Appendix I: SHELAA consultation responses from town and parish councils

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made			
Bardwell Pa	Bardwell Parish Council					
WS001	The Location of the site has been incorrectly labelled. The parish council acknowledge the site has merit for a small development (no more than 10 properties). The Parish Council identify there are parking issues along School Lane are an ongoing problem, particularly in relation to the school. However, the opportunity to create a suitable solution to this problem would arise.	Noted. The name of the site will be amended to 'Land at School Lane, Bardwell'.	Amend to 'Land at School Lane, Bardwell'			
WS002	The parish council are strongly opposed to this site. The road is not suitable to deal with additional traffic from development at this site. Knox lane suffers from a lack of drainage which in turn impacts Low Street; development would increase these pressures. The site is also located on a high point of the village and development here would detract from the character of the surrounding countryside	Noted.	No change necessary			
Barrow-cun	n-Denham Parish Council (including neighbo	ourhood plan site assessments submitted sepa	arately)			
	The parish council submitted a letter covering the following issues: 1. Neighbourhood Plan; 2. Constraints and housing numbers; 3. Generally applicable issues and options: 3.1 community sensitivity; 3.2 prosperity, employment and transport; 3.3 local geography; 3.4 sewerage' 3.5 heritage.	The NPPF requires local planning authorities to "have a clear understanding of the land available in their area through the preparation of a strategic housing land availability assessment." (paragraph 67). This is the SHELAA. The purpose of the SHELAA is not to allocate land for development nor does it indicate that planning permission would be granted for development of a site. It is an initial piece of evidence required to ascertain how much land is available in the	No change necessary			

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
		plan area. A new local plan for West Suffolk is being prepared which will set out a strategy for growth in West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. The views of the parish council and the helpful information set out in your letter are noted. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan.	
Barton Mills	s Parish Council		
WS016	The PC identified this site for a potential exception site scheme but we were advised by planners permission would not be granted. The road is not suitable to deal with additional traffic if the development exceeds 6 properties on this site and site WS015.	Noted	No change necessary
WS017	The PC are seeking to use this land for an exception site scheme and at the current time this land is outside the settlement boundary.	Noted	No change necessary
WS015	The road is not suitable to deal with additional traffic if the development exceeds 6 properties on this site and WS016.	Noted	No change necessary
WS430	The parish council believe this is owned if not managed by Suffolk Wildlife Trust and is currently a designated nature reserve, therefore it would be very likely to be refused for development.	Noted. The southern part of the site includes the Barton Mills Nature Reserve. The site has been deferred as the site forms part of SPA location.	No change necessary

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
WS232	This is a conservation area but the parish council believe it not to be in a special area of conservation nor an area of special protection. A large house has been built within the past 2 or 3 years or so, as part of a site already with consent granted, I would estimate just 1-200 meters away, also with frontage to Newmarket Road. A second site a little further along Newmarket Road (The Old Dog and Partridge) also has consent granted, so we would strongly recommend this site be revisited.	Noted. This site is deferred as it is within a SAC or SPA location or associated buffer zones	No change necessary
Bradfield St	George Parish Council		
WS247	The PC support the site not being included as housing as it is not adjacent to the settlement boundary.	Noted	No change necessary
Cavendish I	Parish Council		
WS057	The site is exposed on the edge of the village and development here would detract from the character of the surrounding countryside. The scale of site is too large to be appropriate for a local service centre whilst the release of part of the site for up to 10 dwellings would not represent a logical extension to the built-up area. Existing access to the site would be inappropriate to the site. The additional traffic generated by development on the site would be detrimental to residential amenity and heritage.	The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan	No change necessary

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
WS058	The summary text states this site lies outside the settlement boundary, but the PC believe it lies within the current development plan settlement boundary for Cavendish. A public footpath on the site is no longer in use and the current route passes along the western and near the northern edges of the site. The edge of the site should remain undeveloped and used for low level landscaping.	Noted. We will amend the site's proforma to reflect the position of the site relative to the settlement boundary.	Amend the form to reflect the location of the site within the settlement boundary.
Chedburgh	Parish Council	·	,
Factual information	Designation in SEBC local plan as a local service centre. Loss of primary school, shop and pub means this is no longer appropriate.	The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan.	No change necessary
WS065	Map inaccuracies/out of date. Believed to be the most suitable site for development but issues to be addressed, and	Noted Noted	No change necessary
WS061	views on type of development. Felt that this is the most suitable for larger scale development, however demand for houses in Chedburgh appears limited.	Noted	No change necessary

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
WS064	This site appears to be a logical extension of WS065 but would present access difficulties.	Noted	No change necessary
WS059	This site comprises land that was associated with and used by the Marquis Cornwallis Public House until its closure about three years ago. The land is inextricably linked to the potential resurrection of the pub which could be returned to its use as a valuable local facility and community asset. Although the pub has been closed for some time it (including this land) is designated as an asset of community value and a local community interest company has been formed to seek to buy the whole site. The PC believes that this, coupled with the site's position on the margins of the village in a very prominent countryside position, make the site unsuitable. Therefore, the PC believes that this site should not be included. In terms of ownership, the documentation states that there is a single owner. The owner of the pub/Site WS059 has informed the PC and the community interest company that he has disposed of part of the site. We have been led to believe that there may be other legal issues relating to ownership.	Noted. The Marquis Cornwallis as well as the open land and car park on the opposite side of the road was listed as an asset of community value (ACV) on 23rd November 2016. The ACV listing will continue for a period of 5 years. The planning history is noted. Planning permission has been refused for conversion to a dwelling twice (most recently 21 January 2019, reference DC/18/2402/FUL) as it is contrary to JDMP local plan Policy DM41. Consequently, the car park and open land should be considered as part of the existing pub use, and as such it is not currently suitable for development.	Change SHELAA status deferred.
Other Sites	The PC recognises the need for housing growth and is supportive of suitably sized and well-designed development. It believes that in identifying the sites above as potentially the most suitable and achievable sites for development it has identified an adequate	Noted and welcomed. However, the SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic	No change necessary

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
	supply within the village on a 5 to 20-year view.	development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan	
Chevingtor	1		
Clare Town	Comments on suitability: 1. The village is served by four 'B' roads 2. The village does not have easy, direct access to an 'A' road or to the A14 or a railway station. 3. There will potentially be even more vehicles coming into the village to service these new houses which could add to problems the village already has with speeding vehicles. 4. The village itself does not have a school, a GP surgery, shops of any kind, or a school within it and there is only a small (old) village hall and a pub alongside the parish church. The pumping station is fairly old and just this year, had a problem with a discharge of sewage onto a public footpath due to the heavy rains experienced in October. My council feel that extra houses using this facility would cause these problems to happen even more often. 5. Allowing a large housing development would change the atmosphere and ambience of the village.	The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan	No change necessary
WS071	Detailed comments. The concerns registered with this site relate to infrastructure and	Comments noted. However, the SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give	

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made	
	sustainability, namely healthcare, education, highways safety, public transport, parking, employment.	planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic		
WS072	Detailed comments and concerns, including site access and parking, wildlife interests, surface water drainage and the indicative capacity.	development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan	No change necessary	
WS073	Detailed comments and concerns.	Noted. The site satisfies the requirements of the SHELAA and so will remain included.		
WS074	Detailed comments. All major concerns about pressure on an already inadequate infrastructure were raised for this site. The proposed yield of 254 dwellings was considered by everyone to be unsustainable. The position outside the settlement boundary, and the distance from Clare town centre, would inevitably result in increased car travel which, when coupled with the identified traffic congestion on the A1092, would encourage residents towards Long Melford and Sudbury.			
WS075	Detailed comments and concerns including presence of archaeological remains, flooding, lack of infrastructure.	Noted. The site satisfies the requirements of the SHELAA and so will remain included.	No change necessary	
WS300 WS301 WS302 WS557 WS659 WS660	Comments – additional information provided.	Noted – these sites are all deferred.	No change necessary	
Cowlinge Parish Council				

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
WS077	The site is not acceptable as there was an established and excellent view from Tillbrooks Hill across the fields and right through to the church and beyond.	Noted. However, the SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk	No change necessary
WS078	The site is acceptable.	and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan	No change necessary
Freckenhar	n Parish Council		
WS084	This site should be excluded on the grounds that this site is unsuitable for housing.	The site satisfies the requirements of SHELAA and so will remain included. The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan.	No change necessary
WS331	The site should be included in the SHELAA for either housing or small business units.	The site is located outside of the existing settlement boundary and so will remain deferred.	No change necessary
Great Barto	on Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan W	orking Group	,
WS040	This is within the existing local plan. The proforma states there are proposals for 1250 homes. The developer has already gone to public consultation on the basis of 1375. We are concerned that this is contrary to the number in the local plan and there will be	Noted. The yield used within the SHELAA proforma reflects the yield indicated in the existing local plan (Bury Vision 2031). Where a planning application has been submitted on the site, the more up to date figure has been used. At the time of the consultation, an application	No change necessary

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
	significant traffic and environmental impacts. Also concerned about the lack of infrastructure to support this size of development including health care provision.	had not been submitted on the site and so the local plan yield was used. The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan.	
WS088 WS089 WS091	The views of residents on these three sites were sought for the draft neighbourhood plan. The majority of residents are against development of these three sites and they have been rejected in the emerging draft neighbourhood plan. The sites are outside of the settlement boundary and their development will have an adverse impact on the identified important views into and out of the village. 92% of residents responding to the NP questionnaire said that the neighbourhood plan should protect the arable/grassland/ farmland/ landscape within the parish.	These sites are adjacent to the settlement boundary and satisfy the requirements of the SHELAA and so will remain included. The SHELAA does not allocate sites and so we will consider your comments when moving forward with the West Suffolk Local Plan.	No change necessary
WS090	There are significant constraints to the development of this site, reflected in the rejection of previous planning applications. This plot is adjacent to WS665 which has been deferred due to environmental constraints and no suitable access, and the access is currently the same for both sites. The emerging draft neighbourhood plan will not include this site for housing due to the	Noted. Thank you for your comments. The site has been deferred due to environmental constraints: proximity to trees protected by TPO.	Changed to deferred due to environmental constraints: proximity to trees protected by TPO.

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
	adverse environmental impact, however the parish council planning committee's view is that by allowing the erection of one dwelling, this could deter the attention of developers and thereby protect the overall parcel of land from the future development of a greater number of dwellings.		
	The emerging draft neighbourhood plan will be proposing that this plot is designated as local green space.		
WS092	The Triangle between Mill Road, School Road and the A143 - This site is identified for mixed use - housing and community facilities within the existing local plan - 40 dwellings up to 2031.	Noted	No change necessary
WS274	92% of residents responding to the NP questionnaire said that the neighbourhood plan should protect the arable/grassland/farmland/landscape within the parish.	Noted	No change necessary
WS327	There are many other significant reasons for rejecting this site. It is not adjacent to a settlement boundary. The traffic and environmental impacts arising from development of this site would have a significant detrimental effect on the quality of life of the residents in the communities of the Fornhams and Great Barton.	Noted	This site is neither included nor deferred in the SHELAA. It is one of three identified for further exploration through the local plan process. See Appendix F and map.

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made		
WS333 WS334	These sites are not suitable as they are too remote from services.	Noted	No change necessary		
WS335	Planning permission for a five bedroom house and detached double garage on this plot was granted on 18 September 2017.	Noted	No change necessary		
WS573	This site was considered as part of the neighbourhood plan considerations and was rejected by the majority of residents. It is outside of the settlement boundary. It would have an adverse impact on the important views into and from the village.	Noted	No change necessary		
WS665	The comments given on the adjacent site WS090 also apply to this site. The emerging draft NP has rejected this plot for housing and will be proposing the plot is designated as local green space.	Noted	No change necessary		
Great Bradl	ey Parish Council				
WS093	The parish council took the views of the majority of Parishioners present at that meeting and felt it unlikely at this stage that this site would be supported.	The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan	No change necessary		
Haverhill To	Haverhill Town Council				

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
WS096	This site is outside the civil parish of Haverhill and lies within Withersfield.	Noted	No change necessary
WS217	No comment	Noted	No change necessary
WS097	The site is not suitable for development and should remain a green buffer zone to protect the natural landscape and surrounding villages from Haverhill's growth. Insufficient transport links, would compromise medical services, could potentially become a dormitory village, Braintree District Council has considered the site unsustainable.	The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth in West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan.	No change necessary
WS098	County wildlife must be inviolate	Noted	No change necessary
WS099	No comment	Noted	No change necessary
WS100	No comment	Noted	No change necessary
WS101	The site should remain employment land	Agree - the status of this site will be changed to deferred.	Change SHELAA status to deferred.
WS102	No comment	Noted	No change necessary
WS103	No comment	Noted	No change necessary
WS104	The site should remain employment land. The Old Silk Mill building should be retained and protected in any future development	Noted. The site is allocated in the Haverhill Vision 2031 as a mixed-use site.	Change SHELAA status to mixed-use.
WS346	Site is shown in red on the map as deferred housing, but not included in any of the Appendices that I can see – it is employment land	This site is in Appendix B (sites deferred due to significant policy constraints). It is deferred as it is currently allocated as an employment site.	No change necessary

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
WS585	Site is on Appendix C and on the map in red as deferred housing, but should not be available for housing as understand there is a Covenant on the land	Noted. Site is deferred as being unavailable.	No change necessary
WS583	This site is an active telephone exchange and cannot see why this would be in the deferred housing appendix	Noted. Site is deferred as being unavailable.	No change necessary
WS667	Part of town centre masterplan consideration	Noted	No change necessary
WS582	This is jointly The Rose and Crown and Corn Exchange car park – The Rose and Crown car park belongs to them, the remainder is part of Haverhill's car parking capacity	Noted	No change necessary
WS580	Consideration should be given to access, currently accessing this site is via a single vehicle track	Noted. Site is deferred as being unavailable.	No change necessary
WS586	Vision 2031 designates this site for housing, but it is in the appendix as unavailable.	The site has been proposed in the Haverhill Vision 2031 for an education facility (HV17)	Amend reason for deferral to include allocation for this use
Herringswe	ell Parish Council		•
WS353	Support deferral of site previously known as H/01	Noted	No change necessary
Horringer o	cum Ickworth Parish Council	I	1
WS112 WS111	As an infill village, it is accepted that there is only very limited potential for future development to take place in Horringer. It is	These sites satisfy the requirements of the SHELAA and so will remain included.	No change necessary

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
	unrealistic therefore to identify such large sites for possible development when either or both would be unsustainable and represent an illogical incursion into the open countryside north of the village. Development in this location would also extend and consolidate an existing ribbon of development in Westley Lane which would be poorly related to the rest of the village and also be detrimental to the setting and appearance of the adjacent National Trust property, - Ickworth Park.	The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan	
WS595 WS593 WS594	The PC see no reason to question the deferral of these sites	Noted	No change necessary
Hundon Par	rish Council		
WS115	There are concerns over access to the site. The site may contain elements of historical interest. The current sewage and drainage systems have issues with backing up and overflowing and any additional development will add to this problem.	Noted. The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth in West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan.	No change necessary
WS116	There may be covenants or restrictions under The Rogeron Trust.	Noted	No change necessary
WS117	No comment	Noted	No change necessary
WS200	It states there is a registered village green – this is incorrect.	Noted and agree – reference to registered village green to be removed.	Amend to remove reference to

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
	There is however a traffic restriction order.		registered village green.
Lakenheat	n Parish Council		
General	Extensive comments on the SHELAA including ten detailed reasons why the plan is not sustainable.	The NPPF requires local planning authorities to "have a clear understanding of the land available in their area through the preparation of a strategic housing land availability assessment." (paragraph 67). This is the SHELAA. The purpose of the SHELAA is not to allocate land for development nor does it indicate that planning permission would be granted for development of a site. It is an initial piece of evidence required to ascertain how much land is available in the plan area. A new local plan for West Suffolk is being prepared which will set out a strategy for growth in West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. The views of the parish council and the helpful information set out in your letter are noted. We will consider these when moving forward with the local plan.	No change necessary
WS130	Full planning approval in place for 67 dwellings. This proposal is natural progression of an existing estate. Comment on additional access.	Noted	No change necessary
WS604	This land is available and not directly under a military flight path. The site could yield up to 165 dwellings.	Noted	No change necessary. Note: WS129 has been excluded from the SHELAA as it overlaps with/is

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
			entirely within site WS604.
WS131	Yield could be 15 dwellings without an easy access onto Station Road	Noted	No change necessary
WS132	Outline planning approval is in place for 81 dwellings	Noted	No change necessary
WS133	Outline planning approval is in place for 140 dwellings.	Noted	No change necessary
WS203	A hybrid planning application is currently going through process. This includes 375 dwellings and an additional school but planning approval is awaited, subject to the outcome of legal proceedings.	Noted	No change necessary
Market We	ston Parish Council		
	Any development should take into consideration the unique, peaceful and quiet environment that Market Weston enjoys and we should do all we can to preserve this.	The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan	No change necessary
Moulton Pa	rish Council		
WS144	Should be deferred	The site is adjacent to the settlement boundary and satisfies the requirements of the SHELAA and so will remain included. The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of	No change necessary

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
		a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan	
WS143	Accepted as included	Noted	No change necessary
WS436	Should not be deferred, should be developed as infill.	The site is located outside of the existing settlement boundary and so will remain deferred.	No change necessary
WS438	Should not be deferred, should be developed as infill.	The site is located outside of the existing settlement boundary and so will remain deferred.	No change necessary
WS439	Accepted as deferred.	Noted	No change necessary
WS437	No comment	Noted	No change necessary
Newmarke	t Town Council		
All sites WS146	All sites are constrained by policies DM48 'Development Affecting the Horse Racing Industry' & DM49 'Re-Development of Existing Sites Relating to the Horse Racing Industry'.	The town council's comments are noted. The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for	No change necessary
WS673	Sites WS146 & WS673 are constrained by policies in the emerging NP which is sufficiently developed that the LPA would be required to take them into account.	housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan	

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
WS130	Full planning approval in place for 67 dwellings. This proposal is natural progression of an existing estate. Comment on additional access.	Noted	No change necessary
WS604	This land is available and not directly under a military flight path. The site could yield up to 165 dwellings.	Noted	No change necessary
WS131	Yield could be 15 dwellings without an easy access onto Station Road	Noted	No change necessary
WS132	Outline planning approval is in place for 81 dwellings.	Noted	No change necessary
WS133	Outline planning approval is in place for 140 dwellings.	Noted	No change necessary
WS203	A hybrid planning application is currently going through process. This includes 375 dwellings and an additional school but planning approval is awaited, subject to the outcome of legal proceedings.	Noted	No change necessary
Red Lodge			
Information update.	The post office has closed, RL contains two primary schools, three nurseries, six play areas.	Noted with thanks. The SHELAA uses the current settlement hierarchies set out in the core strategies for the former Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury areas, however this information will be used as part of the settlement review study.	No change necessary
Stansfield			

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made	
WS163	Site boundary incorrect		No change necessary	
WS165	Site boundary incorrect and access issues	Noted. The landowner of the site has been contacted and the boundary amended.	Amendment of the site boundary	
WS167	Current planning application on NE section of site. Availability of this site depends on outcome of planning application.	Noted	No change necessary	
Comment	The PC believes that Stansfield is not a suitable village for six sites to be put forward into the local plan, when the final decision is made by WSC, because of its size. It also believes that this could potentially lead to a disproportionate amount of development in comparison to other infill villages.	The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan.	No change necessary	
Troston Pai	rish Council			
WS175	Location described incorrectly and reservations about this site being included.	Noted – location will be amended. The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan	Site name amended to "Land west of the Street (also known as Lower Farm Piggery), Troston"	
WS176	Supports site being included.	Noted	No change necessary	
Whepstead Parish Council				

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
Comment	Whepstead is an infill village. So only infill development - comprising single dwellings or small groups of five homes or less - within the designated housing settlement boundary would be permitted. All of the submitted sites identified by SHELAA fall outside Whepstead's settlement boundary. Although it was questioned whether the settlement boundary – comprising 38 properties - is relevant today. The size of houses that could be built was discussed. The PC would prefer more modest houses. All agreed that an ideal development size would be something between the Glebelands development in Rectory Grove and the William Flack Place development on Rectory Road. Other sites highlighted were dismissed.	The NPPF requires local planning authorities to "have a clear understanding of the land available in their area through the preparation of a strategic housing land availability assessment." (paragraph 67). This is the SHELAA. The purpose of the SHELAA is not to allocate land for development nor does it indicate that planning permission would be granted for development of a site. It is an initial piece of evidence required to ascertain how much land is available in the plan area. A new local plan for West Suffolk is being prepared which will set out a strategy for growth in West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. The views of the parish council and the helpful information set out in your letter are noted. We will consider these when moving forward with the local plan.	No change necessary
WS189 and WS211	Not suitable as Old School Road is too narrow, has no footpaths and could not stand any more traffic. From there, there is no easy access to amenities. The sites are also outside the settlement boundary and so could not be considered infill.	WS211 is adjacent to the settlement boundary and satisfies the requirements of the SHELAA and so will remain included. WS189 is not adjacent to the settlement boundary and will be deferred for that reason. The SHELAA does not allocate sites and so we will consider your comments when moving forward with the West Suffolk Local Plan.	WS211 No change necessary. WS189 will be deferred as it is not adjacent to the settlement boundary.
WS507	This site is considered to be more suitable for housing. It is nearer to the centre of the village, has a footpath and is within walking distance of the chapel, church, community centre and play area.	The site is located outside of the existing settlement boundary and so will remain deferred.	No change necessary

Site reference	Summary of comments	Response to comments	Changes made
WSE14	Councillors could not see how this site which was proposed for 'office use' could be relevant for economic development.	Noted. The SHELAA does not allocate land for development or give planning permission to allow the development of a site. The upcoming West Suffolk Local Plan will set out a strategy for growth within West Suffolk and allocate land for housing and economic development. We will consider these comments when moving forward with the local plan.	