

Site Allocations Local Plan

Statement of Common Ground

Reference: SoCG/Forest Heath District Council and Suffolk County Council

Date 05 October 2017

This statement of common ground relates to the representations made by Suffolk County Council in relation to the Forest Heath Proposed Submission Site Allocations Local Plan. The objections made by Suffolk County Council have been considered and this Statement of Common has been agreed by Forest Heath District Council and Suffolk County Council for submission to the Inspector for the Site Allocations Local Plan Examination.

The parties are agreed that the changes suggested in Suffolk County Council's representations can be made. The proposed modifications are attached to this statement of common ground at Annex A for information.

In addition, there are modifications suggested by the County Council which both parties agree are no longer required. The representation number, modification suggested and reason why they are no longer required are set out below.

Rep ID number	Policy/ paragraph	Modification suggested	Reason why no longer required
24817	Policy SA7: Housing and mixed use allocations in Lakenheath	In order to ensure consistency with others sites it may be appropriate to refer to the fact that archaeological conditions are expected to be required on sites (a) and (b)	No evidence that the policy needs to go beyond what is required in the NPPF and the adopted Joint Development Management DPD.
24818	Policy SA8: Focus of growth – North Lakenheath	At present supporting text makes reference to archaeological requirements at site (d). For consistency, similar reference ought to be made to site (b)	No evidence that the policy needs to go beyond what is required in the NPPF and the adopted Joint Development

			Management DPD.
24825	Policy SA13: Housing and mixed use allocations in Kentford	The reference to archaeology in the policy is supported, but it could be moved to the supporting text	Leave the wording in the policy as archaeological potential is sufficient that it is worth keeping the requirement in the policy

On the basis of the above Suffolk County Council considers the concerns regarding unsoundness will no longer apply.

Signed on behalf of Forest Heath District Council



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Signed on behalf of Suffolk County Council



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Proposed Main and Additional Modifications as a result of Suffolk County Council representations

Site Allocations Local Plan proposed main modifications

Rep ID number and consultee	Ref	Page	Policy/ Paragraph	Modification
24813 Suffolk County Council		35	Policy SA5: Housing allocations in Mildenhall	<i>Amend final line to read:</i> Site (a) (b) requires pre determination desk based archaeological evaluation.
24816 Suffolk County Council		47	Policy SA6: Housing and mixed use allocations in Newmarket	<i>Delete reference to archaeology under Site (c):</i> ...The brief should include any mitigation measures required to make the development acceptable in social, economic and environmental terms. Archaeological evaluation of this site will be required at an early stage.
Suffolk County Council		71	Policy SA9: Housing allocations in Red Lodge	<i>Amend point (C) to read:</i> C) Necessary archaeological evaluation should be carried out prior to decisions on site layout and determination, to allow preservation in situ <u>where appropriate</u> and to allow archaeological strategies to be defined;
Suffolk County Council		74	Policy SA10: Focus of growth – North Red Lodge	<i>Amend point (F) to read:</i> F) Archaeological evaluation should be carried out prior to decisions on site layout and determination to allow preservation in situ <u>where appropriate</u> and to allow appropriate archaeological strategies to be defined;

24820 Suffolk County Council		87	Policy SA12: Housing allocation in Exning	<p><i>Insert new point 'F' at end of policy:</i></p> <p><u>F) In advance of determination, initial archaeological field evaluation must be carried out in order to identify the significance of any archaeological assets.</u></p>
Suffolk County Council		97	Policy SA14: Housing allocation and school expansion in West Row	<p><i>Add the following text after the last sentence:</i></p> <p>1ha of land to the south of The Green as identified on the Policies Map is required for expansion of the existing primary school. <u>Proportionate archaeological evaluation will be required to allow archaeological strategies to be designed.</u></p>

Site Allocations Local Plan proposed additional modifications

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24827 Suffolk County Council		15	Paragraph 3.11	<p><i>New paragraph 3.12 and renumber subsequent paragraphs:</i></p> <p><u>At a local level, and to inform this local plan, a cumulative traffic impact study has identified locations where mitigation will be required to address the cumulative impacts of growth in the plan period. At the planning application stage, and in line with the Planning Practice Guidance on Travel Plans, Transport Assessments and Statements, developers may be required to assess not only highway impacts of their own proposals on these locations but to include the cumulative impacts from other permitted and allocated development in the locality. Where it is necessary to negate the transport impacts of development, developers will be required to ensure provision of necessary improvements in line with Policy DM45 (of the adopted JDMP document Development Management Policies Document 2015).</u></p>
Suffolk County Council		37	Paragraph 5.6.8	<p><i>Insert new 11th bullet point:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>the Newmarket Surface Water Management Plan is developing proposals for reducing flood risk in the town. Development proposals should have regard to whether they impact on the emerging strategy.</u>