Notification of Scope of plan and consultation	
	Evidence gathering	
	Options development	
	Options consultation	August – September 2017
	Options development into Draft local plan	October 2017
2	Draft Plan Consultation	November – December 2017
3	Submission preparation	January – August 2018
	Submission	
	Pre-hearing meeting	
	Examination in public	
5	Inspectors report	October – December 2018
6	Adoption	
7	Period for High Court Challenge	January – March 2019

It is not possible to be absolutely certain about the timetable for plan preparation at the start of the process. Experience suggests that there will be delays at various stages and the initial timetable will require adjustment as work proceeds.

The LDS has been through the Council's Cabinet where it was formally agreed that it would take effect from the 3rd August 2015. The document is available on our website at the following page:
<http://www.northnorfolk.org/planning/10109.asp>

The new Local Plan will provide the planning strategy for the district for the period 2016 - 2036. The Local Plan must establish future levels of housing and economic development and outline the spatial strategy for accommodating such development. It will also include new allocations of land.

The Regulation 18 notification document sets out the subjects the Council considers should be addressed in the new Local Plan. This broadly includes:

- Housing
- Natural and historic environment
- Employment and economic development
- Community and
- Transport

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how the Council will consult members of the public and other stakeholders in the preparation of planning policy documents and the determination of planning applications. It provides details on the minimum statutory requirements for consultation at both the plan-making stage and the planning application stage and gives details on the different consultation methods that the Council may use.

Both documents are available to view on-line via our consultation portal:

<http://consult.north-norfolk.gov.uk/portal>



Get involved!

You are invited to comment on the Regulation 18 notification document, and advise us if you think there are any other subjects which you feel have not been identified and which you consider should be included in the Local Plan. The consultation on this document will run for a period of 8 weeks from the **17th August 2015** until the **9th October 2015**.

You are invited to comment on the contents of the SCI, and advise us if you think there is anything that has not been fully addressed. **The consultation on this document will run for a period of 8 weeks from the 17th August 2015 until the 9th October 2015.**

Our online consultation portal is the quickest and simplest method for submitting your comments. Upon registering you will be provided with a unique customer reference which you can use in all future correspondence. Responses can be drafted at several sittings, enabling you to work through the form at your own pace.

However, if you are unable to submit your comments online please use the appropriate consultation response form, which can be found on the following webpage:

www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/localplan and email it to us at planningpolicy@north-norfolk.gov.uk or if you prefer, post your response form to: **Planning Policy Team, NNDC, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN.**

What happens next?.....

North Norfolk
LocalPlan

Two launch events are going to be held where we will explain a little bit more about what a local plan is and answer any questions you might have:

1st September – town and parish councils: 4pm to 6pm, NNDC

offices, Holt Road, Cromer;

2nd September – agents and developers: 5pm to 7pm, NNDC offices, Holt Road, Cromer.

If you wish to attend please email

planningpolicy@north-norfolk.gov.uk

or call **01263 516318** by the **21st August 2015** to book your space.

Following the end of the consultations we need to prepare a large amount of evidence to inform the new Local Plan. This work is expected to take around 18 months to complete. During this time we will keep our website updated with headlines

from the evidence as it is published so you can see our progress.

In addition, we will be undertaking a ‘**call for sites**’ which is your opportunity to let us know about any land which you feel is appropriate for development.

Details of all of the above will be kept up to date on our website and the Autumn 2015 edition of this newsletter will contain more information.

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