

**Consultation Documents Update and Proposed Responses**  
Report by Planning Policy Officer

<b>Summary:</b>	This report informs the Committee of the officers' proposed response to planning policy consultations recently received, and invites any comments or guidance the Committee may have.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	That the report be noted and the nature of proposed response be endorsed.

**1 Introduction**

- 1.1 Appendix 1 shows selected planning policy consultation documents received by the Authority since the last Planning Committee meeting, together with the officer's proposed response.
- 1.2 The Committee's endorsement, comments or guidance are invited.

**2 Financial Implications**

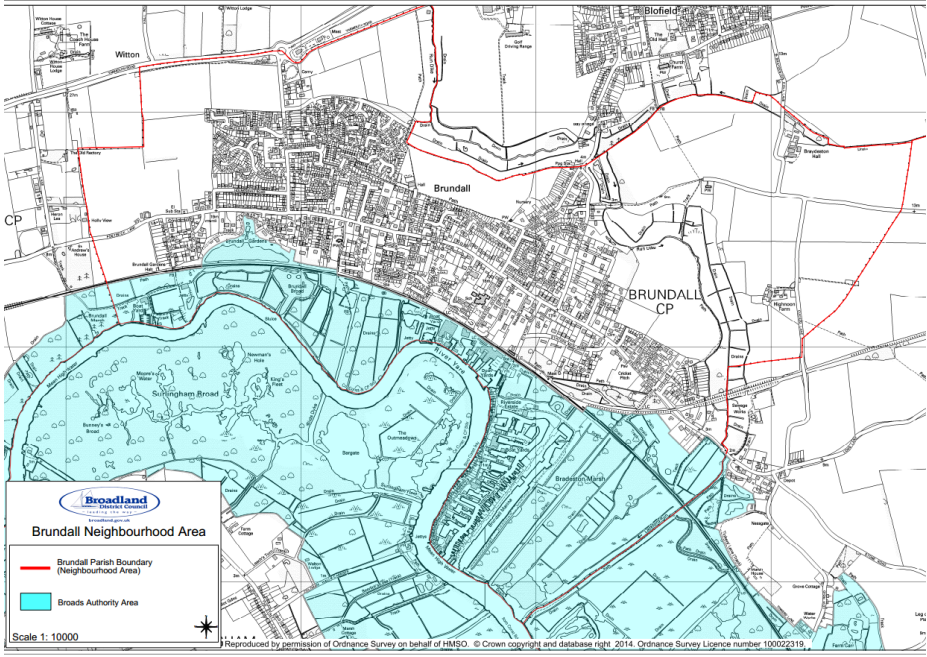
- 2.1 There are no financial implications.

Background papers: None

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Appendices: APPENDIX 1 – Schedule of Planning Policy Consultations received

Planning Policy Consultations Received

<b>ORGANISATION:</b>	Broadland District Council/Brundall Parish Council
<b>DOCUMENT:</b>	Brundall Neighbourhood Plan Sustainability Scoping Report
<b>LINK</b>	Sent to specific organisations only. Link to the BA Planning Committee page: <a href="http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/broads-authority/committees/planning-committee/planning-committee-12-september-2014">http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/broads-authority/committees/planning-committee/planning-committee-12-september-2014</a> .
<b>RECEIVED:</b>	14/08/14
<b>DUE DATE:</b>	22/09/14
<b>STATUS:</b>	Consultation
<b>PROPOSED LEVEL:</b>	Planning Committee endorsed.
<b>NOTES:</b>	<p>Brundall Parish Council has now been designated a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. A consultation on this designation ended on 24 February 2014. The Brundall Neighbourhood Area is shown in this</p>  <p>The map shows the Brundall Neighbourhood Area in light blue, bounded by a red line representing the parish boundary. The area includes the town of Brundall and the Broadland wetlands. A legend in the bottom left corner identifies the 'Brundall Parish Boundary (Neighbourhood Area)' and the 'Broads Authority Area'. The scale is 1:10000.</p> <p>One of the first stages in the production of a Plan is to undertake a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report consultation with specific organisations. The three statutory bodies consulted on the Scope of the Sustainability Appraisal will be Natural England, English Heritage and Environment Agency. In addition, the Scoping Report will be sent to Norfolk County Council and RSPB.</p>
<b>PROPOSED RESPONSE:</b>	Overall a succinct report which seems to meet the requirements. There are some comments which could help in terms of clarification as well as help future

users. These are detailed below.

- 1.13. There are two other Plans adopted by the Broads Authority which should be referred to here: Development Management Policies Development Plan Document and Sites Specifics Local Plan.
- 1.16. The JCS and BA Core Strategy SA Scoping Reports did not scope for the Brundall Neighbourhood Plan. They were produced under a different National Planning Framework than today. It is recommended that care should be taken in relying too heavily on these documents going forward. It is considered that the Brundall Neighbourhood Plan Scoping Report and SA going forward need to stand on their own.
- 2.3. The BA's Sites Specifics has been adopted and the SA of that Local Plan is up to date. There could be merits in using information from that document.
- Some other documents which seem relevant to the Brundall NP which should be reviewed are:
  - Broads Plan 2011.
  - Broadland Submission Site Allocations.
  - Broadland Publication Growth Triangle Area Action Plan.
  - Broadland Community Strategy.
  - Broads Sites Specifics Local Plan (adopted).
  - Broads Landscape Character Assessment.
  - National Parks circular 2010.
  - Norfolk Ambition (Community Strategy) 2003-2023 (refreshed 2008)
  - Norfolk County Council Third Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026
- The following documents could be reviewed.
  - Community Energy Strategy: People Powering Change. DECC 27 January 2014.
  - You've got the power. A quick and simple guide to community rights. CLG. (2013).
  - Active by Design. Designing places for healthy lives. Design Council. 2014.
  - Benefits of green infrastructure Report by Forest Research 2010.
- 3.61. As the Neighbourhood Plan is worked up, to address the comment 'improved access to the Broads', you may wish to speak to the Access and Recreation Officer at the BA.
- 5.2. SA Objectives. ENV4 and ENV5 state '...maintain and enhance...'. It may be better to state '...maintain and **where appropriate** enhance...'. The SA Objective SOC10 is not clear to what it refers and could be clarified.
- Decision making criteria, page 57 onwards. The wording of the criteria is

	<p>such where by no negative could be derived. It is acknowledged that these are used as reference when assessing policies against the SA Objective and indeed SAs are not necessarily purely scientific in their methodology and rely on a professional's judgment in the round. The wording could be amended along the lines of 'Will it reduce or increase traffic volume?' that way a + could be derived if it reduces traffic, 0 if there is no impact from the policy and a – if it will increase traffic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Page 59. What are the key sectors and key clusters?</li></ul>
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