

# **Acle Neighbourhood Plan**

Consultation Statement

2014

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# 1 Introduction

The Acle Neighbourhood Plan has been developed through extensive community consultation conducted by Acle Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. The Plan builds on work undertaken by the Acle Village Team which developed the Acle Village Economic Masterplan through detailed research, analysis and consultation. This work has informed the development of Acle Neighbourhood Plan as well as that gathered during the extensive consultation undertaken as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process.

This Consultation Statement is designed to meet the requirements set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 for Consultation Statements. This document sets out the consultation process employed in the production of the Acle Neighbourhood Plan, it also demonstrates how the requirements of Regulations 14 and 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 have been satisfied.

The Working Group has endeavoured to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the desires of the local community and key stakeholders. In order to achieve this, the Working Group sought to engage with the local community from the outset of developing the Plan. The Working Group was established with representatives from a number of local groups and societies to ensure that the Plan was developed by the community and represented their views. The Working Group carried out consultation throughout the formation of the Plan.

The objectives of the consultation process for Acle Neighbourhood Plan are as follows:

- To ensure that the local community are engaged with throughout the process of developing the Neighbourhood Plan
- To ensure that the views of the local community are taken in to account and reflected in the Neighbourhood Plan document
- To ensure that the consultation process is accessible to as wide a range of people as possible

## Summary of the process

On 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013 Acle Parish Council submitted an application to Broadland District Council and the Broads Authority to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Acle Parish boundary. Following a period of statutory consultation this application was approved without amendment on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (see [Appendix A](#)).

In April 2013 Acle Parish Council set up a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group comprising:

- **Acle Parish Council:** Pauline James, Jackie Clover, Nigel Law, David Burnett, Tony Hemingway, Barry Coveley, Debra Hurst
- **NCC:** John Cotton
- **Acle Society:** John Harriss
- **Acle Youth Club:** Malika Steed
- **Acle Academy:** Tim Phillips & Isobel John
- **Acle Recreation Centre & Social Club:** Brian Grint, Karen Mair / Sue Gray
- **St Edmund VC Primary School:** Paul Henery
- **Churches Together:** Martin Greenland

At the first meeting, which was held in May 2013, the committee elected the following members into a number of roles:

- Chairman: Nigel Law

- Vice Chair: Debra Hurst
- Secretary: Ingham Pinnock Associates
- Treasurer: Pauline James

Please see [Appendix B](#) for the Working Group Terms of Reference.

## **Communications**

Throughout the process the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group ensured that the local community and stakeholders were kept informed of the process and were able to get involved with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. A number of different methods were used to achieve this, these are as follows:

### Posters

Posters were regularly placed around the parish to provide an update to all local residents and stakeholders on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. They also provided contact details for the Working Group and information on how to become involved with the process. All posters are contained within [Appendix C](#).

### Local press

Press releases were used to inform the local community and stakeholders, they were also used to invite the local community and stakeholders to take part in the process. Press releases were issued to local and regional press on the following dates:

- May 2013
- July 2013
- September 2013
- November 2013
- January 2014
- March 2014

Press releases were also uploaded to the Acle Parish Council website, Ingham Pinnock website and sent out via the e-newsletter set up for the Neighbourhood Plan. All press releases are contained within [Appendix D](#).

### Email newsletter

At the start of the process the Working Group developed an e-newsletter for the Neighbourhood Plan. Any interested party was able to sign up to the e-newsletter to receive updates, press releases and invitations to consultation events. All e-newsletters are contained within [Appendix E](#).

### Websites

All press releases were uploaded to both the Acle Parish Council website and the Ingham Pinnock website, enabling interested parties to learn more about or become involved with the process.

## **Public consultation**

The following community consultation events were held in order to inform and develop the Neighbourhood Plan:

- April 2013, Acle Parish Meeting: Information was provided on the possibility of the progression of a Neighbourhood Plan for Acle
- 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 10am-3pm, Acle Church Room: Open consultation for the local community
- 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013, lunch time, Acle Academy: Open consultation for students from Acle Academy
- September 2013, Acle Produce Show: Information boards were provided at the Show providing details of progress with the plan and how to become involved with it.
- 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 10am-2pm, Recreation Centre: Open consultation for the local community.

This consultation builds on a wealth of consultation undertaken to inform the Acle Village Economic Masterplan. This Masterplan was completed in early 2013 and many of the projects outlined in the Masterplan related to the progression of a Neighbourhood Plan.

### **Statutory consultation**

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 the following statutory consultation was undertaken:

- Application for designation of Neighbourhood Area (6 weeks – April and May 2013), see appendix F
  - No substantive comments were received on the application but neighbouring Parishes requested to be kept informed.
- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (6 weeks – October to December 2013)
  - Responses were received from Natural England and the Broads Authority, both agencies provided minor comments which were incorporated in to a revised scoping report as appropriate
- Pre-Submission draft Neighbourhood Plan and Sustainability Appraisal (6 weeks – January and February 2014)
  - Please see detailed description of the process and outcomes below.

This Consultation Statement provides a summary of each of the above stages.

## 2 Summary of community consultation

The consultation process underpinning and informing the Acle Neighbourhood Plan is set out below in chronological order.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Acle Parish Meeting</b>
<b>Date</b>	April 2013
<b>Location</b>	Acle Methodist Centre
<b>Publicity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parish website</li> <li>▪ Parish notice boards</li> </ul>
<b>Consultees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Open invitation</li> </ul>
<b>Event details</b>	Acle Parish Council proposed during the Parish Meeting that they would in to pursuing a Neighbourhood Plan for the area.
<b>Outcomes</b>	All comments from parishioners during the meeting with regards to progressing a Neighbourhood Plan were positive.

<b>Event</b>	<b>First public consultation</b>
<b>Date</b>	29th June 2013
<b>Location</b>	Acle Church Room
<b>Publicity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Press release (appendix D)</li> <li>▪ Poster (appendix C)</li> <li>▪ E-newsletter (appendix E)</li> <li>▪ Website</li> </ul>
<b>Consultees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Open invitation</li> <li>▪ Stakeholders and local community (from within the parish and surrounding parishes were invited to attend)</li> </ul>
<b>Event details</b>	<p>The event was the first public consultation. The local community/interested parties were invited to attend to learn more about Neighbourhood Planning and to tell the Working Group their views on how the village might develop or adapt in the future.</p> <p>A series of consultation boards (see appendix G) were on display, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Board 1: Explained the Neighbourhood Planning process</li> <li>▪ Board 2: Asked attendees to identify and note down, what they like about Acle, what they dislike and what they would like to change</li> <li>▪ Board 3: Outlined the results from previous consultations (undertaken during the formation of the Acle Village Economic Masterplan)</li> <li>▪ Board 4: Asked attendees to note down their vision for Acle in 2026</li> <li>▪ Board 5: Outlined a set of objectives (developed by the Working Group) and asked attendees to note down whether they agreed or disagreed with the objectives</li> </ul> <p>Members of the Working Group were also present throughout the day to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan with attendees and note down any additional ideas.</p> <p>Over 50 people attended the event and provided feedback</p>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 74% of respondees resided in Acle Parish</li> <li>▪ 61% of respondees noted down aspects of the village that they 'like', 39% of respondees noted down aspects of the village that they 'disliked'</li> <li>▪ Frequently stated likes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Schools and youth facilities</li> <li>○ Public transport/transport links</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sports facilities</li> <li>○ Sense of community</li> <li>○ Church community</li> <li>○ Range of clubs/facilities</li> <li>▪ Frequently stated dislikes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A1064 (speed/lack of crossings)</li> <li>○ Poor car parking</li> <li>○ Dog Fouling</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ All feedback on the draft objectives was positive except for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To improve conditions for walking and cycling (1 disagree)</li> <li>○ To reduce the dominance of the highway in the village centre (3 disagree)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Key themes emerging for the vision included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maintaining village feel and sense of community</li> <li>○ Retaining traditional character</li> <li>○ Sustaining the sense of a thriving place</li> <li>○ Attracting new businesses and people but not to the cost of what is special</li> <li>○ Recognising the role Acle plays as a service centre for surrounding area</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ The results of this consultation were used to establish the vision for the Neighbourhood Plan and the key areas of focus for the Neighbourhood Plan policies.</li> <li>▪ A summary of the results of the consultation exercise are at <a href="#">Appendix H</a>.</li> </ul>
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Event	Student consultation
<b>Date</b>	10th July 2013
<b>Location</b>	Acle Academy
<b>Publicity</b>	N/A
<b>Consultees</b>	Students at Acle Academy, ages 11 – 16 years old
<b>Event details</b>	<p>The event was designed to consult with as many students at Acle Academy as possible, the objectives of the consultation were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Raise awareness of the Neighbourhood Plan with younger members of the community</li> <li>▪ To understand where the students envisage themselves residing once they leave full time education</li> <li>▪ To understand what sort of residential property students envisage living once they leave full time education</li> <li>▪ To understand what sort of environment they envisage working in once they have left full time education</li> <li>▪ To gain a greater understanding of the needs and requirements of the younger population in the Parish.</li> </ul> <p>A series of boards were erected in the school canteen during the lunch break, the boards provided background information on Neighbourhood Planning and asked to annotate the boards to indicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Board 1: Where do you want to live when you leave education? Please mark on the maps below</li> <li>▪ Board 2: In 2026, what sort of house would you like to live in? Please place a sticker on the pictures below (choices were: A modern house, terrace in a city, terrace in the suburbs, cottage, an estate, flat in a city, large country house, a modern estate or a bungalow</li> <li>▪ In 2026, what sort of place would you like to be working? Please place a sticker on the pictures below (choices were: Factory, modern office in a city,</li> </ul>

	<p>agriculture/countryside, business park, rural office space, village shops/businesses, industrial estate, shopping mall or at home</p> <p>The consultation boards are at <a href="#">appendix I</a>.</p>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<p>Approximately 80 students took part in the consultation, summary results are as follows, all results are at <a href="#">appendix J</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Where do you want to live when you leave education? 23% stated Norwich, 19% stated London, 15% stated the USA</li> <li>▪ In 2026, what sort of house would you like to live in? 23% stated a modern house and a large country house, 16% stated a cottage, 12% stated a flat in the city</li> <li>▪ In 2026, what sort of place would you like to be working? 37% stated modern office in a city, 15% stated villages sops/businesses, 9% stated at home and in a rural office</li> </ul> <p>The information gathered at this event allowed the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to gain a better understanding of potential future trends in housing and employment demand. This information fed in to the policy workshop and helped inform a number of policies.</p>

<b>Event</b>	<b>Acle Produce Show</b>
<b>Date</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2013
<b>Location</b>	Acle Academy
<b>Publicity</b>	N/A
<b>Consultees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Open invitation</li> <li>▪ Stakeholders and local community</li> </ul>
<b>Event details</b>	<p>The existing Acle Produce Show was used as an opportunity to provide the local community with an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. An update was provided by way of a poster which is at <a href="#">appendix K</a>.</p>
<b>Outcomes</b>	N/A

<b>Event</b>	<b>Community consultation</b>
<b>Date</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2013
<b>Location</b>	Acle Recreation Centre
<b>Publicity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Press release (<a href="#">appendix D</a>)</li> <li>▪ Poster (<a href="#">appendix C</a>)</li> <li>▪ E-newsletter (<a href="#">appendix E</a>)</li> <li>▪ Website</li> </ul>
<b>Consultees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Open invitation</li> <li>▪ Stakeholders and local community (from within the parish and surrounding parishes were invited to attend)</li> </ul>
<b>Event details</b>	<p>The event was the second major public consultation. The local community/interested parties were invited to attend to review the Working Groups initial policies and tell them whether they had accurately reflected the desires and aspirations of the local community.</p> <p>A series of consultation boards (<a href="#">see appendix L</a>) were on display, as follows:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Board 1: Explained the Neighbourhood Planning and the aims of the consultation event</li> <li>▪ Board 2: Provided a summary of what the community had told the Working Group at the previous consultations</li> <li>▪ Board 3: Outlined how to participate during the consultation event and asked participants to comment on the vision for the Neighbourhood Plan</li> <li>▪ Boards 4, 5 and 6: Asked participants to review the draft policies and let the Working Group whether they: Strongly agree, agree, neither agree or disagree, disagree or strongly agree</li> <li>▪ Board 6: Also asked participants to note whether the Working Group had missed anything and set out the next steps.</li> </ul> <p>Members of the Working Group were also present throughout the day to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan with attendees and note down any additional ideas.</p> <p>Approximately 30 people attended the event and provided feedback.</p>
<p><b>Outcomes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 76% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposed vision statement, 19% agreed and 5% neither agreed or disagreed</li> <li>▪ With regards to the proposed policies, the majority of respondents either agreed strongly or agreed with most of the policies</li> <li>▪ Only two of the proposed policies received ‘disagree’ or ‘strongly disagree’ comments from the participants, these policy 3: Acle Academy and policy 9: Reducing the severance of the A1064</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed following this consultation that the majority of responses supported the proposed vision statement and therefore it was agreed that it would remain as drafted.</p> <p>The majority of comments on draft policies were also positive and the working group did not consider it necessary to make any substantive changes.</p> <p>A summary of the results of the consultation exercise are at <b>Appendix M.</b></p>

### 3 Summary of pre-submission (regulation 14) consultation

Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, requires that:

*‘Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—  
(a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area—*

*(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;*

*(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;*

*(iii) details of how to make representations; and*

*(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;*

*(b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and*

*(c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.’*

The following section demonstrates how the Acle Neighbourhood Plan pre submission consultation fulfils these requirements.

#### **Pre-submission consultation timescale**

The Acle Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission document was circulated and deposited for consultation between Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

#### **Publicity**

There were two elements to the publicity of the pre-submission consultation, the first was aimed at ensuring the community were aware of the consultation, where to locate a copy of the document and how to comment and secondly to notify all statutory consultees of the consultation period.

#### Community publicity

With regards to the publicity for the community, the pre-submission consultation was heavily publicised via the following medium:

- **Press releases:** Were circulated to publicise the pre-submission consultation to local and regional press, displayed on the Acle Parish Council website, the Broads Authority website, the Visit Acle website, the Acle Village Team Facebook page and the Ingham Pinnock Associates website, please see [appendix D](#) for further information
- **Posters:** Were placed in several locations throughout the village publicising the pre-submission consultation, please see [appendix C](#) for further information
- **E-newsletters:** Were distributed to publicise the pre-submission consultation, please see [appendix E](#) for further information
- **Community newsletter:** The February copy included a sort article on the pre-submission consultation and details on how to comment and where to locate a copy of the document, please find a copy at [appendix Q](#)
- **Social media:** The pre-submission consultation was also publicised on social media such as twitter and facebook.

### Statutory consultee publicity

Over 45 statutory consultees (please see [appendix N](#) for details of consultees) were invited via email (please see [appendix O](#) for further details) to review and comment on the pre-submission document.

### Documents

Hard copy of the pre-submission document was available at the following locations:

- Acle Library
- Acle Recreation Centre
- Acle Post Office
- Broadland District Council, Thorpe St Andrew

Electronic copies were also available to download from Acle Parish Council website and Ingham Pinnock website.

All publicity highlighted the availability of hard and electronic copy of the pre-submission documents.

### Responses

Statutory and non statutory consultees were invited to comment on the pre-submission draft by completing a consultation response form either in hard copy or electronic copy and submitting to either Acle Parish Council or Ingham Pinnock Associates. Copies of the consultation response form were available at the locations where the pre-submission draft was deposited and was included in the back page of the document.

Consultation responses were asked to state the exact part of the document that the response responds to, to state fully and clearly their concerns, any suggested alternative approaches and whether they believed there to be any omissions from the draft. A copy of the form can be found at [appendix R](#).

A total of 14 responses were received. Details of responses received to the pre-submission document are available at [appendix P](#). All responses were documented and a meeting was held with the Working Group to review the comments and consider whether there were necessary amendments to the pre-submission draft, details of these amendments are provided at [appendix P](#).

## 4 Conclusion

The Working Group carried out a comprehensive programme of consultation throughout the development of the Acle Neighbourhood Plan. The Working Group consider that all the key stakeholders, both statutory and non statutory, local and neighbouring communities were invited to participate in the development of the plan and that the consultation reached a wide range of interested parties.

The comments received throughout and specifically in response to the consultation draft Neighbourhood Plan have been addressed in so far as they are practicable and compatible with the joint core strategy and the Government's National Planning Framework.

This Consultation Statement and the supporting consultation reports are considered to comply with Section 15(2) of part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

## **Acle Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Consultation Statement Appendices**

## **Appendix A: Neighbourhood Plan area approval**

## **Appendix B: Working Group Terms of Reference**

# **Acle Neighbourhood Plan Working Group**

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose**

The main purpose of the Working Group is to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Acle, on behalf of Acle Parish Council, in line with the requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, which sets out policies and proposals that seek to address the community's aspirations for the area.

In undertaking this role, the Working Group will:

1. Ensure that Neighbourhood Planning legislation, as set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (England) Regulations 2012, are followed in the preparation and submission of the Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Set out a project timetable, featuring key milestones, and a budget for preparing the Neighbourhood Plan.
3. Seek appropriate funding to meet the costs of developing the plan.
4. Plan, manage and monitor expenditure incurred in the preparation of the plan and report back to the Parish Council on these matters.
5. Report regularly to the Parish Council on progress with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and make recommendations on any proposed content of the Plan.
6. Seek to gather the views of the whole community, including residents, groups, businesses, landowners etc., in order to inform the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.
7. Liaise with Broadland District Council and other relevant authorities and organisations in order to make the plan as effective as possible and to ensure that it remains in conformity with local, national and European planning legislation.
8. Be responsible for the analysis of evidence gathered from the community and elsewhere, development of local policies, and the production of the Neighbourhood Plan.

### **Membership**

The Working Group will include up to 30 members, including representatives of the Parish Council and any interested members of the community, as approved by the Parish Council. It is proposed that this comprises:

- **Acle Parish Council:** Pauline James, Jackie Clover, Nigel Law, David Burnett, Tony Hemingway, Barry Coveley, Debra Hurst
- **NCC:** John Cotton
- **Acle Society:** John Harriss
- **Acle Youth Club:** Malika Steed
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- **Churches Together:** Martin Greenland

At the first meeting the committee elected the following members into a number of roles:

- Chairman: Nigel Law
- Vice Chair: Debra Hurst
- Secretary: Ingham Pinnock Associates
- Treasurer: Pauline James

All members of the Working Group must declare any personal interest that may be perceived as being relevant to any decisions or recommendations made by the group. This may include membership of an organisation, ownership or interest in land or a business or indeed any other matter likely to be relevant to the work undertaken by the Working Group.

### **Meetings**

The Working Group shall meet every month, or as may be required. Notice of Working Group meetings shall be given to its members, by email or post, at least five working days in advance of the meeting date. Notices must include details of the matters to be discussed.

Decisions on operational matters (relating to the process of preparing the Plan) shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Working Group members present and voting. In the case of an equal number of votes, the chairperson shall have a casting vote.

Decisions on matters relating to proposed content of the Plan shall be made by the full Parish Council, following consideration of recommendations made by the Working Group.

The Working Group may decide the quorum necessary to conduct business – with a minimum of five members.

The secretary shall circulate minutes to members of the Working Group not more than 14 days after each meeting.

### **Sub Groups**

The Working Group may appoint such sub groups as it considers necessary, to carry out functions specified by the Working Group. Each sub group should have a nominated chair but this person does not have to be a member of the Working Group.

Sub groups do not have the power to authorise expenditure on behalf of the Working Group.

### **Finance**

The treasurer shall keep a clear record of expenditure, where necessary, supported by receipted invoices. Members of the Working Group, or a sub group, may claim back an expenditure that was necessarily incurred during the process of producing the Neighbourhood Plan. This could include postage, stationery, telephone calls, travel costs, childcare costs etc. The procedure for claiming and rates for these expenses shall be drawn up by the treasurer and agreed by the Working Group.

The treasurer will report back to the Working Group on planned and actual expenditure for the project and set up a petty cash system and enable cash withdrawals and payment of invoices to be made, as required.

### **Changes to the Terms of Reference**

These Terms of Reference may be altered and additional clauses added by agreement, shown by majority votes, of the Working Group.

## Appendix C: Posters

COMING SOON

# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

ACLE PARISH COUNCIL AND A LOCAL  
STAKEHOLDER STEERING GROUP HAVE APPLIED  
TO BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL AND THE  
BROADS AUTHORITY TO PREPARE A  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

BUILDING ON THE WORK CARRIED  
OUT ON THE VILLAGE  
MASTERPLAN, THIS CAN HELP  
SHAPE THE FUTURE OF ACLE

**Keep an eye on the Acle Parish website and village notice boards for details of up and coming events and ways in which you can get involved.**

THANK YOU!

# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The working group has now held two fantastic consultation events with the community and students at Acle Academy. We are now reviewing the information we received and starting to write draft policies based on your thoughts and ideas.

Once we have created some draft policies we want you to tell us what you think about them.

**Keep an eye out for information on the next consultation event in October 2013 where you can review the policies we have drafted based on your input.**

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**DRAFT POLICIES WELL RECEIVED!**

# **ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The working group held another public consultation event in October at the Recreation Centre. The response to the draft policies we showed you was overwhelmingly positive and we are now preparing a first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

We are now starting to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan document itself and look forward to consulting on this soon.

**Keep an eye out for information on the publication of the initial draft Neighbourhood Plan. We hope to show you the document and how your views have informed it very soon.**

# CONSULTATION NOW UNDERWAY

## ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following various consultation events and research, the Working Group has now developed a draft Neighbourhood Plan for Acle.

The Working Group hope the draft reflects accurately the comments and suggestions made during consultation and invites you to review the document during the pre-submission consultation period which starts on **Friday 10th January 2014** and finishes on **Friday 21st February 2014**.

### WHERE CAN I REVIEW THE DOCUMENT?

#### Online

Copies of the Pre-Submission Consultation Draft Neighbourhood Plan and the consultation response form can be downloaded from:

- <http://aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>
- <http://www.inghampinnock.com/acle-neighbourhood-plan/>

#### Hard copy

Paper copies of the Pre-Submission Consultation Draft Neighbourhood Plan and the consultation response form can be viewed at: Acle Library, Acle Post Office, Acle Recreation Centre, Broadland District Council.

### HOW CAN I COMMENT ON THE DOCUMENT?

Completed response forms should either be posted to Acle Parish Clerk at:

- Beech Farm, 15 Marsh Road, Upton, Norwich NR13 6BP

Or e-mailed to the Parish Clerk at:

- [paulinejames@aol.com](mailto:paulinejames@aol.com)

**Once the Working Group has received your comments they will be reviewed and the document amended if required. The Neighbourhood Plan will then be submitted to Broadland District Council for further consultation and review by a Planning Inspector before a final referendum.**



We're nearly there...

# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Pre-Submission Consultation period on the Neighbourhood Plan has now closed. We received a number of useful comments from local residents and statutory groups and are now making final revisions to the document.

**Thank you for your support throughout the plan making process. We hope we have a plan that reflects your aspirations for our village.**

**The next and final stage will involve a local referendum on the Plan where you will be invited to vote on whether the document becomes adopted. Full details will be provided in due course**

## **Appendix D: Press releases**

## **Acle Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Press release, May 2013**

**Acle Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation Event Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 10am until 3pm**

**Acle Church Room, Norwich Road, Acle (opposite Budgens)**

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## **Acle Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Press release 2, July 2013**

#### **Acle Neighbourhood Plan: Successful consultation with local community and Acle Academy students**

The working group preparing the Neighbourhood Plan for Acle have successfully completed two consultation exercises. The first consultation was an open session for the local community held at the Church Rooms in Acle on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The second consultation was with students at the Acle Academy on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

The public consultation session at the end of June attracted over 50 local residents throughout the course of the day. The majority of attendees came from the village itself but a number came from surrounding villages and hamlets, showing how Acle plays an important role as a service centre.

Attendees were given further information on the Neighbourhood Plan and asked to record what they like or dislike about the village, what they would change if they could, and what their vision is for Acle in the future. Attendees were also asked to comment on a series of emerging objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Having reviewed all of the comments received, it is clear that residents are generally happy living in the village with over 61% of all comments being positive and 39% being negative. Features that attendees frequently stated as liking about the village included good schools, good public transport links, good sports provision, the range of facilities and the strong sense of community.

The main dislike recorded by attendees related to the A1064 between the village and the Acle Bridge with many commenting on how difficult it is to cross the road to access the allotments, Boat Dyke Lane and all of the other amenities on that side of the village.

The consultation session at the Acle Academy asked students to record where they see themselves living in the future, what type of homes they aspire to live in and what type of employment space they would like to work in.

Some of the students at the Academy will inherit the outcomes of the Neighbourhood Plan and so this exercise sought to understand their views about the design and architecture of future development to ensure that any decisions taken now leave a legacy that is fit and attractive to the next generation of home-buyers and employees.

Many of the students recorded that they are keen to remain in the area after their education either in and around Acle or in Norwich with an equal number recording that they would like to move to larger cities such as London. The most popular forms of housing recorded by the students were traditional cottages, country houses and highly modern buildings. The least popular forms were more historic estate housing and bungalows.

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The Acle Neighbourhood Plan Working Group recently held its second major public consultation event at the Acle Recreation Centre. The purpose of the event was to ask the community whether they agreed or disagreed with an initial set of policies that could form the core of the Acle Neighbourhood Plan.

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Initial ideas for Neighbourhood Plan policies include:

- Reducing speeds and introducing a pedestrian crossing over the A1064
- Encouraging new leisure and tourism uses at Acle Bridge
- Improving the public realm in the village centre
- Creating better pedestrian links to the surrounding countryside
- Supporting the development of space for new local businesses.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is now analysing the response to the consultation event and amending and updating the draft policies where necessary.

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### **Press release, January 2014**

#### **Acle Neighbourhood Plan – Pre-Submission Consultation draft available for comment**

The Acle Neighbourhood Plan working group has now completed the production of the 'Pre-Submission Consultation draft' Acle Neighbourhood Plan and invites you to review and comment on the document. The formal consultation period commences on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and will finish on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

The vision for the Acle Neighbourhood Plan is **to ensure that Acle continues as a flourishing village and gateway to the broads that maintains a strong sense of community whilst embracing a sustainable and prosperous future as a place where people choose to live, work and visit.**

The draft Plan builds on a significant body of work undertaken throughout 2013 including community consultation events held in June and October and a significant programme of primary research. In addition to the overall vision above, the Plan contains policies that seek to address specific local issues and that can help to shape the way Acle grows in the future. A number of the policies relate directly to comments and concerns raised by local residents.

Hard copies of the draft Plan are available to view at the Library, Recreation Centre and Post Office in Acle and at Broadland District Council in Thorpe St Andrew. Completed paper response forms should be posted to Acle Parish Clerk at Beech Farm, 15 Marsh Road, Upton, Norwich, NR13 6BP. Electronic copies of the document can be viewed or downloaded from the Acle Parish Council website ([www.aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://www.aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)) or Ingham Pinnock Associates website ([www.inghampinnock.com/acle-neighbourhoodplan](http://www.inghampinnock.com/acle-neighbourhoodplan)) and electronic response forms can be e-mailed to Pauline James (Parish Clerk, [Paulinejames@aol.com](mailto:Paulinejames@aol.com))

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### **Press release, March 2014**

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The document will shortly be submitted to Broadland District Council and the Broads Authority who will arrange for an independent examination and finally a local referendum.

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Particular policies that have been driven by local residents include:

- Reducing the severance effect of the A1064 by seeking to introduce a new crossing and lowering speed limits
- Improving footpaths and pedestrian links to local villages and the Broads
- Supporting the delivery of improved pre-school facilities and improvements to Acle Academy
- Providing more space for local jobs and businesses.

The Neighbourhood Plan is currently being finalised and submitted to Broadland District Council and the Broads Authority. Following that the document will be examined by an independent specialist. Finally, Broadland District Council will arrange a local referendum where residents will have the chance to vote on whether or not they want the plan to become adopted. Further publicity and information on the referendum will be provided in due course.

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## Acle Neighbourhood Plan

Newsletter, 9th September 2013

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## Acle Neighbourhood Plan

Newsletter, 15th October 2013

### POLICY CONSULTATION

Having reviewed the comments from the last consultation event, undertaken further consultation with key groups such as students from Acle Academy and research in to the social, economic and environmental make up of Acle, the Working Group have developed a set of draft policies that they hope respond directly to the issues the community have raised.

The Working Group recently undertook the second consultation event on Saturday 12th October. At the event the Working Group asked the local community to review the draft policies that have been developed. The consultation boards from the event provide a summary of the previous consultation, a background to neighbourhood planning and the draft policies for review, these are available to [download here](#). If you were unable to attend this event we would be interested to hear your views and would be grateful if you could complete and return a policy consultation response by Friday 1st November to either:

- **Ingham Pinnock Associates:** 50 Marshall Road, Cambridge, CB1 7TY or [kate@inghampinnock.com](mailto:kate@inghampinnock.com)
- **Pauline James, Parish Clerk:** Beech Farm, 15 Marsh Road Upton Norwich NR13 6BP

Please [click here](#) to download the policy consultation response.

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## Acle Neighbourhood Plan

Newsletter, 19th November 2013

### SUCCESSFUL SECOND PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT

The Acle Neighbourhood Plan Working Group recently held its second major public consultation event at the Acle Recreation Centre. The purpose of the event was to ask the community whether they agreed or disagreed with an initial set of policies that could form the core of the Acle Neighbourhood Plan.

Around fifty residents from Acle and the surrounding villages attended on the day. The policies which local residents were asked to consider were based on the results of previous public consultation and a programme of research. The response to the draft policies which was recorded was overwhelmingly positive.

Initial ideas for Neighbourhood Plan policies include:

- Reducing speeds and introducing a pedestrian crossing over the A1064
- Encouraging new leisure and tourism uses at Acle Bridge
- Improving the public realm in the village centre
- Creating better pedestrian links to the surrounding countryside
- Supporting the development of space for new local businesses.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is now analysing the response to the consultation event and amending and updating the draft policies where necessary. The Working Group hopes to produce a first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan in the next few weeks. Once a draft has been prepared copies will be provided for review and comment by the local community.

Further information about the event is available from the following sources:

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## Acle Neighbourhood Plan

Newsletter, January 2014

### PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION DRAFT AMENDMENT

It has come to our attention that the link to the documents is broken on the previous email, therefore, please find below links to the various documents and to the webpage with further information on the Plan:

Webpage with further information on the page: <http://www.inghampinnock.com/acle-neighbourhood-plan/>

Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan draft: <http://www.inghampinnock.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/140107-Acle-Neighbourhood-Plan-pre-submission-consultation-draft-vFINAL.pdf>

Appendix: <http://www.inghampinnock.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/140107-Acle-Neighbourhood-Plan-pre-submission-consultation-draft-appendix-vFINAL.pdf>

Comments form: <http://www.inghampinnock.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/140107-Acle-Neighbourhood-Plan-pre-submission-consultation-comments-form-vFINAL.pdf>

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## Acle Neighbourhood Plan

### Newsletter, January 2014

#### PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION DRAFT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT

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The draft Plan builds on a significant body of work undertaken throughout 2013 including community consultation events held in June and October and a significant programme of primary research. In addition to the overall vision above, the Plan contains policies that seek to address specific local issues and that can help to shape the way Acle grows in the future. A number of the policies relate directly to comments and concerns raised by local residents.

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## Acle Neighbourhood Plan

### Newsletter, February 2014

#### PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION CLOSES 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY

If you would like to comment on the Acle Neighbourhood Plan, please remember that the consultation period closes on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Thank you to those who have commented so far. Please find below further information on the pre-submission draft and details on how to comment.

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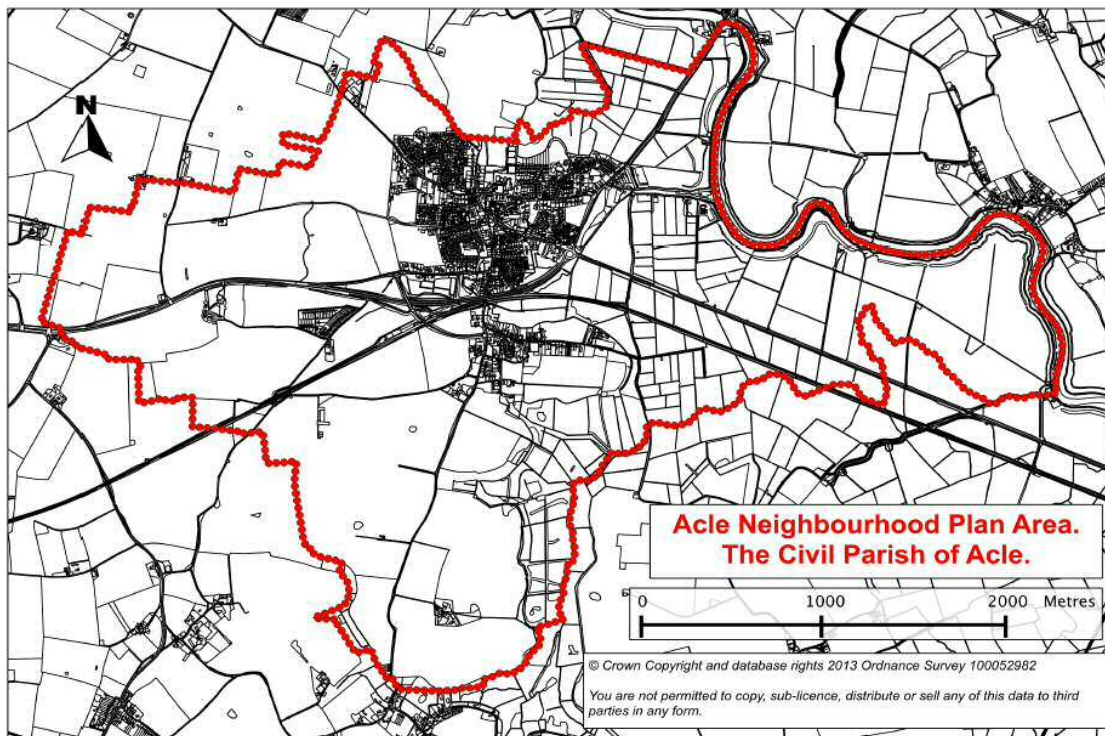
## **Appendix F: Neighbourhood area application consultation notice**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, **Acle Parish Council** has made an application to Broadland District Council and the Broads Authority to designate a Neighbourhood Area, for the purposes of developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

The area that the Parish Council wishes to designate is that making up the civil parish of Acle, as shown by the map below:



The Parish Council is the relevant body to make this application, for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

Anyone wishing to comment on this Neighbourhood Area application must do so before **5.00pm on Friday 31 May 2013** by writing to the Spatial Planning Manager, Broadland District Council, Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Rd, Norwich, NR7 0DU or emailing [neighbourhoodplans@broadland.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodplans@broadland.gov.uk)

The full Neighbourhood Area application can be viewed in the following locations:

- Broadland District Council's website ([www.broadland.gov.uk](http://www.broadland.gov.uk))
- The Broads Authority website ([www.broads-authority.gov.uk](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk))
- Acle Parish Council website (<http://aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>)
- Acle Library
- Acle Parish Council offices
- Broadland District Council offices

## **Appendix G: Consultation boards**

# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Welcome to the first consultation event on Acle's Neighbourhood Plan.

Acle Parish Council has applied to Broadland District Council and the Broads Authority to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council has put together a Working Group to prepare the plan. The Working Group includes representatives from the Acle Academy, St Edmunds Primary School, Acle Churches, Acle Recreation Centre and Social Club, Acle Youth Club, Acle Society and members of the Youth Chamber.

### What are the aims of today's consultation?

The aims of today's consultation event are to:

- Understand where you live (Panel 2)
- Gather comments on what you like or don't like about the village (Panel 3)
- Understand how you would like to see the village by 2026 (Panel 5)
- Get your views on a series of objectives we have developed (Panel 6)

**Please work your way around the panels and take as much time as you like to note down your views. And of course thank you for sparing the time to contribute.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

The idea is that Neighbourhood Plans can set out policies on the development and use of land in a parish or neighbourhood area that might not be covered by the Broadland District Local Plan. If the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted it will become an important document for developers to consider if they want to build in Acle and will help to shape any future development in the village. A Neighbourhood Plan is a new local layer of formal planning policy introduced by the coalition Government through the Localism Act.

### What can it do / not do?

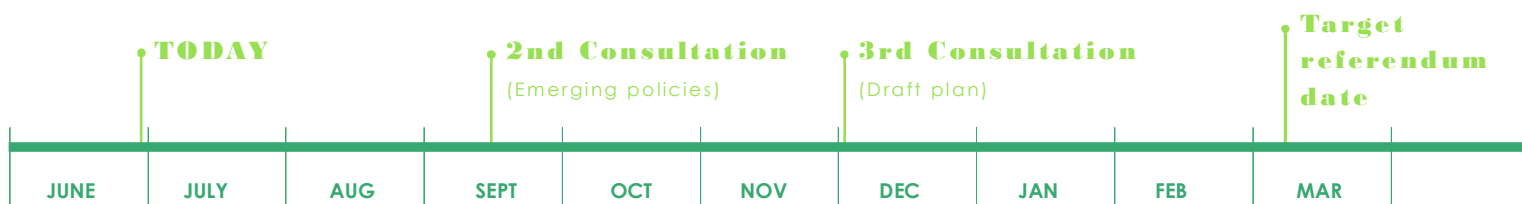
A Neighbourhood Plan cannot be used to stop development that is already supported in other planning documents. Plans must be in 'general conformity' with strategic planning policies (i.e. the Broadland Local Plan) and so it cannot stop the development already proposed around the village.

A Neighbourhood Plan can however add more detail to what any new development must be like, for example it can set out standards in design to make sure that new buildings are as high quality as possible and reflect the character of the village.

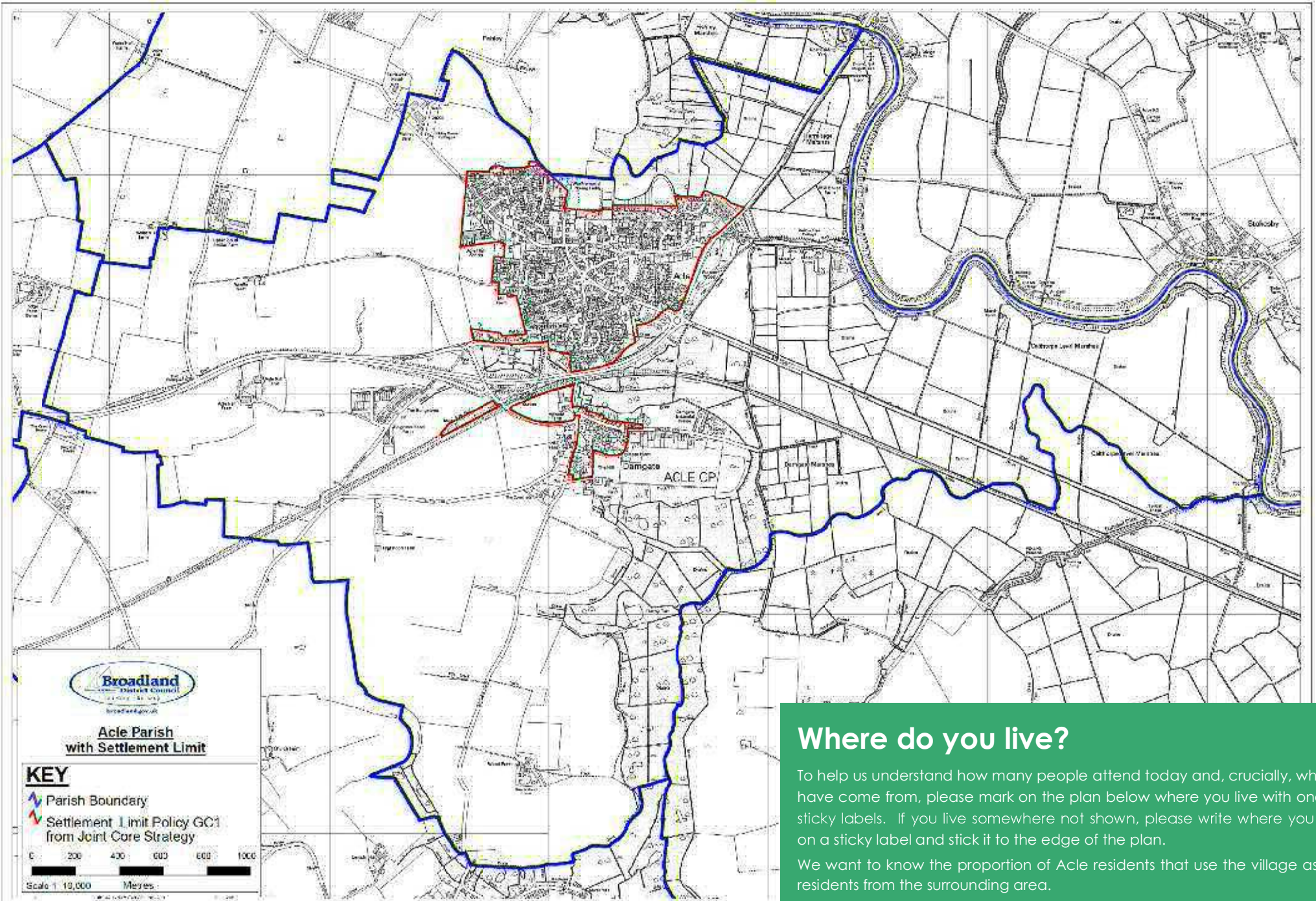
### Why should I be interested?

A Neighbourhood Plan offers local communities a real say in the future of their area and you can help to shape policies that will go into the plan.

## How long will it all take?



# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



## Where do you live?

To help us understand how many people attend today and, crucially, where you have come from, please mark on the plan below where you live with one of the sticky labels. If you live somewhere not shown, please write where you're from on a sticky label and stick it to the edge of the plan.

We want to know the proportion of Acle residents that use the village as well as residents from the surrounding area.



# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## What do you like and dislike about Acle and what would you like to see change?

Please let us know what you like or dislike about living, visiting or working in Acle. Every comment is important no matter how trivial you may think it is! Just make a note on a sticky label and place it under the right heading.

For example; Are there enough community facilities? Are there enough shops? Is it easy to walk or cycle around the village? Is it easy to get to the train station? Is there enough green space? Etc...

**I like...**

**I dislike...**

**I would change...**

We know that you are often asked to give your views on various documents such as the Broadland Local Plan and most recently the Acle Village Economic Masterplan. We are required to consult with you and are extremely grateful for the time and thought you put into your responses.

Your views do matter to us and to demonstrate this if you haven't already seen any feedback, some of the comments from the Economic Masterplan consultation events are shown on the next panel.

# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## What you have told us in the past

You told us what you thought Acle's main strengths and weaknesses are at previous consultation, this is summarised by the below diagram:



## What has happened to this information?

The information we got from you at previous consultations has been used to create a series of projects that will support Acle's community and local economy. Examples of a couple of these projects are set out below.

### Project: Upgrade footpath between Acle Bridge and the village

This project seeks to improve the quality of the main pedestrian link between Acle and Acle Bridge.

There is currently a rough footpath on the south side of the A1064 Caister Road between the north east corner of the village and the Acle Bridge (there is also a secondary route that takes pedestrians out along the bank of the river on the top of a levee). This is the only real and proximate route between the Broads and the village. Research highlighted that during periods of prolonged bad weather the condition of the path deteriorates and because of the high levels of vegetation, pedestrians and cyclists feel safer / more comfortable walking along the busy A1064.

Local groups and the Broads Authority have recently invested in improvements to this footpath but this project recommends that further improvement is made to encourage higher levels of use. Improvements to the footpath should result in increased numbers of visitors moored at the Acle Bridge walking (or cycling) into the village. Improvements should also increase the volume of residents in the village going out into the Broads landscape.

### Project: Improve public gateways and perceived barriers at the Recreation Centre

This project seeks to remedy a range of perceived issues around access to the Recreation Centre and use of its facilities.

For a village of its size, Acle is fortunate to have such comprehensive and high-quality sports and leisure facilities. However, consultation and research identified that there is confusion amongst the local community about access and rights of use. Community consultation also highlighted that the physical layout of the Recreation Centre is found to be confusing and unappealing and the building itself presents a barrier between visitors and the public sports facilities beyond.

This project therefore recommends that the Recreation Centre undertakes a concerted marketing campaign to provide clarity to the local community about what is and is not open to public use and that it undertakes works to improve the appearance and legibility of the front of the building.

# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Your vision for Acle

The Neighbourhood Plan could last until 2026 unless it is updated before then. We therefore want to know what you think Acle should be known for by 2026 i.e. your vision for the village.

In one short, punchy sentence, sum up how you want Acle to be in the future. The sort of ideas we are looking for might include things like;

- Acle, the gateway to the Norfolk Broads
- Acle, a traditional village surrounded by unspoilt countryside
- Acle, a growth town for new families and employment

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# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan

We have developed a set of draft objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan under a series of headings. We want you to let us know if you agree or disagree with these ideas by putting a tick in the relevant boxes.

If you have other objectives you would like us to consider, please write them down on the sheet of paper provided.

### Community and leisure

	Agree	Disagree
To support enhanced education facilities for all age groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To improve the ability of the village centre to be used for community events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To improve access to formal and informal sports and leisure provision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Movement and Transport

	Agree	Disagree
To improve conditions for walking and cycling from the village centre to the surrounding countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To reduce the dominance of the highway in the village centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To support enhanced public transport infrastructure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Business and employment

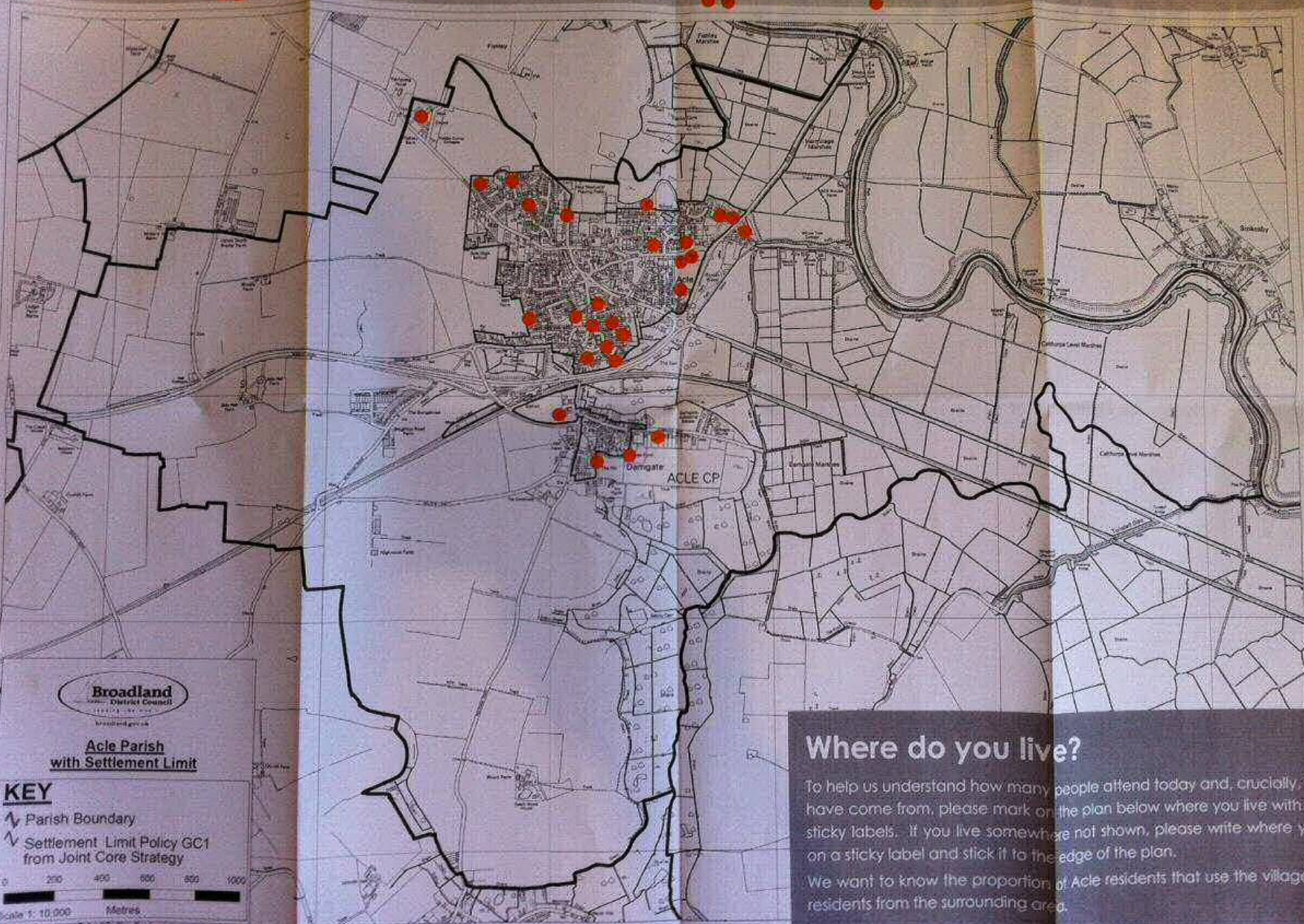
	Agree	Disagree
To protect and enhance provision of small traditional retail in the village centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To ensure that employment sites are developed for an appropriate mix of employment uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To improve the attractiveness of Acle for inward investment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Housing

	Agree	Disagree
To make sure any new housing development has an appropriate mix of affordable units	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To make sure any new housing development includes an appropriate mix of units of different sizes for both young and old households	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To make sure any new housing development is of the highest quality and reflects local and traditional architectural styles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **Appendix H: First public consultation results**

# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



**Acle Parish  
with Settlement Limit**

**KEY**

- Parish Boundary
- Settlement Limit Policy GC1 from Joint Core Strategy

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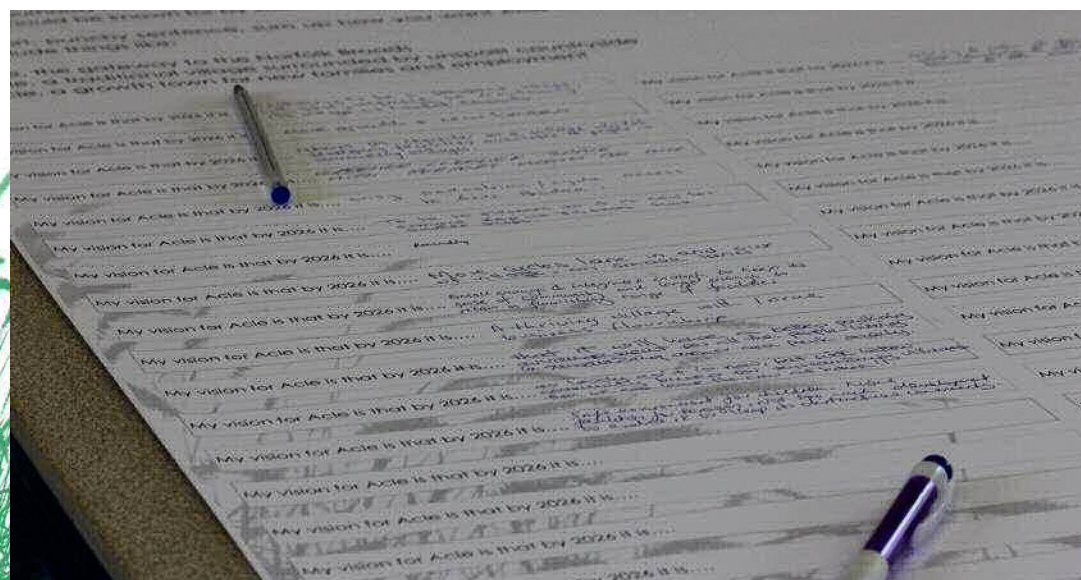
Scale 1: 10,000 Metres

## Where do you live?

To help us understand how many people attend today and, crucially, where have come from, please mark on the plan below where you live with one of sticky labels. If you live somewhere not shown, please write where you're on a sticky label and stick it to the edge of the plan.

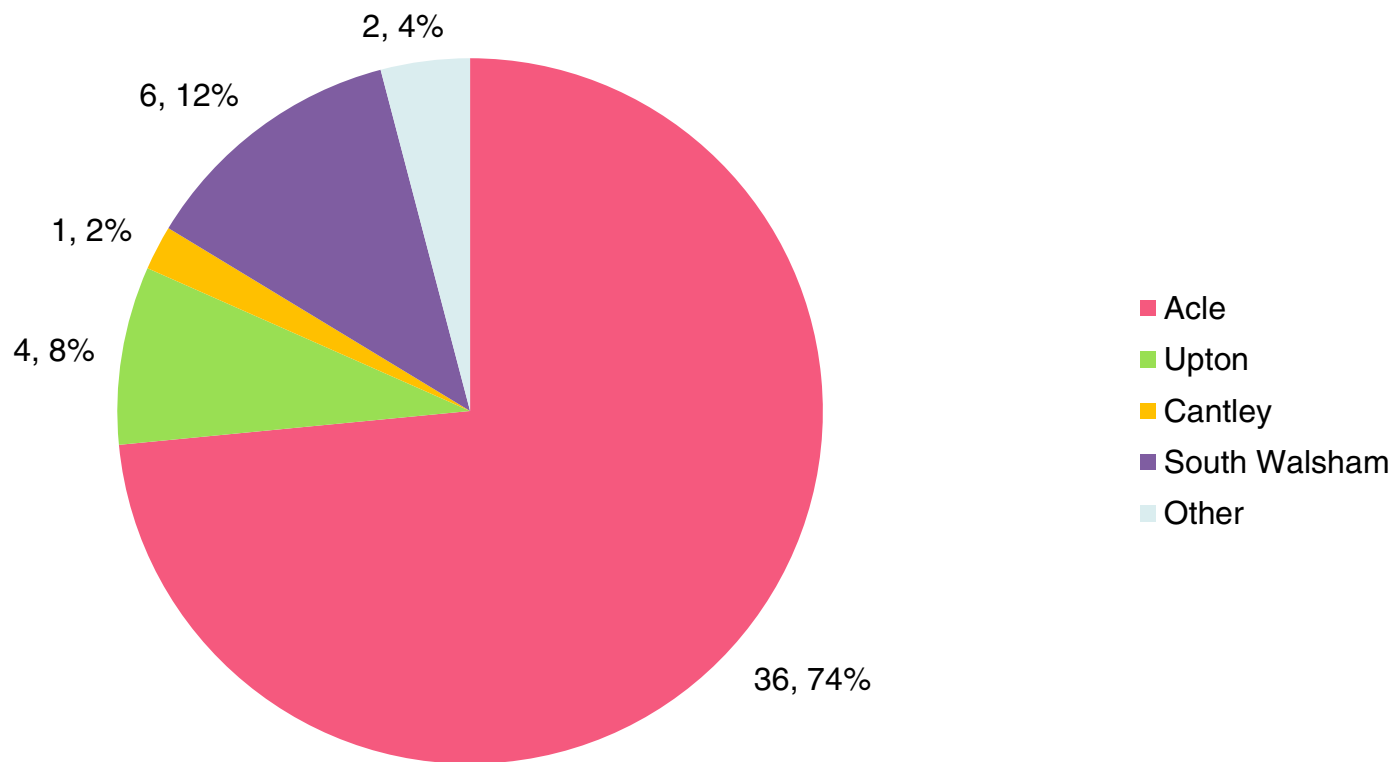
We want to know the proportion of Acle residents that use the village as residents from the surrounding area.

# FEEDBACK FROM THE CONSULTATION EVENT



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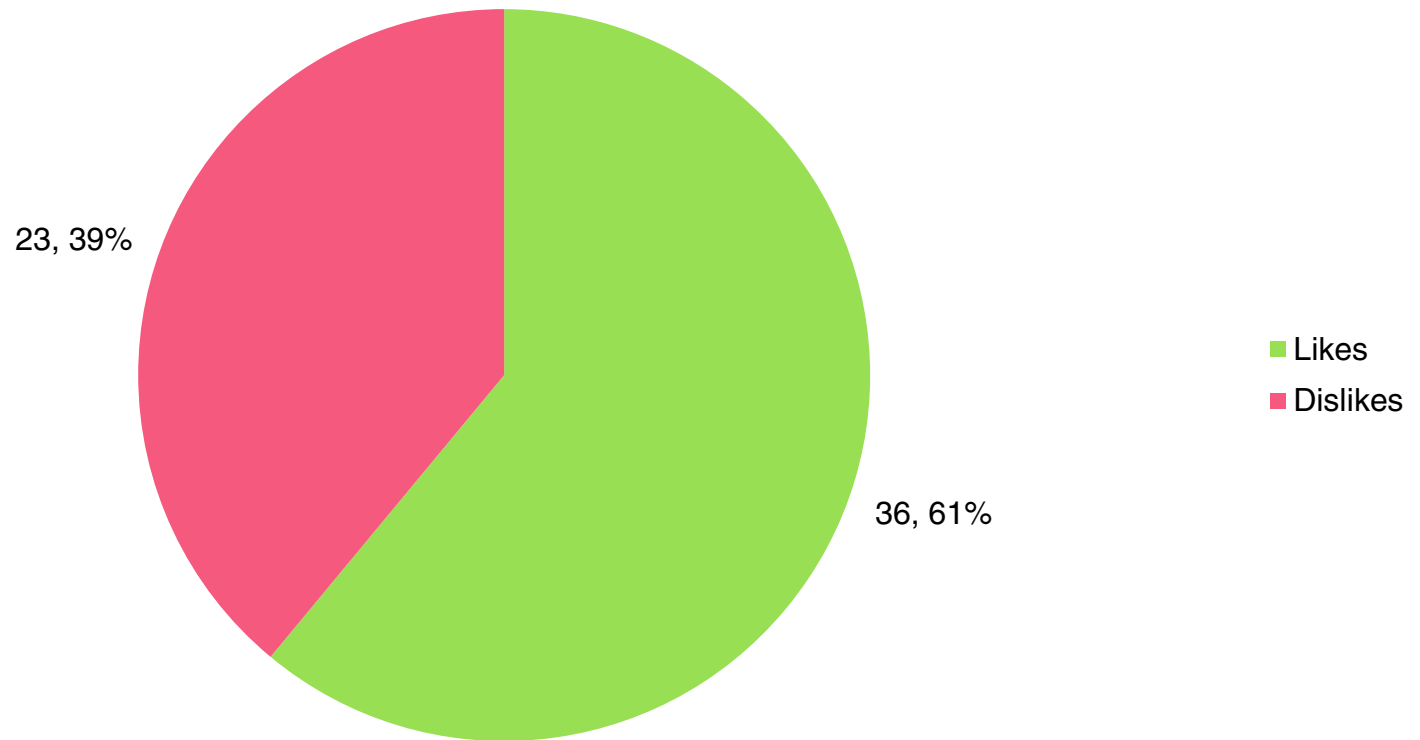
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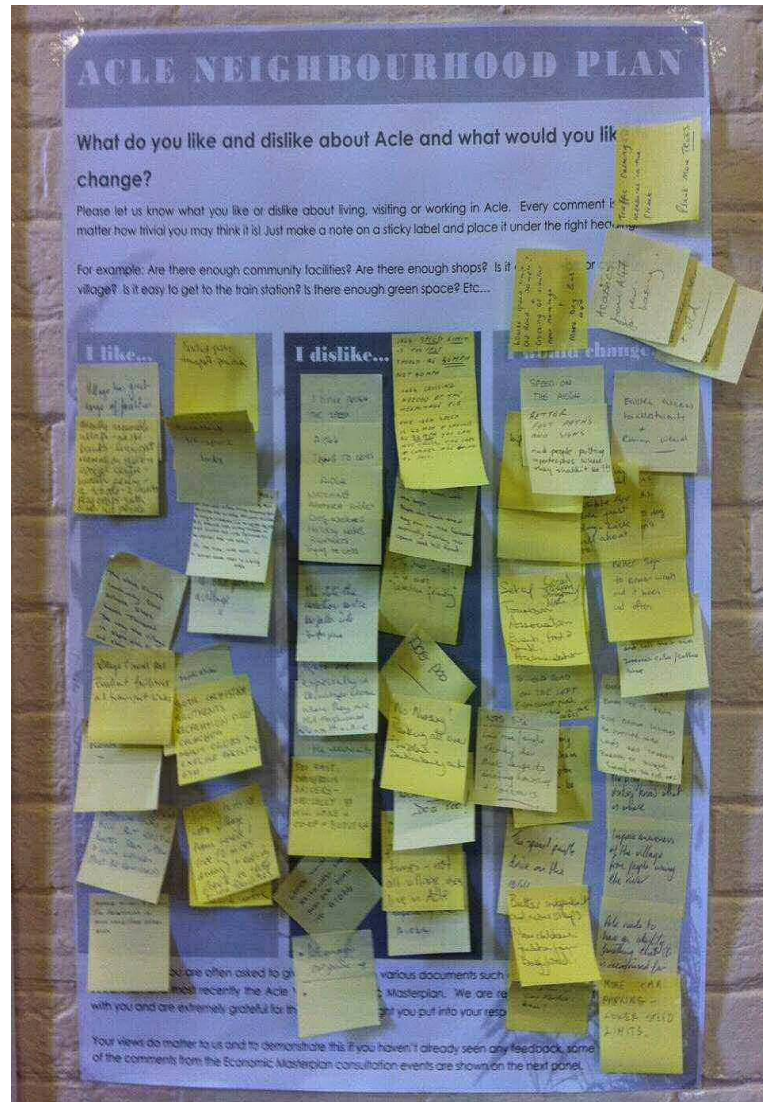


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## Total likes & dislikes

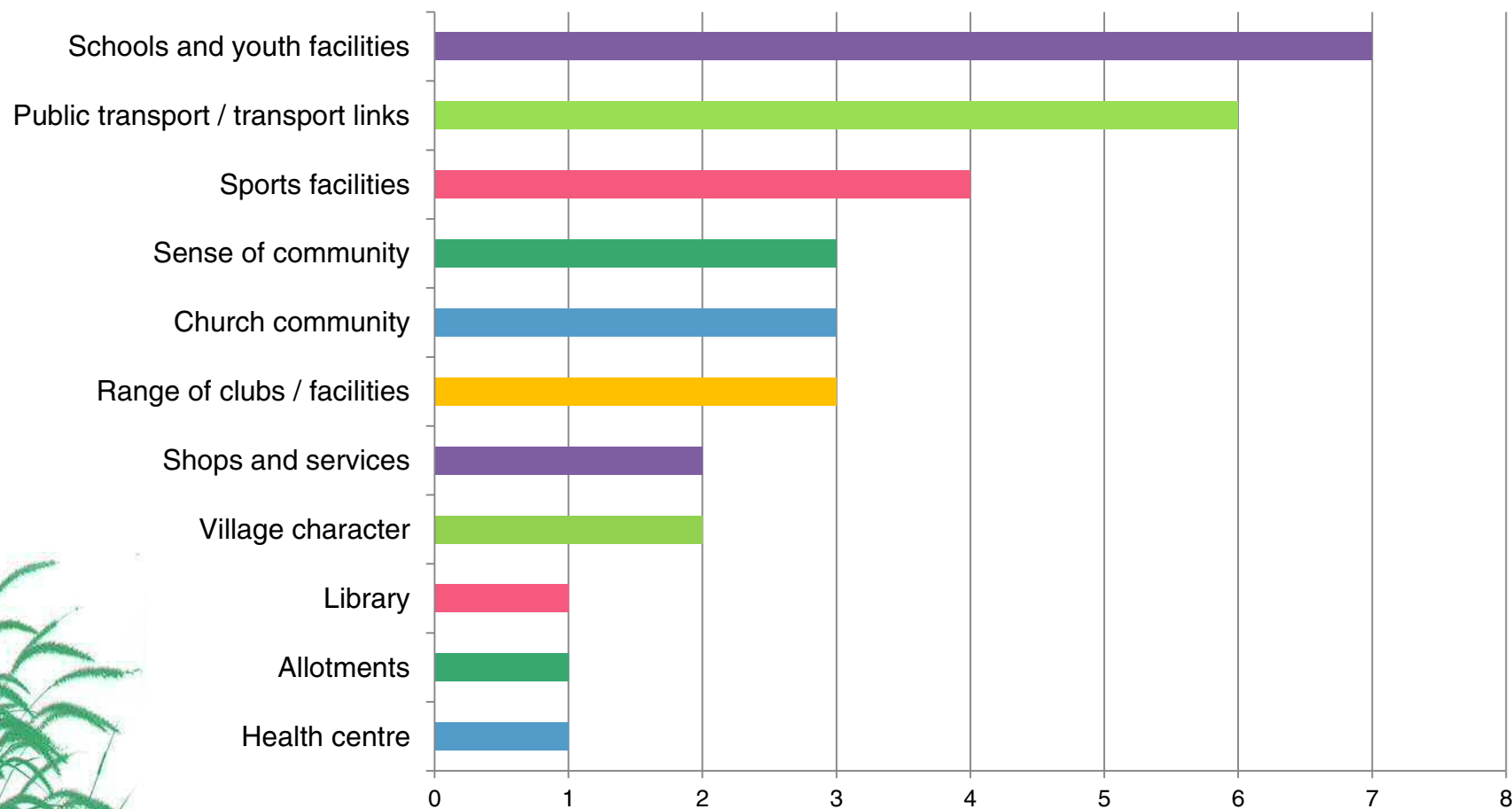


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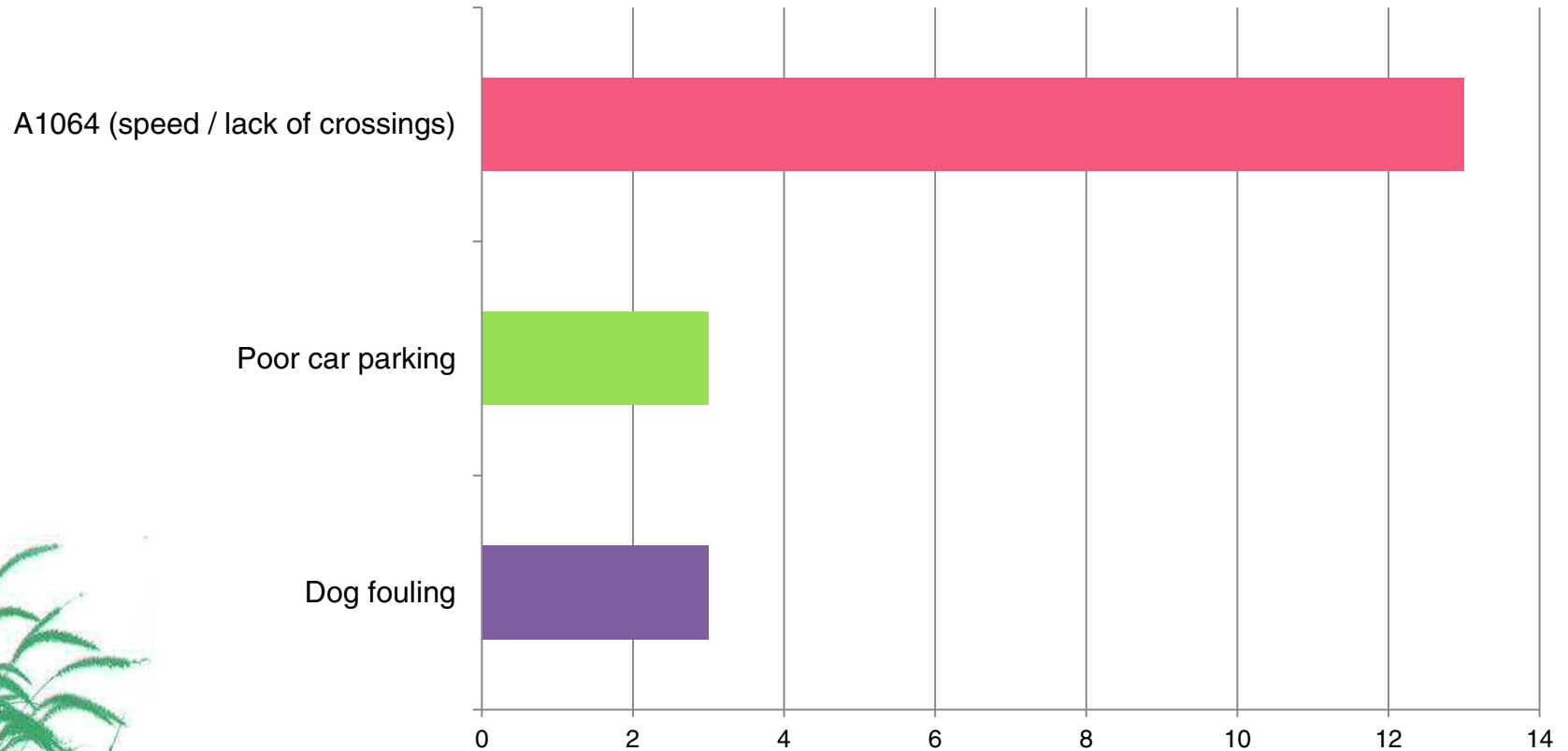
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## Frequently stated likes



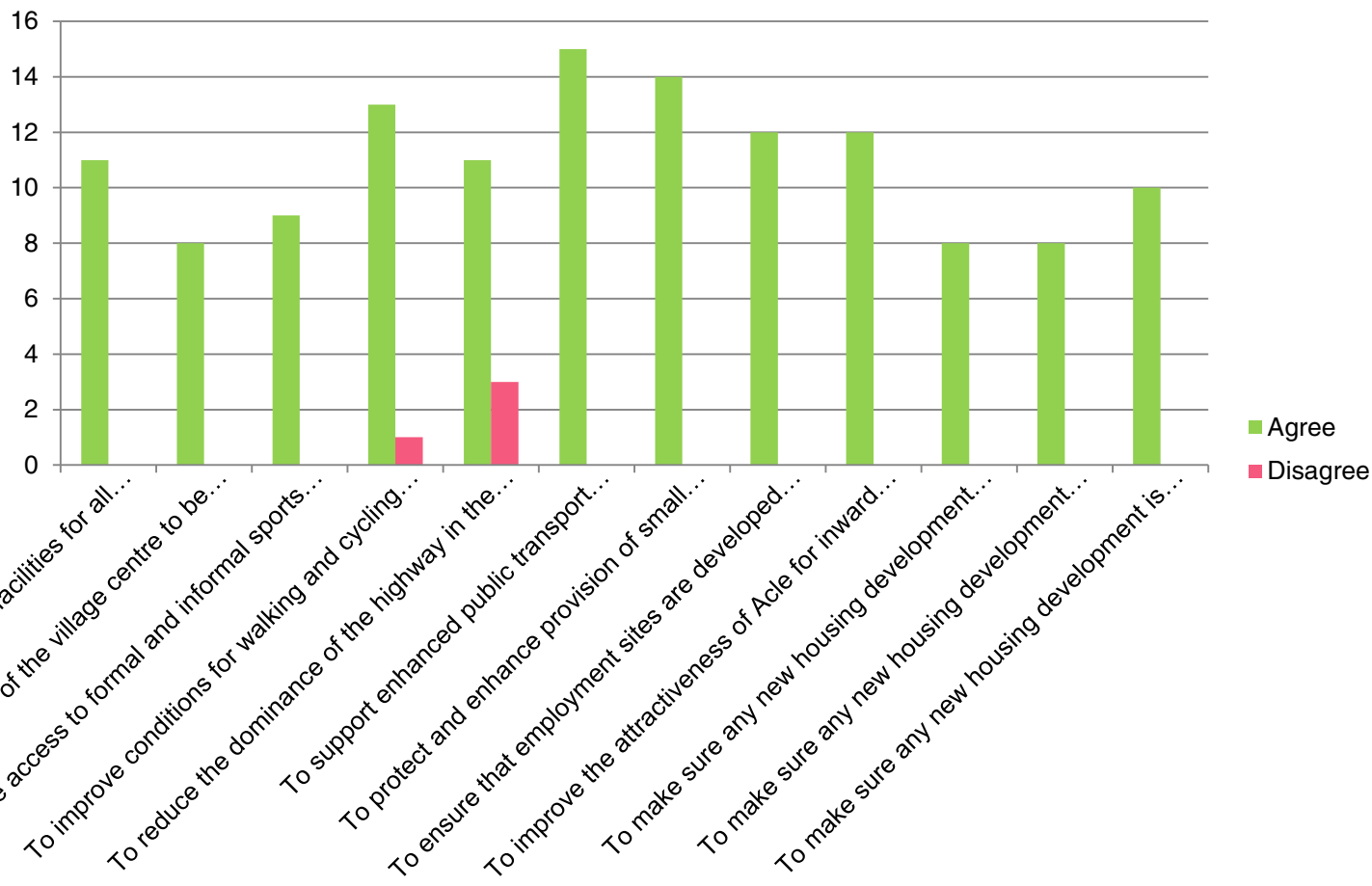
# FEEDBACK FROM THE CONSULTATION EVENT

## Frequently stated dislikes



# FEEDBACK FROM THE CONSULTATION EVENT

## Feedback on draft objectives



# FEEDBACK FROM THE CONSULTATION EVENT

## **My vision for Acle is that by 2026...**

*Continuing to be a prosperous village with good accessibility but maintaining its village and Norfolk character*

*Retains its character as a village whilst developing facilities available to people in surrounding villages*

*Greener, cleaner space with an airport would be nice*

*Easy pedestrian / cycle access to Acle bridge*

*To be as pleasant as it is now for everyone. Keep out big shops, more smaller shops*

*More cycle lanes in and out of the village on small lanes*

*Small enough and integrated enough to keep its sense of community and large enough to retain a flourishing range of facilities*

*A thriving village with local businesses flourishing*

*That it will have a better parking arrangement for all the people living in surrounding areas*

*As lovely as it is now but with better community buses for surrounding villages, then we can leave the cars at home*

*Safe environment for children, more facilities for teenagers, not too much development to enable it to keep its distinctive community*

*Continuing to retain its facilities and village feel whilst developing to attract more people and businesses to the area*



# FEEDBACK FROM THE CONSULTATION EVENT

## Key themes emerging for the vision

- Maintaining village feel and sense of community
- Retaining traditional character
- Sustaining the sense of a thriving place
- Attracting new businesses and people but not to the cost of what is special
- Recognising the role Acle plays as a service centre for surrounding area
- IPA to prepare and circulate a new vision statement to reflect consultation exercise.



## **Appendix I: Acle Academy consultation boards**



# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In 2026, what sort of house would you like to live in? Please place a sticker on the pictures below



A modern house



Terrace in a city



Terrace in the suburbs



Cottage



An estate



Flat in a city



Large country house



A modern estate



Bungalow

In 2026, what sort of place would you like to be working? Please place a sticker on the pictures below



Factory



Modern office in a city



Agriculture/countryside



Business park



Rural office space



Village shops/businesses



Industrial estate



Shopping mall



At home

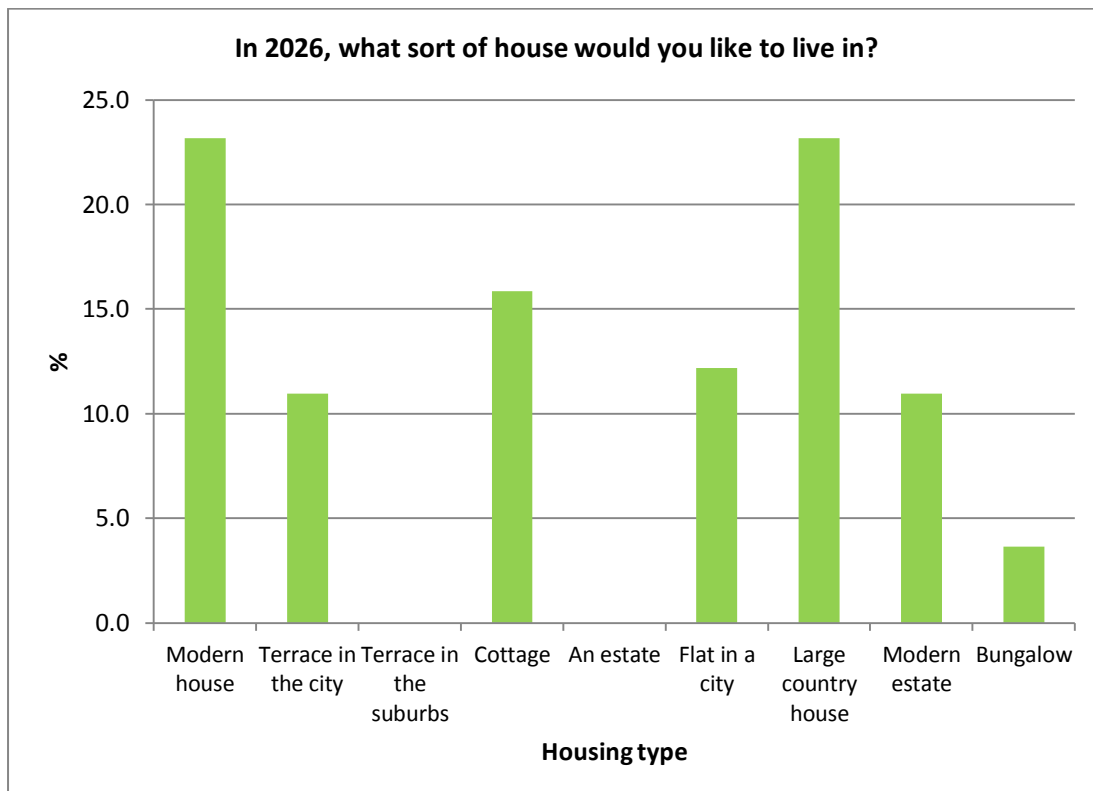
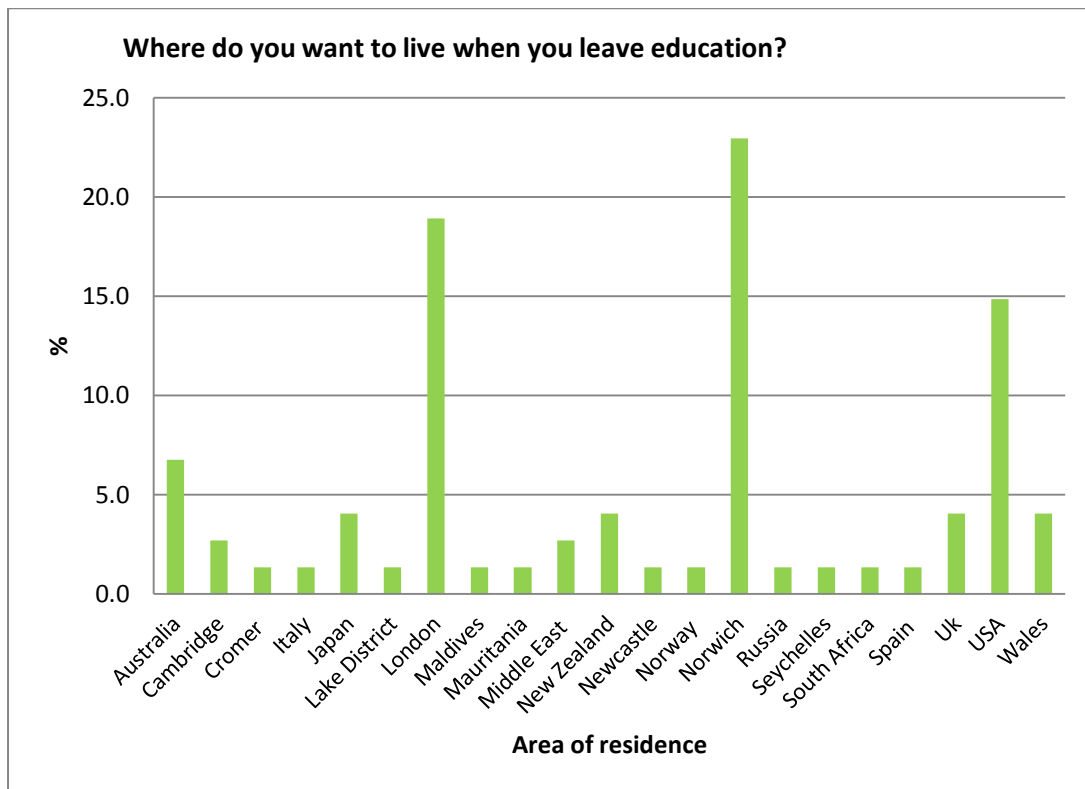
# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Where do you want to live when you leave education? Please mark on the maps below:

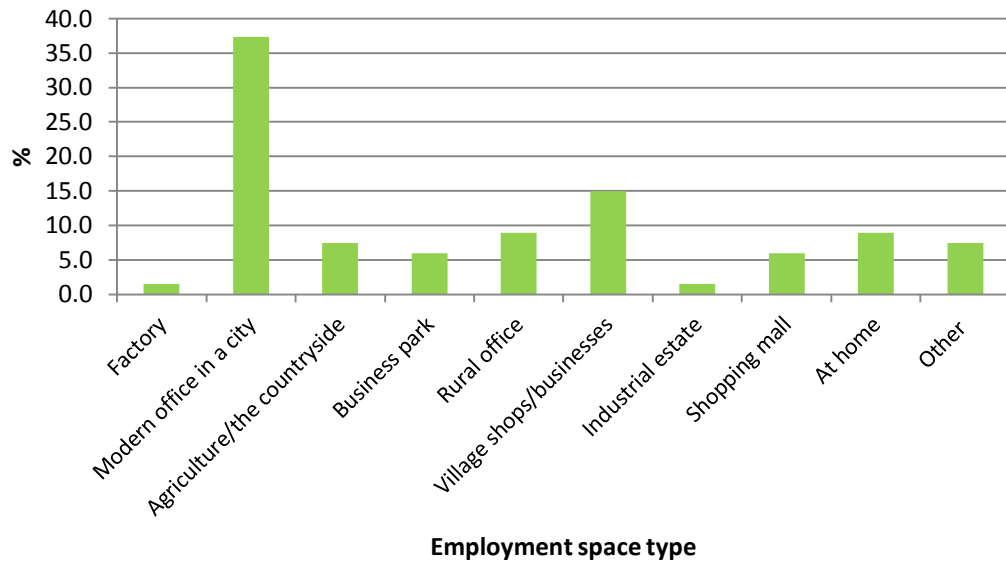


## **Appendix J: Acle Academy consultation results**

**Student consultation results – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

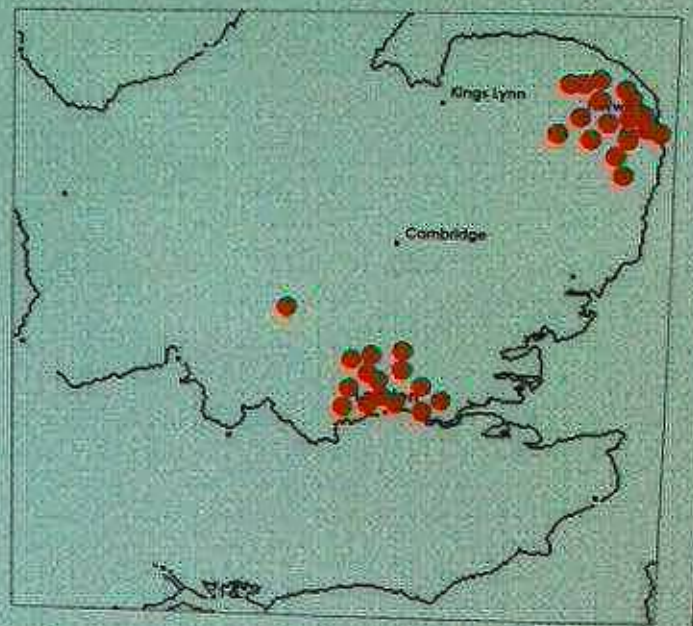
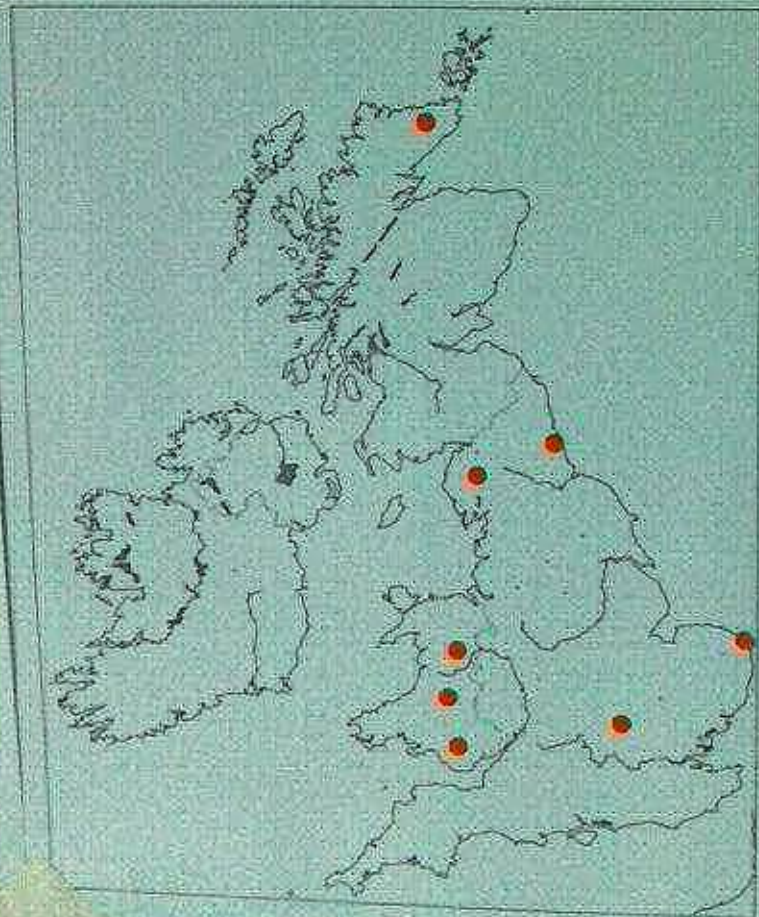
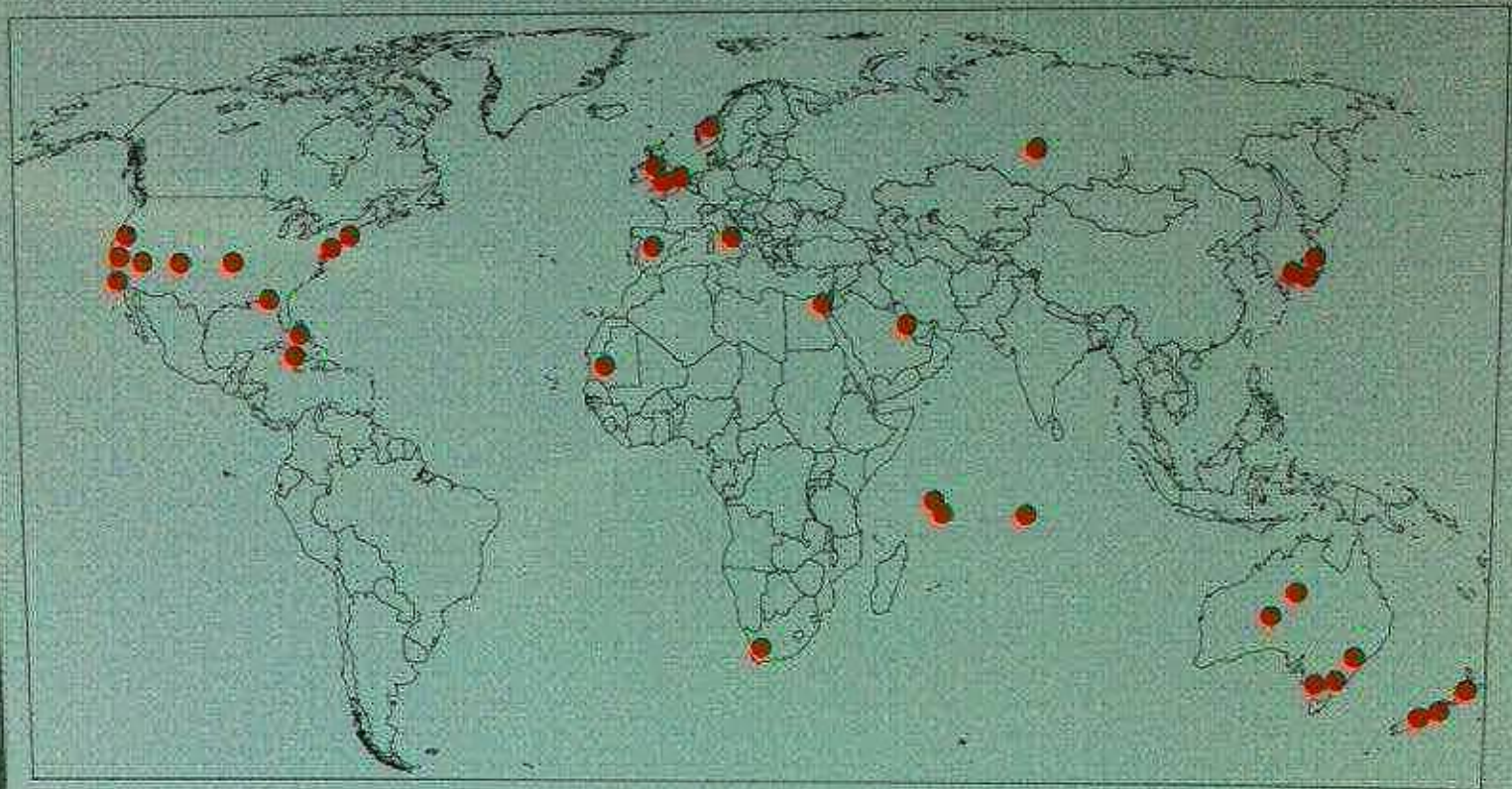


### In 2026, what sort of place would you like to be working



# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Where do you want to live when you leave education? Please mark on the maps below:



# ACORN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In 2026, what sort of house would you like to live in? Please place a sticker on the picture below.



A modern house



A terrace in a city



A terrace in the suburbs



A factory



A modern office in a city



Agriculture in the countryside



A castle



An estate



Flat in a city



A business park



Rural office building



A large house in the countryside



A large country house



A modern estate



A grand house



A rural estate



A shopping mall



A modern office

In 2026, what sort of place would you like to be working? Please place a sticker on the pictures below.

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## **Appendix K: Acle produce show boards**



# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Acle Neighbourhood Plan: Background.

Acle Parish Council is progressing a Neighbourhood Plan to help guide future planning matters in the Parish. The Parish Council has set up a Neighbourhood Plan working group which includes a cross section of community organisations and stakeholders, such as the Acle Society, Acle Recreation Centre, Acle Academy, Acle Youth Club, Norfolk County Council, Broadland District Council and Broads Authority.

Neighbourhood Planning is a new community-led planning initiative that has emerged from the Government's Localism Act. It gives local people

new rights to help shape the development of the communities they live in. Neighbourhood Plans allow local communities to set out planning policies on the development and use of land in the 'neighbourhood area', in Acle's case the neighbourhood area is the civil parish. Any policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan will need to conform to strategic planning policies and guidance at the local, national and European level. They will also need to demonstrate support from the local community. Once adopted a Neighbourhood Plan becomes a statutory planning document which means that it is a material consideration in determining any planning application within its boundaries.

Acle Parish Council chose to progress a Neighbourhood Plan following on from the work

on the Village Economic Masterplan which has recently been finalised. The Village Economic Masterplan, which focussed on developing projects to help support and enhance the local economy, proposes a number of projects that would benefit from being included within a Neighbourhood Plan. By including these projects in a Neighbourhood Plan it will make them easier to deliver, as they have the support of a statutory planning document and a stronger chance of attracting funding.

Acle Parish Council is working with Ingham Pinnock Associates to prepare the plan. Ingham Pinnock Associates will provide support and guidance on technical aspects of the process.

## Acle Neighbourhood Plan: Update.

The working group preparing the Neighbourhood Plan for Acle has successfully completed two consultation exercises. The first consultation was an open session for the local community held at the Church Rooms in Acle on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The second consultation was with students at the Acle Academy on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

The public consultation session at the end of June attracted over 50 local residents throughout the course of the day. The majority of attendees came from the village itself but a number came from surrounding villages and hamlets, showing how Acle plays an important role as a service centre.

Attendees were given further information on the Neighbourhood Plan and asked to record what they like or dislike about the village, what they would change if they could, and what their vision is for Acle in the future. Attendees were also asked to comment on a series of emerging objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Having reviewed all of the comments received, it is clear that residents are generally happy living in the village with over 61% of all comments being positive and 39% being negative. Features that attendees frequently stated as liking about the village included good schools, good public transport links, good sports provision, the range of facilities and the strong sense of community.

The main dislike recorded by attendees related to the A1064 between the village and the Acle Bridge with many commenting on how difficult it is to cross the road to access the allotments, Boat Dyke Lane and all of the other amenities on that side of the village.

The consultation session at the Acle Academy asked students to record where they see themselves living in the future, what type of homes they aspire to live in and what type of employment space they would like to work in.

Some of the students at the Academy will inherit the outcomes of the Neighbourhood Plan and so this exercise sought to understand their views about the design and architecture of future development to ensure that any decisions taken now leave a legacy that is fit and attractive to the next generation of home-buyers and

employees.

Many of the students recorded that they are keen to remain in the area after their education either in and around Acle or in Norwich with an equal number recording that they would like to move to larger cities such as London. The most popular forms of housing recorded by the students were traditional cottages, country houses and highly modern buildings. The least popular forms were more historic estate housing and bungalows.

Both consultation exercises have provided important information for the Acle Neighbourhood Plan as it is developed over the coming months.

From the information gathered at the consultation and other background research, the working group has started to develop initial thoughts relating to the policies to be contained within the Plan. Once these policies have been developed further they will be displayed on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at the second public consultation event. The local community will be asked to review the policies and let the group know whether they accurately reflect the local communities needs and desires.

## Consultation Event 12th October.

Come a long to the next consultation event on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October and have a look at the emerging policies, more information will be available shortly on the event.

## Where to find out more information:

Further information about the Neighbourhood Plan is available from the following sources:

- **Email:** Pauline James, Acle Parish Council (Paulinejames@aol.com) or Ross Ingham, Ingham Pinnock Associates (ross@inghampinnock.com)
- **Telephone:** Pauline James (01493 751070) or Ross Ingham (07827 240 059)
- **Newsletter:** Sign up to the new Neighbourhood Plan e-newsletter (<http://eepurl.com/w4G5T1>)
- **Website:** Visit either the Acle Parish Council website (<http://aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>) or the Ingham Pinnock website (<http://www.inghampinnock.com/acle-neighbourhood-plan/>) to find out more information on progress and general information on neighbourhood planning
- **Notice boards:** Notices about events and progress will be posted to the village noticeboards throughout the process.

## How long will it all take?



## **Appendix L: Second community consultation**

# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Welcome to the **SECOND** consultation on Acle's Neighbourhood Plan.

Acle Parish Council with stakeholders from the local community is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council has put together a Working Group to prepare the plan. The Working Group includes representatives from the Acle Academy, St Edmunds Primary School, Acle Churches, Acle Recreation Centre and Social Club, Acle Youth Club, Acle Society and members of the Youth Chamber.

### What are the aims of today's consultation?

The aims of today's consultation event are to:

- Feedback what you told us at the previous consultation event that we held in June this year
- Let you know what the Working Group has been doing in the meantime
- Present the draft policies, which are based on your comments and our research
- For you to tell us what you think about the policies, do they reflect your comments?

**Please work your way around the panels and take as much time as you like to note down your views. And of course thank you for sparing the time to contribute.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

The idea is that Neighbourhood Plans can set out policies on the development and use of land in a parish or neighbourhood area that might not be covered by the Broadland District Local Plan. If the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted it will become an important document for developers to consider if they want to build in Acle and will help to shape any future development in the village. A Neighbourhood Plan is a new local layer of formal planning policy introduced by the coalition Government through the Localism Act.

### What can it do / not do?

A Neighbourhood Plan cannot be used to stop development that is already supported in other planning documents. Plans must be in 'general conformity' with strategic planning policies (i.e. the Broadland Local Plan) and so it cannot stop the development already proposed around the village.

A Neighbourhood Plan can however add more detail to what any new development must be like, for example it can set out standards in design to make sure that new buildings are as high quality as possible and reflect the character of the village.

### Why should I be interested?

A Neighbourhood Plan offers local communities a real say in the future of their area and you can help to shape policies that will go into the plan.

## How long will it all take?



# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## What did you tell us at the last consultation and what have we done with that information?

After the last consultation we collated the results and analysed them. This information helped us to prepare the draft policies on the following panels. Some of the results from the first consultation are outlined below.

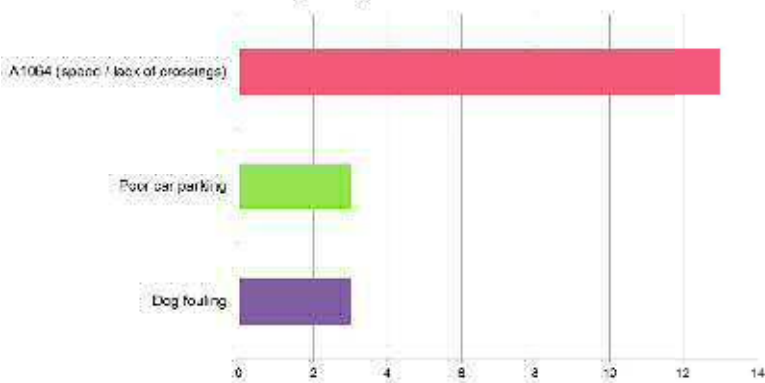
Place of residence of attendees on 29/06/13



Total likes & dislikes



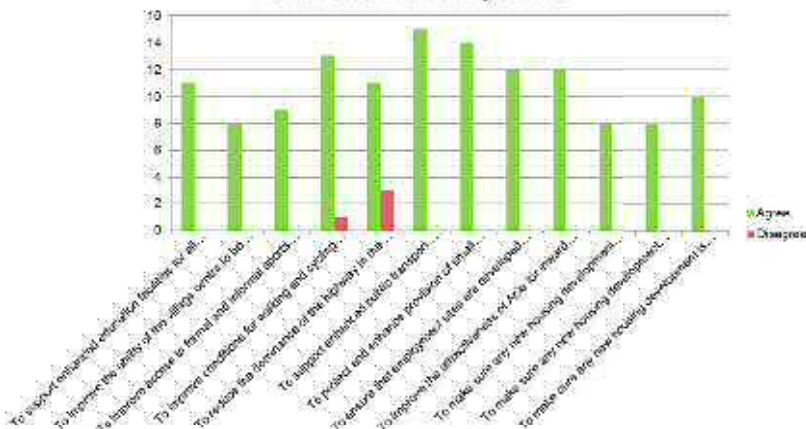
Frequently stated dislikes



Frequently stated likes



Feedback on draft objectives



Key themes emerging for the vision

- Maintaining village feel and sense of community
- Retaining traditional character
- Sustaining the sense of a thriving place
- Attracting new businesses and people but not to the cost of what is special
- Recognising the role Acle plays as a service centre for surrounding area

# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## How would we like you to get involved today?

Having reviewed your comments from the last consultation event, undertaken further consultation with key groups such as students from Acle Academy and undertaken research in to the social, economic and environmental make up of Acle, we have developed a set of draft policies that we hope respond directly to the issues you have raised.

We would be most grateful if you could review the draft policies we have developed and let us know whether you:

- . Strongly disagree
- . Disagree
- . Neither agree or disagree
- . Agree
- . Strongly agree

After this consultation event, we will review your comments and refine and amend the policies as necessary to ensure they reflect your aspirations for Acle.

## The draft vision for the Plan for your review:

‘The vision for the Neighbourhood Plan is to ensure that Acle continues as a flourishing village and gateway to the broads that maintains a strong sense of community whilst embracing a sustainable and prosperous future as a place where people choose to live, work and visit.’

Strongly agree	<input type="text"/>	Disagree	<input type="text"/>
Agree	<input type="text"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>
Neither agree or disagree	<input type="text"/>		

# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Draft policies for your review:

### Policy 1: Acle Bridge

The plan supports the sensitive redevelopment of brownfield land and un-used buildings around the Acle Bridge for high-quality Broads related leisure and tourism uses. Access improvements from the A1064 to existing and new development would be supported alongside the provision of enhanced public realm and interpretation.

Strongly agree	<input type="text"/>
Agree	<input type="text"/>
Neither agree or disagree	<input type="text"/>
Disagree	<input type="text"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>

### Policy 2: Creating an improved village centre

The plan supports a reduction in the scale and extent of land given to roads in the village centre and realignment where necessary in order to provide an expanded village green and improved pedestrian environment.

Any alteration to the existing arrangement would need to maintain existing routes and maintain existing levels of parking.

All alterations to the existing arrangement would need to be tested to ensure they are capable of carrying a full range of vehicles necessary in the local economy for example sugar beet lorries, combine harvesters and mobile cranes.

Strongly agree	<input type="text"/>
Agree	<input type="text"/>
Neither agree or disagree	<input type="text"/>
Disagree	<input type="text"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>

### Policy 3: Acle Academy

The plan supports the upgrade and growth of the Acle Academy and the provision of new high quality sports facilities.

Strongly agree	<input type="text"/>
Agree	<input type="text"/>
Neither agree or disagree	<input type="text"/>
Disagree	<input type="text"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>

### Policy 4: Pre-school provision

The plan supports enhanced pre-school provision in the village.

Strongly agree	<input type="text"/>
Agree	<input type="text"/>
Neither agree or disagree	<input type="text"/>
Disagree	<input type="text"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>

### Policy 5: Links to the countryside and surrounding villages

The plan supports the provision of new and the improvement of existing footpaths, cycleways and bridleways to improve access to the surrounding countryside and other local villages.

Strongly agree	<input type="text"/>
Agree	<input type="text"/>
Neither agree or disagree	<input type="text"/>
Disagree	<input type="text"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>

# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Draft policies for your review:

### Policy 6: Enhanced green spaces

The plan supports the provision of new and enhanced formal and informal green spaces in the Parish.

Strongly agree	<input type="text"/>
Agree	<input type="text"/>
Neither agree or disagree	<input type="text"/>
Disagree	<input type="text"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>

### Policy 7: Wherry Line

The plan supports the retention of the Wherry Line and improvements to pedestrian and cycle access to and from the station, particularly from within the village.

Strongly agree	<input type="text"/>
Agree	<input type="text"/>
Neither agree or disagree	<input type="text"/>
Disagree	<input type="text"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>

### Policy 8: Improving links to the Norfolk Broads

The plan supports the delivery of improved pedestrian and cycle links between the village centre, Acle Boat Dyke and Acle Bridge.

Strongly agree	<input type="text"/>
Agree	<input type="text"/>
Neither agree or disagree	<input type="text"/>
Disagree	<input type="text"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>

### Policy 9: Reducing the severance effect created by the A1064

The plan supports the introduction of lower speed limits on the A1064 between New Road and the River Bure and a formal pedestrian crossing over the A1064 near to the A1064 - Old Road junction and Hermitage Close.

Strongly agree	<input type="text"/>
Agree	<input type="text"/>
Neither agree or disagree	<input type="text"/>
Disagree	<input type="text"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>

### Policy 10: Village centre development

The plan supports the retention of existing retail uses and the development of brownfield sites in the village centre for mixed residential and small scale employment uses (retail or office).

- Particular care will be taken to ensure that the scale, massing and external treatments including advertising contribute to the enhancement of the village centre's appearance
- Any new development must be accompanied by an assessment of parking in the village centre to ensure it does not negatively impact the ability of the village to function as a service centre.

Strongly agree	<input type="text"/>
Agree	<input type="text"/>
Neither agree or disagree	<input type="text"/>
Disagree	<input type="text"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="text"/>

# ACLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Draft policies for your review:

### Policy 11: Business space

The plan supports the provision of new high quality flexible employment space for B1a or B1b uses (excluding the site at the end of Station Road). Any new employment development should provide units for businesses of a range of sizes and allow for start-up and grow-on space.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

### Policy 12: Future housing mix

Before any new planning applications for housing development in Acle are submitted to Broadland District Council the plan requires that an appropriate housing need and / or housing market assessment is undertaken to ensure that the development will include housing that will deliver a balanced community in the village.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

### Policy 13: Future housing integration

Before any new planning applications for housing development in Acle are submitted to Broadland District Council the plan requires that developers undertake thorough engagement and collaborative urban design workshops with the local community and demonstrate this in their applications to ensure that:

- The boundary between new housing and the existing settlement is considered in detail and treated with sensitivity
- Any new housing development is physically integrated to the existing village.

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

## Have we missed anything?

Do you think that the policies cover the main issues in Acle? If not please do let us know by either jotting it down on a post-it or speaking to us in person.

## What happens next?

After this consultation event, we will review your comments and refine and amend the policies as necessary to ensure they reflect your aspirations for Acle.

Once we have developed the policies further we will start to draft the Neighbourhood Plan document, which will provide a lot of background information and the policies in detail.

Thank you for taking part today.



## **Appendix M: Second community consultation results**

Acle Neighbourhood Plan

2nd Public Consultation (13/10/12), responses

	Actuals:						Percentages					
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Totals	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Totals
<b>Vision statement:</b> The vision for the Neighbourhood Plan is to ensure that Acle continues as a flourishing village	16	4	1	0	0	21	76	19	5	0	0	0
<b>Policy 1: Acle Bridge</b> The plan supports the sensitive redevelopment of brownfield land and un-used buildings around the Acle Bridge for high-quality Broads related leisure and tourism uses. Access improvements from the A1064 to existing and new development would be supported alongside the provision of enhanced public realm and interpretation.	4	10	2	0	0	16	25	63	13	0	0	0
<b>Policy 2: Creating an improved village centre</b> The plan supports a reduction in the scale and extent of land given to roads in the village centre and realignment where necessary in order to provide an expanded village green and improved pedestrian environment. Any alteration to the existing arrangement would need to maintain existing routes and maintain existing levels of parking. All alterations to the existing arrangement would need to be tested to ensure they are capable of carrying a full range of vehicles necessary in the local economy for example sugar beet lorries, combine harvesters and mobile cranes.	14	3	1	0	0	18	78	17	6	0	0	0
<b>Policy 3: Acle Academy</b> The plan supports the upgrade and growth of the Acle Academy and the provision of new high quality sports facilities.	7	6	2	2	0	17	41	35	12	12	0	0
<b>Policy 4: Pre-school provision</b> The plan supports enhanced pre-school provision in the village.	9	5	5	0	0	19	47	26	26	0	0	0
<b>Policy 5: Links to the countryside and surrounding villages</b> The plan supports the provision of new and the improvement of existing footpaths, cycleways and bridleways to improve access to the surrounding countryside and other local villages	14	5	1	0	0	20	70	25	5	0	0	0
<b>Policy 6: Enhanced green spaces</b> The plan supports the provision of new and enhanced formal and informal green spaces	15	1	2	0	0	18	83	6	11	0	0	0
<b>Policy 7: Wherry Line</b> The plan supports the retention of the Wherry Line and improvements to pedestrian and cycle access to and from the station, particularly from within the village.	13	4	1	0	0	18	72	22	6	0	0	0
<b>Policy 8: Improving links to the Norfolk Broads</b> The plan supports the delivery of improved pedestrian and cycle links between the village centre, Acle Boat Dyke and Acle Bridge.	14	5	1	0	0	20	70	25	5	0	0	0
<b>Policy 9: Reducing the severance effect created by the A1064</b> The plan supports the introduction of lower speed limits on the A1064 between New Road and the River Bure and a formal pedestrian crossing over the A1064 near to the A1064 - Old Road junction and Hermitage Close.	13	2	0	3	0	18	72	11	0	17	0	0

<p><b>Policy 10: Village centre development</b>  The plan supports the retention of existing retail uses and the development of brownfield sites in the village centre for mixed residential and small scale employment uses (retail or office).  · Particular care will be taken to ensure that the scale, massing and external treatments including advertising contribute to the enhancement of the village centre's appearance  · Any new development must be accompanied by an assessment of parking in the village centre to ensure it does not negatively impact the ability of the village to function as a service centre.</p>	6	10	4	0	0	20	30	50	20	0	0	0
<p><b>Policy 11: Business space</b>  The plan supports the provision of new high quality flexible employment space for B1a or B1b uses (excluding the site at the end of Station Road). Any new employment development should provide units for businesses of a range of sizes and allow for start-up and grow-on space.</p>	6	9	1	0	0	16	38	56	6	0	0	0
<p><b>Policy 12: Future housing mix</b>  Before any new planning applications for housing development in Acle are submitted to Broadland District Council the plan requires that an appropriate housing need and / or housing market assessment is undertaken to ensure that the development will include housing that will deliver a balanced community in the village.</p>	14	3	1	0	0	18	78	17	6	0	0	0
<p><b>Policy 13: Future housing integration</b>  Before any new planning applications for housing development in Acle are submitted to Broadland District Council the plan requires that developers undertake thorough engagement and collaborative urban design workshops with the local community and demonstrate this in their applications to ensure that:  · The boundary between new housing and the existing settlement is considered in detail and treated with sensitivity  · Any new housing development is physically integrated to the existing village.</p>	12	2	1	0	0	15	80	13	7	0	0	0

## **Appendix N: Statutory consultees for pre-submission**

## **Statutory Consultees for Acle Neighbourhood Plan, pre-submission consultation**

Anglian Water Services Ltd  
British Telecommunications plc.  
Broads Authority  
EDF Energy  
English Heritage  
Environment Agency  
Great Yarmouth Borough Council  
Highways Agency  
Homes & Communities Agency  
Hutchison 3G UK Limited  
Mobile Operators Association  
National Grid DPM Consultants  
National Power  
Natural England  
Network Rail  
NHS Norfolk  
Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership  
Norfolk Constabulary  
Norfolk Constabulary - Estates Department (HQ)  
Norfolk County Council  
Norfolk Geodiversity Partnership  
Norfolk Landscape Archaeology  
Norfolk Police Authority  
Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board  
Norfolk Wildlife Trust  
Norwich City Council  
Norwich International Airport Ltd.  
O2 (UK) Limited  
South Norfolk Council  
Vodafone Limited  
Acle Police Station  
Broadland District Council  
Acle Library  
Acle Dental Surgery  
Acle Pre-School  
Acle & Brundall Lions  
Acle Flower Club  
Acle Lands Trust  
Richardsons  
South Walsham Parish Council  
Strumpshaw Parish Council  
Upton & Beighton Parish Council  
Lingwood & Burlingham Parish Council  
Fleggburgh Parish Council  
Halvergate Parish Council  
Norfolk Property Services  
Npower Limited  
Orange PCS Limited  
T-Mobile UK Limited

## **Appendix O: Email to statutory consultees**

## **Email to statutory consultees inviting them to review and comment on the pre-submission document**

Dear Sir / Madam

On behalf of Acle Parish Council I have the pleasure of attaching a Pre Submission Consultation Draft of the Acle Neighbourhood Plan and invite you to review and comment on the document. The formal consultation period commenced on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and will finish on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

The draft Plan builds on a significant body of work undertaken throughout 2013 including community consultation events held in June and October and a significant programme of primary research. In addition to the overall vision above, the Plan contains policies that seek to address specific local issues and that can help to shape the way Acle grows in the future. A number of the policies relate directly to comments and concerns raised by local residents.

Hard copies of the draft Plan are available to view at the Library, Recreation Centre and Post Office in Acle and at Broadland District Council in Thorpe St Andrew. Completed paper response forms should be posted to Acle Parish Clerk at Beech Farm, 15 Marsh Road, Upton, Norwich, NR13 6BP. Electronic copies of the document can be viewed or downloaded from the Acle Parish Council website ([www.aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://www.aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)) or Ingham Pinnock Associates website ([www.inghampinnock.com/acle-neighbourhoodplan](http://www.inghampinnock.com/acle-neighbourhoodplan)) and electronic response forms can be e-mailed to Pauline James (Parish Clerk,

Kind regards

## **Appendix P: Responses to pre-submission consultation**



## Acle Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Draft Consultation Responses

Name of respondent	Representing	Summary of comment received	Summary of how the issue has been addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan.
Sgt Rory Walne	Norfolk Constabulary	<p>“Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Acle Neighbourhood Plan. My current role within the Constabulary is to assess the planned growth across the county and the likely effect it will have on existing infrastructure and look into what can be done in order to mitigate against such growth.</p> <p>Policing is essentially a population driven service; with any increase in population there is a concomitant increase in the pressure on the ability of the Police to fulfil their obligations under the Police Act 1996 to deliver an efficient and effective Police service.</p> <p>The causal relationship between population size and levels of crime is supported by academic research. Put simply, if a population increases there is a proportionate increase in the level of crime.</p> <p>Therefore a need then exists to either increase the number of officers to address the rising incidence of crime associated with a growing population, or to make the existing quotient of officers more efficient in dealing with the rising number of incidents to ensure the level of service is maintained or improved.</p> <p>New housing is delivered (broadly) either through redevelopment and intensification of existing urban areas, or through the development of new peripheral green field sites. Each will impact on delivery of policing; either through a concentration of population within an existing urban area, which places greater demand on existing facilities/staff; or by spreading the growing population more widely within an area, thereby facilitating a need for additional facilities located more closely to new centres of population.</p> <p>Whereas the planned growth detailed in the Acle Neighbourhood Plan is relatively small, it is the cumulative effect of growth across the whole of the Policing neighbourhood of Acle, which includes not just Acle but also 16 other parishes that will have an effect of police infrastructure and resources. New developments, particularly during construction phases can be a targets for thefts, and provide new areas that require to be patrolled. This is in the knowledge that extensive development is planned throughout Broadland, notably the ‘growth triangle’ &amp; the Northern Distribution Road which will clearly impact on police resources and infrastructure throughout the District. “</p>	Comments noted.

<p>Roger Chenery</p>	<p>Highways Agency</p>	<p>Having looked at the document it is clear to me that its intent and policies are unlikely to affect the Strategic Road Network which in the locality is represented by the A47 Trunk Road. I therefore formerly state that the Highways Agency has no comment to make.</p> <p>Whilst I have not used the official response form as I felt that it did not lend itself to a general comment I hope that this email will suffice as a formal response.</p> <p>I wish you well for a successful adoption of the document and it's future implementation.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p><b>Roger Chenery, Asset Manager, Asset Development Team</b></p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p>Stephen Faulkner (Principal Planner)</p>	<p>Norfolk County Council</p>	<p><b>Introduction</b> The officer–level comments below are made on without prejudice basis and the County Council reserves the right to make further comments to the emerging Plan</p> <p><b>General comments</b> The County Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the above neighbourhood plan and supports the sustainable vision and objectives set out in the Plan.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure Delivery</b> Under the Vision and Objectives section the Parish Council may wish to consider reference under a “general development” heading as follows: “to make sure new development provides appropriate new or improved infrastructure in order to mitigate the impact of the development” In addition the Parish Council may wish to consider having a Policy on infrastructure delivery indicating that: Housing and other development will be expected to contribute towards improving local services and infrastructure (such as transport, education; library and fire hydrant provision) through either the payment of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and/or planning obligations (via a s106 agreement / planning condition). The emerging plan should make it clear that new or improved infrastructure will be funded/delivered through CIL and/or S106 agreements (including use of planning conditions) having regard to the Greater Norwich Development Partnership Local Investment Plan and Programme (LIPP).</p>	<p><b>Comment noted. It is considered that infrastructure delivery is addressed through other strategic planning policy documents.</b></p> <p><b>Comment noted. It is considered that infrastructure delivery is addressed through other strategic planning policy documents.</b></p> <p><b>Comment noted. It is considered that infrastructure delivery is addressed through other strategic planning policy documents.</b></p>

	<p>Policies 3 and 4 of the Plan are supported with regard to high school and pre-school provision. However, it is felt that there ought to be a further Policy covering primary school provision, as follows:</p> <p>“Development in Acle and within the primary school catchment area is expected to make any appropriate contribution towards the delivery of improved education provision made necessary by the development.”</p> <p>Should you have any queries with the above comments please contact: Stephen Faulkner (Principal Planner) Tel no: 01603 222752 Email: <a href="mailto:stephen.faulkner@norfolk.gov.uk">stephen.faulkner@norfolk.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Movement and Transport</b></p> <p>The County Council generally welcomes the “Movement and Transport” section of the Plan. The following comments are made on this section:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Policy 5 – The Plan needs to clarify whether it is improvements to footpaths or footways which are being sought. A footpath is a public right of way generally across countryside. A footway is typically a pavement. There is no footpath between Acle and Acle Bridge. It is assumed that what the Parish Council is referring to is a footway adjacent to the road between Acle and Acle Bridge.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">In addition the Parish Council might want to consider a combined footway / cycleway between Acle and Acle Bridge; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Policy 6 supports the aspiration to improve pedestrian and cycle access to Acle Station.</p> <p>Should you have any queries with the above comments please contact: David Cumming (Principal Planner) Tel no: 01603 224225 Email: <a href="mailto:david.cumming@norfolk.gov.uk">david.cumming@norfolk.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Minerals and Waste comments</b></p> <p>Norfolk County Council in its capacity as the Mineral and Waste Planning Authority wishes to make the following comments regarding the draft Acle Neighbourhood Plan. It is noted that the plan does not seek to make housing allocations, instead referring to the allocations proposed in the Broadland Site Specific Allocations plan. The Mineral and Waste Planning Authority have made consultation responses regarding these allocations as part of the site allocations process, which still stand, and do not wish to comment further in the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Policy 9 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan seeks to make an additional employment allocation in addition to the sites proposed in the Broadland Site Specific Allocations.</p> <p>The site is partially underlain by a Mineral Safeguarding Area (sand and gravel) which is</p>	<p><b>Comments noted.</b></p> <p><b>Comment noted. It is considered that this issue is addressed through other strategic planning policy documents.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and policy wording revised to reflect the footpath between Acle Academy as an informal footway and the footpath alongside the A1064 as a permissive path.</b></p> <p><b>Comment noted and policy wording revised to include the possibility of the path becoming a combined footway /cycleway.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted.</b></p>
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	<p>safeguarded through Core Strategy Policy CS16 of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Core Strategy which forms part of the development plan. Having established that the requirements of CS16 are relevant this would normally require as a minimum site investigation and assessment. However in this case, the site was subject to investigation as part of the work carried out for the construction of the Acle bypass, and the borehole logs are available through the British Geological Survey. Having examined these logs, the Mineral and Waste Planning Authority has concluded that the mineral underlying the site is of a quality which is unlikely to be economically viable, and therefore the MPA would not object to any future development on this site, on mineral safeguarding grounds.</p> <p>Should you have any queries with the above comments please contact: Richard Drake (Acting Principal Planning and Policy Officer) Tel no: 01603 222349 Email: <a href="mailto:richard.drake@norfolk.gov.uk">richard.drake@norfolk.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>NPS</b></p> <p>The Parish Council will be aware that County Council owns considerable agricultural land to the north of Norwich Road at Acle (which forms part of the County Farms estate) for which NPS has been promoting with Broadland District Council through its Site Allocations document for alternative development, specifically up to 150 dwellings. Work is currently progressing on this matter, with a view that an outline planning application will hopefully be submitted to Broadland in the Spring of 2014.</p> <p>It is noted that Policy 9 of the Acle Neighbourhood Plan seeks to allocate a parcel of land to the south of Norwich Road, which it is assumed would be accessed off a spur off the existing roundabout.</p> <p>As part of the work NPS is working on for the planning application for up to 150 dwellings, NCC (as landowner) has commissioned a Transport Assessment, which has been through a scoping exercise/consultation with Norfolk County Council's (NCC) Highways Team and the Highway Agency to demonstrate that this scale of development will not have any implications in terms of capacity on the local road network/A47 trunk road.</p> <p>In seeking to protect the interests of NCC (and particularly the outcome of the soon to be submitted planning application), it is felt that the proposed new employment allocation to the south of Norwich Road should seek to ensure that its development will not have any adverse impact on other planned developments in the area (notably the new residential development to the north) for example, by way of infrastructure upgrades or capacity implications.</p> <p>Should you have any queries with the above comments please contact: Jonathan Green (NPS Property Consultants) Tel no: 01603 706171 Email: <a href="mailto:jonathon.green@nps.co.uk">jonathon.green@nps.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Comments noted and policy wording revised to ensure that any development at this site will not fetter access to the NPS site.</b></p>
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Richard Squires	Broadland District Council responses	<p><b>Section of document:</b> 4.0 Policies, Policy 2, policy box  <b>Comment:</b> Suggest part of first sentence to be put in supporting text.  <b>Suggested amendment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Relevant agencies such as Norfolk County Council and Broadland District Council are encouraged to work with the Parish Council and local community’ to be put in supporting text.</li> <li>• Start the sentence with ‘It is proposed to progress plans to reduce the extent...’</li> </ul> <p><b>Section of document:</b> 4.0 Policies, Policy 3, policy box  <b>Comment:</b> Advise against having statement about contributions as developments may not require this. Also, suggest policy could be worded more categorically. The Parish Council may want to consider where CIL contributions would be spent; perhaps in the ‘Implementation’ chapter?  <b>Suggested amendment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggest policy could read, ‘The upgrade and growth of Acle Academy within its existing site and the provision of new high quality sports facilities will be permitted, subject to normal planning considerations.’</li> <li>• Suggest following part of current wording is moved into supporting text: ‘Specifically, the Plan supports applications to relevant agencies for funding to deliver improvements’. Suggest delete sentence regarding contributions from major developments.</li> </ul> <p><b>Section of document:</b> 4.0 Policies, Policy 4, policy box, paragraph 2  <b>Comment:</b> Advise against having statement about contributions as developments may not require this.  <b>Suggested amendment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Major developments in Acle and within...’ delete paragraph</li> </ul> <p><b>Section of document:</b> 4.0 Policies, Policy 5, policy box, bullet point 2  <b>Comment:</b> Suggest some of the policy wording that deals with implementation is moved into supporting text.  <b>Suggested amendment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggest policy reads: ‘The footpath adjacent A11064 between Acle Bridge and the village will be improved. Developments at Acle Bridge described in Policy 1 will be expected to make a contribution towards improvement and ongoing maintenance’</li> <li>• Suggest following statement is moved in to supporting text: ‘The plan supports funding applications to relevant agencies to deliver improvements to this route.’</li> </ul>	<p><b>Comments noted and text moved as suggested.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and text revised as suggested.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and references to developer contributions removed.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and revisions made to the policy wording.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and policy text revised as suggested.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and text removed as suggested.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and policy text revised as suggested.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and text moved as suggested.</b></p>
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	<p><b>Section of document:</b> 4.0 Policies, Policy 6, policy box  <b>Comment:</b> This policy does not seem to constitute a land use policy as currently worded, particularly as suggested by the first sentence. Rewording may help to increase land use aspects of the policy. Alternatively, this policy could be linked to the proposed employment land at A47 junction (Policy 9). How will this policy be implemented? E.g. is it a Parish Council priority for spending of CIL money?  <b>Suggested amendment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First sentence of first paragraph to be deleted ‘the plan supports...’</li> <li>• Use of more emphatic text e.g. ‘improvements will be made to...’ / ‘...will be encouraged.’ etc.</li> <li>• ‘Improved cycle and car parking facilities at station’ (last sentence) to be put first, as this is the land use issue</li> </ul> <p><b>Section of document:</b> 4.0 Policies, policy 7, policy box  <b>Comment:</b> Again, this policy does not seem to constitute a land use policy. This might be enhanced by the inclusion of some additional text in the policy wording.  <b>Suggested amendment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggest addition of following wording at the beginning of the policy: ‘Access between Acle and land-uses/developments in the adjacent Broads Area should be improved.’</li> </ul> <p><b>Section of document:</b> 4.0 Policies, policy 10, policy box  <b>Comment:</b> Suggest this policy is not achievable or realistic. There could be a general policy contribute to a balanced community. However, if the Parish Council want to promote a local housing market assessment they should undertake one and then encourage proposals to reflect this or focus on removing existing imbalances  Also, there is no reference in this section to affordable housing. Suggest some amendments to the text to reflect this.  <b>Suggested amendment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider a general policy on mix of housing and/or pursuing a local housing market assessment in the parish.</li> <li>• Supporting Text, Para 3: Insert the word: “inclusive” between “diverse” and “vibrant”. Insert after: “...it is important that Acle provides”...”suitable facilities and housing choices that can help to meet the diverse needs of all our residents.”</li> </ul> <p><b>Section of document:</b> 4.0 Policies, policy 11, policy box  <b>Comment:</b> Suggest this policy is not achievable or realistic. It may be possible to include something more general in supporting text, but it cannot require a developer to do this. issue is ‘integration,’ why not change the policy to state that the layout/design of development will be expected to integrate with existing areas, in terms of access, links to facilities, having regard to the character of adjoining areas etc?</p>	<p><b>Comments noted and policy wording revised to “The plan encourages improvements...”</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and text moved as suggested.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and policy text revised as suggested.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and policy significantly revised as follows: “Any new housing development will be expected to deliver a mixture of homes suitable for all age groups and contribute to ensuring that Acle remains a vibrant and balanced community.”</b></p>
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		<p>Also, the supporting text related to this policy could be expanded to include references to other aspects of well-integrated communities e.g. integration of different types of housing, use of informal open space to encourage social interaction etc.</p> <p><b>Suggested amendment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider changing the policy to state that the layout/design of development will be expected to integrate with existing areas, in terms of access, links to facilities, having regard to the character of adjoining areas etc?</li> <li>• Suggest adding some text similar to following under Supporting Text: “[The plan] seeks that house builders and promoters design inclusive and mixed communities that reflect the physical characteristics of Acle, and support integration and cohesion within and between new and existing communities - for example: by seeking to ensure that affordable housing is well integrated with market housing; that housing is sympathetically designed to reflect the local vernacular; and that proposed developments include opportunities for people to meet formally and informally.” Also... “Encouragement will be given for developers and proposers to meaningfully consult and engage with the local community as development proposals are progressed to show how the views of the community have been addressed in any subsequent planning application(s).”</li> </ul> <p><b>Section of document:</b> 6.0 Implementation and monitoring</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> Given the nature of many of the policies (i.e. about encouraging the provision of something), it might be useful to expand this section to talk about funding and priorities, particularly in relation to future CIL monies coming to the Parish Council. One aspect might be to have a list of the infrastructure (physical and social) that is encouraged in the policies and how this is expected to be delivered.</p>	<p><b>Comments noted and policy significantly revised as follows:</b> “The layout and design of any new housing development in and around the village including the Mill Lane scheme will be expected to integrate with existing areas, in terms of access, links to facilities, links to the village centre and have regard to the character of adjoining areas. The Plan seeks to ensure that house builders and promoters design inclusive and mixed communities that reflect the physical characteristics of Acle and support integration and cohesion within and between new and existing communities, for example: by making sure affordable housing is well integrated with market housing; that housing is sympathetically designed to reflect the local vernacular; and that proposed developments include opportunities for people to meet formally and informally. Encouragement will be given for developers and proposers to meaningfully consult and engage with the local community as development proposals are progressed to show how the views of the community have been addressed in any subsequent planning application(s).”</p> <p><b>Comments noted and clarification given to BDC that this information will be provided in an accompanying implementation plan.</b></p>
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Ken Hamilton	Norfolk County Council	<p><b>Please state fully and clearly your concerns:</b> As it stands, the draft neighbourhood plan does not reference the historic environment in any way. Several policies (notably policies 1, 8 and 9) currently have implications for the historic environment.</p> <p><b>Please indicate what change or alternative approach would resolve your concerns:</b> We recommend that the Parish Council consult the Historic Environment Record at Norfolk County Council, and incorporate the results of that visit into the policies of the neighbourhood plan. The Historic Environment Service are happy to advise on this.</p> <p><b>Are there any omissions from the draft Neighbourhood Plan:</b> The plan should look at the heritage assets within the parish, and the parish council may wish to consider whether the enhancement and/or protection of the historic environment should be one of the objectives of the plan. While there is protection for the historic environment within the National Planning Policy Framework, the parish council may wish to consider whether the parish has any specific policies they may wish to add. As above, the Historic Environment Service are happy to advise on this.</p>	<p><b>Comments noted. Policies 1 and 8 revised to include text specifically relating to the protection of historic environment</b></p> <p><b>Comment noted. Working Group undertook review of Listed buildings and monuments.</b></p> <p><b>Comment noted. Paragraph included in 'Acle in 2013/14' specifically relating to heritage assets.</b></p>
Janet Nuttall	Natural England	<p>Dear Mrs James</p> <p><b>Acle Neighbourhood Development Plan Pre-submission Consultation</b></p> <p>Thank you for consulting Natural England on the above in your email of 12th January 2014. You will be aware that Natural England has previously submitted comments on the Acle Neighbourhood Development Plan Area and Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report.</p> <p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>The Plan area includes part of the Broads National Park, Decoy Acle SSSI, a component of Broadland SPA and Ramsar and The Broads SAC and Damgate Marshes SSSI a component of Broadland Ramsar and The Broads SAC.</p> <p>We are satisfied that the Sustainability Appraisal presented within Appendix 2 provides a detailed assessment of the impacts of the Plan on environmental issues within our remit. The assessment identifies that the Plan is unlikely to have a significant adverse environmental effect. Natural England broadly agrees that, given the location, scale and nature of development proposed through Plan policies, this is unlikely to have a significant effect on designated conservation sites. We would recommend that the Plan specifies the requirement for proposals to be subject to detailed ecological assessment and for suitable mitigation to be</p>	<p><b>Comments noted but it is considered that the requirement to undertake ecological assessment is addressed through other strategic policies.</b></p>



		<p>agreed where adverse effects are predicted.</p> <p>You are advised to seek the views of the National Park Board/Partnership regarding the impacts of Plan Policies on The Broads National Park.</p> <p>We welcome Plan policies to enhance public open space provision, improve cycling and walking links to the wider countryside and to improve access to the Wherry Line to encourage travel by train.</p> <p>Opportunities to incorporate features into new build or retro fitted buildings which are beneficial to wildlife, such as the incorporation of roosting opportunities for bats or the installation of bird nest boxes should also be considered as part of any new development proposal.</p> <p>I hope you will find these comments helpful. For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Janet Nuttall on 0300 060 1239. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to <a href="mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk">consultations@naturalengland.org.uk</a>.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Janet Nuttall Land Use Operations</p>	<p><b>Comments noted, the Broads Authority are a member of the Working Group and have been consulted throughout.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted.</b></p>
Annie Bassham	Local resident	I am in favour of the draft Neighbourhood Plan in its entirety.	<b>Comment noted.</b>
T F O'Neill	Local resident	<p><b>Draft Acle Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>There has been little time to consider the draft plan since notice was circulated with the Parish Quarterly Newsletter. Moreover the document is littered with jargon that will confuse some including myself. What is the 'Public Realm'? I can only guess. If the plan is for public consideration it should be written in language people can expect to understand. Might I therefore ask that further time be allowed for local consideration and discussion. Further if copies were displayed in semi public buildings such as banks the surgery pubs and clubs a fuller response might be anticipated. For fear of Judicial Review the NHS has extended the time for rejection of the Care Data Survey. I do hope the Council will give like consideration.</p> <p><b>Background</b></p> <p>I have known Acle for upwards of fifty years and lived here for the last five. The by-pass represents a great improvement but strangely has not generated more business. Perhaps the reason is the limited available space, For sure it is a much more desirable place to live.</p>	<p><b>Publicity regarding the pre-submission draft plan was and the development of the plan more generally has been comprehensive and widespread. Articles have featured in local newspapers and newsletters, posters have been displayed around the Parish and on various websites.</b></p> <p><b>Comment noted. Policy 9 seeks to address the limited supply of business space.</b></p>

	<p><b>Vision</b>  Similar words were adopted by the legendary Robin Wales Mayor of LB Newham in the run up to 2012 and the Olympics. Newham remains a place where people neither want to live nor work and the slogan has been quietly dropped. Might I suggest use it but if you must use with care!</p> <p><b>Country Links</b>  The paths mentioned in the report are important. They serve as additional attractions for tourists and in some cases necessary daily transit routes for outlying communities. It is to be hoped that money will be found for their improvement. I mention particularly the path from the Cemetery to Upton. Additionally that path beside the A1064 leading to the Bridge. It would benefit if it were to be hard surfaced to accommodate prams pushchairs and cycles etc. is achievable.</p>	<p><b>Comment noted.</b></p> <p><b>Comment noted. Policies contained within the Plan seek to improve foot paths and cycleways and specifically the path beside the A1064.</b></p>
<p>T F O'Neill continued...</p>	<p><b>Rural Links</b>  The village is a natural centre for the hinterland on which it also depends in part. That said radical changes to the road system are neither justified in terms of convenience nor expense. I challenge the idea that the village comes to a standstill when visited with cranes combine harvesters and so forth. In the last five years I have never seen either a crane or a combine harvester within the village.</p> <p>Beet lorries are a necessary consequence of living in a rural community. To suggest they should be banned is as valid as suggesting farmers should not tend chickens. I invite the Council; to agree they are seasonal and limited to those transiting the village to and from the South Walsham Road. I would also invite the Council to agree that the cause of such traffic jams as there are is the fleet of buses and coaches that clog the Street sometimes in both directions. The idea that footpaths be enlarged is neither justified by demand nor reason for making vehicular traffic less welcome. Just to make the point - busses should neither be banned nor restricted. They are a great asset and we are well served. Let us live with the small inconveniences.</p> <p>In the same way I submit the argument is not made for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More restricted parking</li> <li>• yellow lines</li> <li>• enlarged pavements</li> <li>• one way systems</li> <li>• enlarged village greens</li> </ul> <p>Not all of this is mentioned in the draft plan but it can be read that way.</p> <p><b>Improving Housing</b></p>	<p><b>No changes to the road system are suggested in the Plan and the plan does not suggest or imply that the village 'comes to a standstill' at any time.</b></p> <p><b>The plan does not suggest that any vehicles are banned from the village. It plans positively to ensure that sugar beet lorries and other HGVs are able to continue to use the village.</b></p> <p><b>The plan does not include policies which seek to restrict parking, introduce more yellow lines or one way systems. The plan does include proposals to provide an enlarged village green and enlarged pavements. These policies have been extensively tested and have been the subject of consultation which has consistently supported the concept.</b></p>

	<p>The village will expand with the new housing estate off the Norwich Road and Springfield. The demand for development land is growing daily. It is to be hoped that in the course of the Planning Process the Council will ensure that the new dwellings will represent a valued addition to the village and the people who live in them. They need adequate room sizes, gardens and parking. Roads need to be wide enough to accommodate on street parking. The people who live in the houses should not come to believe they have made a big mistake</p> <p><b>Retail and Offices</b></p> <p>The village is well served by almost every trade and profession. We have two excellent mini super markets. Where there is a shortage public and private services can take us to where we want to go. And yet; somehow, these facilities may not be enough as the village expands.</p> <p>Some may say the Northern side of The Street is ripe for development. Behind the shops is considerable dead land. However until a proposal is submitted for redeveloping the whole of that land I submit no significant action be taken. The time may come when a developer is able to make an offer to the village that cannot be refused. Until that time comes I invite you to agree nothing be done</p> <p><b>Industrial</b></p> <p>The land at the Bridge lends itself for light industrial use (Use Classes B1 and B2) and it is possible that a proposal will be submitted. That the Council is disposed to encourage redevelopment at that location is good but one must wonder who would risk such an investment after the weather we have experienced these last years.</p> <p><b>The Future</b></p> <p>The future of Acle cannot be considered in isolation. We see already the existing strip of new housing expanding out of Norwich along the A47. Soon the extension to the roundabout at Brundall will be complete. And then the onward march. Already land for development has changed hands East of the roundabout.</p> <p>Those changes will generate a demand for shops and factories etc. This may lead to the release of more agricultural land for development. With an open mind Acle might yet be a focal point to benefit by the out of town expansion.</p> <p><b>What's Not Mentioned?</b></p> <p><i>Tourism</i></p> <p>Acle is said to be at the Heart of the Broads but Tourism does not get a mention. Business means employment. Nothing has been said about the tourist trade and attracting business to the village. I count four guest houses that have either been removed from the</p>	<p><b>Comments noted.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted. The plan includes policies to positively shape the redevelopment of brownfield sites within the village centre. The inclusion of a policy which relates specifically to areas that may be developed in the future is considered prudent and necessary to shape the form and quality of any development.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted. Leisure and tourism has been considered at length and underpins a number of policies within the plan.</b></p>
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		<p>market or are up for sale. When sold they may not have the same use in the future.</p> <p><i>Youth</i>  Much has been said in support of the local schools. Who could argue? As the village expands so there will be an influx of younger families. Young families grow older and children enter their teens. Nothing has been said about accommodating these people. Are they to head out to Norwich and Great Yarmouth? If they are to remain in the village are they to be condemned to the dubious pleasures of loitering around an enlarged village green?</p> <p><b>In Conclusion</b>  For a rural village Acle has wonderful resources which the community cherishes. It is no surprise the village is popular. Expansion is inevitable and will entail change. Change should be managed. Unnecessary antagonising the community will not help..</p> <p>If there is to be a plan it needs to be embraced and welcomed by the community. I submit this plan does not cut the mustard. Why therefore have a plan at all?</p> <p>I regret the time limitation has meant this submission is not sufficiently comprehensive as I would like. There is an enormous amount of untapped enthusiasm for this community and I hope that by deferring your decision, making the proposals more accessible there will be a plan that people will wholeheartedly support</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p>	<p><b>Comment noted. Policy 10 seeks to address this.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted.</b></p>
Peter Warner	Local resident	<p>Support all policies, especially 6 &amp; 8 (village centre and access to railway station respectively)</p> <p>Are there any omissions from the draft Neighbourhood Plan: A policy seeking to protect and enhance the setting(s) to the village 'gateways' – A47, A1064 etc. Where it is in the community's power to do so. This could be achieved through planting/landscape improvements and protection measures.</p>	<p><b>Comments noted and revisions made to Policies 1 and 9 to include text regarding enhancing / improving gateways.</b></p>
John Hiskett	Norfolk Wildlife Trust	<p>Dear Neighbourhood Plan group</p> <p>Thank you for consulting Norfolk Wildlife Trust regarding the Acle Neighbourhood Plan. I don't intend to make any specific comments on the proposed policies, as there aren't any environmental policies within the plan. However, the plan falls within the Norfolk Wildlife Trust Bure Valley Living Landscape and we are aware that there are a number of areas within the parish of wildlife value, some of which are looked after by the Acle Land Trust. We are in the process of beginning work with the land trust to help improve these areas for wildlife and where appropriate, for public access. Ideally, it would be good to incorporate policies that refer to local ambitions for these areas. Even if no policies are proposed, it would be useful to make</p>	<p><b>Comment noted.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted text incorporated into Acle in 2013/14</b></p>

		<p>reference to areas of natural green space within the parish, particularly if they have a community benefit.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p>John Hiskett</p>	<p><b>to describe the natural environment in and around the village.</b></p>
David Grech	English Heritage	<p>English Heritage Advice</p> <p>English Heritage is supportive of parishes wishing to prepare Neighbourhood Plans; our interest is primarily concerned with the historic built environment and our comments will therefore focus on those aspects of the plan.</p> <p>It would be helpful if the introduction to Acle included some reference to the Historic Environment, which might be best be achieved through a sub-heading on Heritage. That might then set out the designated heritage assets within the parish including; the Scheduled Monument that is the site of the former St Mary’s Priory, the various listed buildings within the village (including the Grade I listed Church of St Edmund, all the rest are listed at Grade II) and the Halvergate Marshes Conservation Area, the north west corner of which falls within the Parish of Acle and abuts the built up part of the village.</p> <p>Policy 1 concerns the Acle Bridge Area Improvements. Immediately south of the boundary of the improvement area identified on the map is the site of St Mary’s Priory ad a Scheduled Monument. English Heritage strongly advises that the boundary of the scheduled area is identified on the map and that the policy is amended to include a reference to the need for any development to respect the setting of the Scheduled Monument and to caution that the archaeological remains of the priory may extend north into the improvement area. As such, archaeological investigations may be required as part of any works in this area.</p> <p>Policy 2 concerns the public realm improvements to the village centre. English Heritage would anticipate that these works would also enhance the setting of the various listed buildings that surround the improvement area and the Grade II listed Jubilee Monument which lies within the improvement area. A 6<sup>th</sup> bullet point to that effect might be added to the policy and the various listed buildings could be identified on the map.</p> <p>Policy 8 concerns the development of the village centre. The development area identified on the map associated with the policy contains 8 listed buildings / structures (all listed at Grade II) and the Grade I listed Church of St Edmund adjoins the southern boundary of the development area. Section 66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 gives an exception that Listed Buildings and their settings will be preserved or enhanced. English Heritage therefore recommends that the second sentence of the policy is expanded as follows:</p>	<p><b>Comments noted and a paragraph on the historic environment inserted into the section on Acle in 2013/14</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and text included as follows: “Any new development should respect the setting of the St Mary’s Priory scheduled monument which is located on adjacent land. Where appropriate archaeological investigations may be required as part of any works in this area.” The site of the priory was also included in the plan accompanying the policy.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and policy wording revised as to include a further bullet which states that proposals will: “Enhance the setting of the Listed buildings in and around the area including the Jubilee Monument.”</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted an policy wording revised as suggested.</b></p>

		<p>“...the enhancement of the village centre’s appearance and vibrancy, together with the preservation and enhancement of the listed buildings and their settings that lie within the development area.”</p> <p>Other policies within the Plan are less likely to have implications for the Historic Environment and we therefore do not wish to comment in detail on them. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance in this matter.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>David Grech, Historic Places Advisor.</p>	
Natalie Beal	Broads Authority	<p>Overall, the NP looks well researched and well written. The policies have the potential to make a real difference to Acle. The implementation document that is to be produced will be key in identifying who, how and when.</p> <p>The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is well presented and the author has a good grasp on the regulations and requirements to do an SA. Some comments are proposed. This report details the more significant ones, but there are some more detailed comments as well which are not included in this report.</p> <p>Main Comments on the Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Policy 1 – Acle Bridge: The café, moorings and pub seem quite busy. Suggest this sentence is re-worded – as it is not clear what the actual issue is. The whole of the policy area lies within Flood Zone 3 – land identified as being at high risk of flooding. This is a substantial development constraint. Whilst this does not preclude new development (such as new food and drink venues) any application will need to establish that the development is safe, does not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere and satisfy the requirements of the Exceptions Test as set out in the Technical Guidance accompanying the NPPF.</p> <p>In relation to Policy 1 and 5 is that they should have some text in there which directs people to DP2 of the Broads Development Management DPD i.e. the design of any proposals should reflect and enhance the local landscape character of the area.</p> <p>Throughout – the maps could usefully have some annotation such as road names, river names and landmarks to help give context.</p> <p>Policy 7: The A1064 seems a significant barrier to links to the Broads and Broads users visiting Acle with social and economic impacts. This policy is strongly supported.</p>	<p><b>Comments noted.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and references inserted to the Broads Development Management DPD.</b></p> <p><b>Comments noted and amendments made to maps and plans.</b></p> <p><b>Comment noted.</b></p>

	<p>The SA: There are some queries about some of the assessments – it seems that there are other benefits that plan brings that could be reflected in the assessment. In other areas, it is not clear how some outcomes have been reached. Finally, it is not clear if an SA to a NP needs to consider alternatives to policies and also the cumulative effects of policies – this is not currently addressed in the SA.</p> <p>Schedule of more detailed comments by the Broads Authority on the draft Acle Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>General: Page numbers and paragraph numbers might be a useful addition.</p> <p>Preface</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4th bullet – extra ‘and’.</li> <li>• Last paragraph, last sentence – the NP will help the BA and BDC determine planning applications as well.</li> </ul> <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second paragraph – the NP will complement local planning policy as well as national.</li> </ul> <p>Acle in 2013/2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First paragraph – perhaps in this context say something like ‘Broads Executive Area’.</li> <li>• Fourth paragraph – Broads has equivalent status to a National Park.</li> <li>• Throughout this section, it might be useful to state the source and date of the data.</li> </ul> <p>Vision and Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• O10 uses a zero.</li> </ul> <p>Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throughout – do NP policies have to state how they will be delivered and within what time frame?</li> </ul> <p>Policy 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First paragraph – around or at? Recreation activity as well as tourism.</li> <li>• Second paragraph of the actual policy – extra ‘the’.</li> <li>• Flood risk could be mentioned, saying that the NPPF technical guidance will be used to assess the suitability of proposals in this area.</li> </ul> <p>Policy 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will the improvements to the Academy be usable by the wider community?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Comments noted and revisions / clarifications made in the Sustainability Appraisal.</b></p> <p><b>All of the detailed comments below have been noted and revisions / clarifications made in the draft Neighbourhood Plan where appropriate.</b></p>
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		Does a NP SA need to consider alternative options and rejected options? Does it need to consider cumulative effects?	<b>Comments noted and a section on cumulative effects has been added.</b>
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## **Appendix Q: Acle community newsletter**

# Community

The Acle Parish Council quarterly  
newsletter. February 2014  
Editor, Pauline James

## New Councillors

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Brian Grint and Nigel Law have resigned from the Parish Council. We thank them both for their work and support. Brian has been a councillor for many years and was also a trustee on the Recreation Centre. Brian will continue his work with the Archive Group and the Lands Trust. Nigel was Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council and worked on various committees including the Council's Quality Status project and the new website.

The Council will be looking to co-opt two new people as councillors. If you are interested please contact a parish councillor or the clerk Pauline James.

Tel: 01493 751070 or  
email: [Paulinejames@aol.com](mailto:Paulinejames@aol.com)

## Acle Neighbourhood Plan

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A draft of the Neighbourhood Plan document has been submitted to Broadland District Council for further public consultation and independent inspection. You can view a paper copy at the Library, the Post Office or the office at the Recreation Centre. It is also available online at the Ingham Pinnock website:

<http://www.inghampinnock.com/acle-neighbourhood-plan/>

Please let us have your feedback on this draft Plan by 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## Village Website

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The committee has been busy writing pages for the new website and compiling lists of contact details to start the website off, ready for launch shortly. Local **groups and charities** are encouraged to have a free page on the site to advertise themselves and their fundraising events. Please complete the form under "New Website" on the current Parish Council website at

<http://aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

Local **businesses** can choose either a free short listing (**Standard**), a chargeable page with a link to their own existing website (**Enhanced: £25**), or pay us to set up their own chargeable webpage on the new Acle website (**Premium: £75**). You can find the forms to apply on the existing Parish Council website, or contact the parish clerk.

# Acle Lands Trust

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More volunteers are still needed to maintain the Damgate Woods and Roman Woods. Please contact the Trust's chairman Brian Grint if you would like to help – 01493 750039.

# Good Neighbour Scheme

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We hope to launch the Acle Good Neighbour Scheme in April. The aim is to create a group of volunteers who are willing to assist vulnerable, disabled or isolated local residents in simple ways such as by befriending them, helping with domestic tasks like mowing the garden or putting up curtains or changing light bulbs, arranging appointments, helping with shopping, or giving a lift to shops or appointments. If you would like to join the volunteers please ring Angela on 01493 751299. We will be arranging training for all volunteers ready for the launch.

# Resilience Plan

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We still need volunteers to help; people who have a 4 x 4, people qualified to use a chain saw, people to check on their neighbours, people to collect food or prescriptions for their neighbours during icy weather – we hope to divide up the village into smaller areas with a named volunteer for each area. Could you help?

# Land off Norwich Road

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Norfolk County Council owns the land between Norwich Road and Mill Lane. The County Council is working on a planning application for the site, for an outline application for up to 150 homes, with an indicative drawing showing how the homes could fit on the site.

The Parish Council has met with their planning consultant and we will be working to get the best plan for the site. Please note that it is likely that the County Council will sell the land to a developer who will then draw up their own plans for the site but we think it is best to talk about play space, parking and house types at this early stage.

We'll put a note on the website and the noticeboard when the NCC plans are available to view.

# Dates for Your Diary

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The next Parish Council meetings are 24<sup>th</sup> February, 31<sup>st</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> April, with the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm.

# Parish Council Current Website

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The Parish Council's current website can be found at:-

<http://aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

## **Appendix R: Consultation response form**

# Pre-Submission Draft Acle Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Response Form

To be returned to Acle Parish Clerk at Beech Farm, 15 Marsh Road, Upton, Norwich NR13 6BP or via e-mail to [paulinejames@aol.com](mailto:paulinejames@aol.com)

Name:	
Address:	
Post code:	
E-mail address:	
Please state which parts of the draft Neighbourhood Plan your comments apply to:	
Please state fully and clearly your concerns (please use additional sheets if necessary):	
Please indicate what change or alternative approach would resolve your concerns (please use additional sheets if necessary):	
Are there any omissions from the draft Neighbourhood Plan (please specify):	
<p><b>DATA PROTECTION NOTICE:</b> Information given on this form will be used to help prepare the Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan. Please be aware that your comments including personal details may be made publicly available.</p>	
Signature:	
Date:	