

Norfolk County Council – Statement on Infrastructure covering planning obligations, health and green infrastructure Broads Authority Local Plan Examination – 2018.

The County Council has not raised any objection to the following policies:

- Policy PUBDM46: Planning obligations and developer contributions
- Policy PUBSP8: Getting to and around the Broads
- Policy PUBDM44: Designing places for healthy lives
- Policy PUBDM7: Green infrastructure

The County Council feels these policies are compliant with both The NPPF, The CIL Regulations (2010) as amended (Reg122 and Reg 123(3)); The County Council's Planning Obligations Standards and the County Councils Health Protocol.

Inspectors Questions Matter 6 – Infrastructure Delivery (Planning Obligations)

The proposed Policy change as set out in http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1136599/Broads-Local-Plan-Appendix-C-SCHEDULE-OF-PROPOSED-CHANGES-ba160318.pdf is considered effective and consistent with National Policy. It is important that the necessary supporting infrastructure to mitigate new development is provided by way of developer-funding (planning obligations). Any such obligations will need to satisfy the tests (legal) in Paragraph 204 of the NPPF and in the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations (2010), which The Broads have referenced in their Local Plan. The County Council welcomes/supports reference to “the delivery of community infrastructure” in the policy and specific reference in the reasoned justification to education; libraries; and fire service provision. It also support reference to provision of “improved public transport facilities as well as “Highway Works and the implementation of Travel Plans”.

The Policy and supporting text build on an existing Planning Obligations Protocol (2002 updated in 2014), which exists between the County Council and Local Planning Authorities and enables the County Council to secure funding in line with its Planning Obligations Standards (April 2014).

Given the level of development proposed for The Broads over the Local Plan period, Norfolk County Council feels Policy PUBDM46 is appropriate, effective and soundly based.

Inspectors Questions Matter 6 – Infrastructure Delivery (Transport modelling)

The Highways Authority has no concerns with transport policy set out in the Local Plan and feels no further modelling was required given the level of development proposed for The Broads over the Local Plan period. Norfolk County Council feels Policy PUBSP8 is appropriate, effective and soundly based.

Inspectors Questions Matter 8 – Green Infrastructure

Norfolk County Council has advised on the production of the Broads Authority's Green Infrastructure Policy within the emerging Local Plan. The Policy follows best practice on what should be included and by extension will be controlled through the planning system within the plan area. Given the ecological, historic environmental and landscape importance of the Broads Authority Area this is particularly welcome and provides a good degree of guidance on what will be expected of developments.

Inspectors Questions Matter 8 – Health and Wellbeing

Norfolk County Council Public Health have been consulted on Section 28 on health and wellbeing. We are happy that this section understands the links between place as well as social and economic factors and health.