

## Broads Local Plan Examination

### Suffolk County Council Statement on Matter 7 – Water, flooding and navigation

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#### 1. Introduction

1.1 This statement concerns Suffolk County Council's comments on surface water management, as relevant to question d).

#### 2. Question a)

*Does Policy PUBDM5 provide an effective framework for dealing with surface water run-off?*

2.1 The policy as drafted is acceptable. However, if the examination process identifies a need for improvement, the County Council has the following suggestions.

2.2 The policy could make reference to the role of the Internal Drainage Board (IDB). The majority of the watercourses in the Broads are regulated and maintained by the IDB, they have their own local surface water policy which takes precedence over national best practice. Also Internal Drainage Broads aren't statutory consultees, so reference in the policy would support their role.

2.3 Stronger reference could be made to national and local guidance. The *Non-Statutory Technical Standards for SuDs* are referenced as 'additional information'. They could be more clearly signposted as the key national guidance for implementing the policy.

2.4 It would also be helpful to make reference to Suffolk County Council's Guidance, which sets out Suffolk County Council's approach as Lead Local Flood Authority.<sup>1</sup>

2.5 The references to this Guidance, which could then be expanded upon further in an update to the Supplementary Guidance referred to in the Plan, would underpin the need for consideration of runoff destinations, peak flow control, volume control, flood risk within the development and exceedance routing.

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<sup>1</sup> Reference here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/guidance-on-development-and-flood-risk/>