

Broads Local Plan Examination

Suffolk County Council Statement on Matter 12 – Site Specific Policies

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1. Introduction

1.1 This statement concerns Suffolk County Council's comments on minerals constraints at site PUBOUL01, as relevant to question a).

2. Question a)

Does the policy provide sufficient recognition of constraints relating to minerals?

2.1 This site lies within the new Minerals Consultation Area as identified in the emerging Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan. The consultation area has been identified on the basis of British Geological Survey evidence of potential sand and gravel deposits, plus an additional 250m buffer to prevent sterilisation of resources due to the presence of adjacent development creating amenity concerns. The Minerals Plan sets a framework for requiring investigation (and potentially, extraction) of minerals resources on non-allocated sites within the Minerals Consultation Area, prior to development.

2.2 The County Council flagged the potential presence of a mineral resource at this site as part of the response to the Regulation 19 consultation on this Plan. Since responding to consultation on the Plan, further consideration has been given to the specific circumstances of this site.

2.3 More detailed consideration of the British Geological Survey shows that it is unlikely that there will be a viable minerals resource at this location. The County Council has also considered the potential for development at this location to sterilise adjacent mineral resources due to proximity creating amenity concerns. However, existing development along Waveney Hill is already likely to sterilise any potential extraction within the vicinity of site PUBOUL1.

2.4 As such, there is no justification for the policy to make any specific provision for protection or extraction of mineral resources.