

## Broads Authority Local Plan Examination

### Suffolk County Council Statement on Matter 11 – Transport, the economy and tourism

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#### 1. Introduction

1.1 This statement covers Suffolk County Council's comments as highway authority, under Matter 11, as relevant to questions a) and b).

#### 2. Question a)

*Does Policy PUBDM22 provide sufficient clarity on adopted parking standards?*

2.1 Policy PUBDM22 states that development proposals accessed by land shall [...] c) provide parking in line with the relevant adopted standards.

2.2 As set out in Suffolk County Council's response to consultation on the publication version of the Plan, the County Council welcomes the weight given to the County Council's adopted Guidance – Suffolk Guidance for Parking – published in 2014 and updated in 2015.

2.3 The Suffolk Guidance (available via a hyperlink set out in the footnote) sets out vehicular and cycle parking requirements for different use classes, along with detail on residential parking design.<sup>1</sup>

2.4 In respect of those parts of The Broads in Suffolk, this document provides the detail necessary for enforcing the parking requirement in PUBDM22.

#### 3. Question b)

*What are the thresholds for seeking Transport Assessments and Transport Statements, as referred to in Policy PUBSSROADS?*

3.1 Following withdrawal of the 2007 Department for Transport *Guidance on Transport Assessment* in October 2014, there are no specific national thresholds on Transport Assessment, Transport Statements and Travel Plans.

3.2 The NPPF requires that 'all developments that generate significant amounts of movement should be supported by a Transport Statement or Transport Assessment'. The Planning Practice Guidance goes further, stating that 'Local

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<sup>1</sup> For the Suffolk Guidance on Parking click here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/planning-and-development-advice/parking-guidance/>

planning authorities must make a judgement as to whether a development proposal would generate significant amounts of movement on a case by case basis'. It then goes on to set out some considerations for determining whether a Transport Assessment or Transport Statement is required.

- 3.3 As such, there is no need for the Broads Authority to set out specific thresholds. In practice, Suffolk County Council uses the thresholds set out in the deleted DfT Guidance as a starting point. They remain good practice, but the level of assessment required will be assessed based on conditions local to the development.