

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 the 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:	Waveney District Council
DOCUMENT:	Main Modifications consultation – Local Plan
LINK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspector's Letter to the Council • Main Modifications • Addendum to Sustainability Appraisal Report • Revised Habitats Regulations Assessment • Local Plan incorporating proposed modifications
DUE DATE:	28 January 2019
STATUS:	Main Modifications
PROPOSED LEVEL:	Planning Committee endorsed
NOTES:	<p>WDC are now consulting on their proposed modifications to their Local Plan.</p> <p>Here are our the comments we submitted at the pre-submission consultation stage: http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1217762/Consultation-Documents-Proposed-responses-Waveney-DC-presubmission-Local-Planpc250518.pdf</p> <p>The following comments are re-iterated from our initial response. It is not clear why they have not been taken on board.</p> <p>The proposed changes do not appear to cause concern and seem acceptable.</p>
PROPOSED RESPONSE:	<p>The Broads Authority is disappointed that the following straight forward amendments have not been made. The Authority is not aware of the reason for not making these fairly simple changes which can only serve to improve the Local Plan and ensure the protection and enhancement of the Broads, which has a status equivalent to a National Park. The following comments were made at the pre-submission consultation and are made again.</p> <p>8.86 – we asked that this mentions the Broads. It is not clear why this simple change has not been made. We request this is made again. The Broads is equivalent to a National Park and is an asset to Waveney and therefore should be included in this paragraph.</p> <p>WLP8.27 – we asked that this policy mentioned impact on areas like the Broads. We suggested this text: 'There are no adverse impacts on important landscapes of the Broads and AONB'. The Broads Landscape Sensitivity Study is of relevance to this policy as it refers to sensitivity from solar farms and wind turbines not just within the Broads, but nearby. As written it is not consistent with National Policy and is not effective as the Broads is a cross boundary strategic priority.</p> <p>5.206 – we pointed out that this is a statement rather than an instruction and it has not been changed. It needs to end saying '...and these documents may be of relevance to scheme proposals near to the boundary with the Broads and developers/promotes</p>

	<p>should refer to them'</p> <p>WLP8.35 – whilst the sentiment of protecting dark skies is very much welcomed, the use of the word 'should' is weak and could be seen as guidance rather than a requirement. It is not clear why this requirement is so weak and we seek stronger wording such as 'is required to'.</p>
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