

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

Planning Policy Consultations Received

ORGANISATION:	Beccles Town Council
DOCUMENT:	Draft Beccles Neighbourhood Plan
LINK	http://www.becclesplan.com/PDF/Plan/19.05.13%20-%20Beccles%20NP%20-%20Pre-Submission%20Consultation%20draft.pdf
DUE DATE:	12:00 noon on Friday 19 July 2019
STATUS:	Pre-submission consultation
PROPOSED LEVEL:	Planning Committee Endorsed
NOTES:	<p>This document represents the Neighbourhood Plan for the town of Beccles for the period 2018 to 2036. The Plan contains a vision for the future of Beccles and sets out clear planning policies to realise this vision.</p> <p>The area was designated in June 2015.</p> <p>The principal purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to guide development within the town. It also provides guidance to anyone wishing to submit a planning application for development within the town. The process of producing a plan has sought to involve the community as widely as possible. The different topic areas are reflective of matters that are of considerable importance to Beccles, its residents, businesses and community groups.</p>
PROPOSED RESPONSE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5, second bullet point – the Local Plan for the Broads was adopted 17 May 2019. • Figure 1.1 is not very easy to understand in black and white. • 2.6 – does the map reflect Beccles’ standing in the county or country? • 2.7 – are the good links to Lowestoft and Norwich by car only? • 2.9 – sentence about parking. Does this mean to say that the cost of parking is too high? • 2.9 – last sentence – does it feel unsafe or are there statistics that shows it is actually unsafe? • Figure 2.2 – the NP and Parish boundary are the same – you could just show the Parish Boundary. • 2.21 – it seems that half of the site is in Beccles. • 2.23 – what does ‘respect the parish boundaries’ mean? • Page 17, vision – is the skate park there already? Do you mean you will have a new one? • BECC1, a – do you mean to say ‘The community centre needs to provide a flexible...’? • BECC1, c – when you say ‘vehicle’ do you mean ‘delivery vehicle’? It might be clearer if you said that. • BECC2, c – bring into use as what? Anything at all? Housing? • 4.15 – suggest you delete ‘Norfolk’ and just call it ‘the Broads’

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.18 – ‘permanent stage’ – do you mean for entertainment and music? Is there a temporary one now? • 4.19 – do you mean ‘the <u>better</u> use of land’? • 4.20 – is it worth quoting what we say about the Quay in the Local Plan for the Broads? • 4.22 – what are ‘specified’ moorings? Are these visitor moorings, perhaps 24 hour? Free or to pay? • BECC3, a – I am a bit confused by ‘not worsen environmental degradation’. We tend to use wording like ‘protect and where appropriate, enhance’. • Page 29 – is this policy or descriptive text? Should the key points be part of BECC5? • BECC6, A – text says ‘should’. This is quite a weak term. You may want to consider ‘shall’, ‘will need to’, ‘must’. • Page 36 and 37 – does the project of having an hour free parking go against what is listed in 5.9? • Figure 5.3 – Are Morrisons, the Lido, the Quay also destinations? • Page 37 – 5.9, bullet 3 – do you mean ‘to walk’? • 5.12 – does the use of ‘where possible’ weaken the message of 5.12 considering what is set out in 5.9? • BECC7, d – what kind of impacts are ‘unacceptable’ and what is acceptable? • Page 43, top – good range of shops and facilities – phrase repeated in 6.1 and 6.3? • 6.5 – our policy, DM51, relates to retail and could be referenced here. Also, last sentence, what other uses? • BECC8, A, bullet 1: do you want to refer to the guidance in Waveney’s Local Plan? • Page 48, last para – we also have a standard for M4(2) – 20% of schemes over 5 dwellings. • BECC10, a – ‘positive impacts on the Beccles’ • Page 52 – we also have a policy on energy – pg 64 of our Local Plan • BECC12 – does this apply to replacements and extensions? • Page 52 – the community actions at the bottom are called ‘health and wellbeing’; is that right?
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