

Consultation Documents Update and Proposed Responses
Report by Planning Policy Officer

Summary:	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.
Recommendation:	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
Suffolk County Council: Parking Management Strategy
Great Yarmouth Borough Council: Housing Strategy

APPENDIX 1

ORGANISATION:	Suffolk County Council
DOCUMENT:	Suffolk Parking Management Strategy consultation document
LINK	http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/suffolks-parking-management-strategy
DUE DATE:	23 April 2018 – deadline extension requested.
STATUS:	Final draft
PROPOSED LEVEL:	Planning Committee endorsed
NOTES:	<p>A parking strategy that deals with the supply and management of car parking can be one of the most useful tools available to local authorities in helping them achieve their economic, social and environmental objectives. In particular, a parking strategy can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the local economy (e.g. by making it easy for shoppers and tourists to visit Suffolk) and facilitate development growth; • Meet residents’ needs for car parking near their homes (e.g. by introducing controlled parking zones); • Provide access to key services and facilities for special needs groups and people with impaired mobility; • Improve journey time reliability for road users (e.g. by designing and managing on-street parking facilities to reduce traffic conflicts and delays). • Encourage sustainable travel modes and help reduce reliance on the private car (e.g. by setting parking charges at appropriate levels); • Enhance the built and natural environment (e.g. by making the most effective use of land required for parking and by improving the look of the streetscene by reducing sign clutter); • Make Suffolk a safer place (e.g. by ensuring that car parks are ‘safer by design’ and improving road safety).
PROPOSED RESPONSE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There seems to be no mention of cycle parking. This document is not called car parking; it refers to the term ‘parking’. Where are the policies for cycle parking? In another document? If they do not exist, or even if they do, it seems prudent to address cycle parking in this document. • The same can be said for electric car charging points. • Furthermore, there is no mention of the growing problem of cars parking on footways. This is against the law as we understand it (willing obstruction of the highway) and this document seems to be an ideal place to seek to address such an issue. • For the avoidance of doubt, what is the time period relating to short stay and the time period relating to long stay? That seems to be something that should be clarified and set out in this document. • Throughout, when you say ‘districts’, ‘councils’ and boroughs’ should you also include the Broads Authority? • 1.3 – and the Broads Authority – that is another Local Planning Authority in Suffolk. • Policy PMS2 – what is an ‘acceptable walking distance’? What is ‘further away’? What are ‘good sustainable transport alternatives’ – peak hour bus service? What is ‘adequate provision’? What are ‘certain criteria’? • Policy PMS3 – what are the ‘recommended parking charges’?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 7 – what makes a ‘well-designed prioritised parking scheme’. Is this the place to include guidance or a checklist? • Policy PMS4 – what are ‘on-street parking schemes’? Is that charging for on-street parking? • 7.1 and PMS5 – how is the Broads Authority involved in this commitment and introduction? • Section 8 – anything more about design? Impermeable surface? Landscaping? Pedestrian access and egress? Lighting and light pollution? This section seems to be only about signing and lining and this document seems to be an ideal place to give design guidance. • PMS6 – what is ‘a good level of information in a number of forms’?
ORGANISATION:	Great Yarmouth Borough Council - Housing Strategy
DOCUMENT:	Great Yarmouth Borough Council
LINK	https://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/article/3965/Current---Housing-Strategy-2018-2023-Consultation
DUE DATE:	24 April 2018 – deadline extension requested.
STATUS:	Final draft
PROPOSED LEVEL:	Planning Committee endorsed
NOTES:	<p>At Housing and Neighbourhoods Committee on 18 January 2018, members agreed to move forward with the Borough Council's Housing Strategy for 2018-2023. We are now seeking views from stakeholders and the wider community on the strategy and what should be included in its implementation plan.</p> <p>The Housing Strategy covers all housing, rented and owned, and recognises the contribution the right mix of good quality and well managed housing (and good advice and support) can make.</p> <p>We are keen to take a positive approach to actively making things happen in the borough, not just leaving it to the open market.</p> <p>We have identified four strategic objectives to meet current and future housing requirements in Great Yarmouth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New homes - ensuring there are enough good quality new homes • Our homes - improving the quality and use of the council's housing stock • Decent homes - providing a good mix of decent homes across all tenures • Healthy homes - meeting the needs of vulnerable households <p>This strategy expands on these four key priorities, highlighting our ambition and our approach to delivery. The strategy is underpinned by a strong evidence base.</p>
PROPOSED RESPONSE:	<p>The proposed response is really just two questions:</p> <p>1: As a Local Planning Authority within Great Yarmouth Borough Council and with the Borough Council being the Housing Authority for the entire Borough (including that</p>

	<p>area which is the Broads), it would be prudent to mention this in the document and refer to the Broads Authority.</p> <p>2: As the document is about various types of homes, it should also refer to residential moorings and boat dwellers.</p>
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