

Norfolk County Council

Spatial strategy update in line with Local Planning Authorities' Local Plans (June 2024)

Policy WP2 'spatial strategy for waste management facilities' and Policy MP2 'spatial strategy for minerals extraction'

The spatial strategies in policies WP2 and MP2 include information from the settlement hierarchies in the Local Plans produced by Norfolk's Local Planning Authorities. Since the submission of the NM&WLP, the position of other Norfolk Local Plans has changed. In order to remain consistent with those local plans, we propose amending the information on urban areas and main towns contained in these policies and the supporting text. This information is not currently included in the main modifications or additional modifications lists (documents D9 and D10) submitted to the Inspector.

The Greater Norwich Local Plan was adopted in March 2024. It includes Long Stratton as a main town which is not included in the NM&WLP policies. It also includes Easton and 'the remainder of the Growth Triangle' within the Norwich Urban area, which are not included in the NM&WLP policies. Therefore, these locations need to be added into policies WP2 and MP2 and supporting text paragraphs 3.7, W2.2, MP2.6 and the key diagram.

The North Norfolk Local Plan (NNLP) was submitted for examination in May 2023. The examination is still ongoing and a consultation on main modifications is expected later in 2024. Adoption of the North Norfolk Local Plan is therefore expected in 2025. Whilst we are currently uncertain on the final wording of the NNLP policy due to the current stage of the examination, we understand that the settlements at the top levels of the settlement hierarchy in the NNLP are unlikely to change. The submission version of the NNLP (Policy SS1 Spatial Strategy) does not include Holt as a large growth town, however Holt is currently contained in the NM&WLP policies WP2 and MP2. Therefore, we consider that Holt should be deleted from the NM&WLP policies WP2 and MP2, supporting text paragraphs 3.7, W2.2, MP2.6 and the key diagram.

The King's Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan (KL&WN LP) was submitted for examination in March 2022. The examination is still ongoing and there will be a consultation on main modifications in July 2024. Adoption of the Plan is expected in 2025. The submission version of the KL&WN LP (Policy LP02 Settlement Hierarchy) includes King's Lynn as the sub-regional centre, with Hunstanton and Downham Market as the main towns. Whilst we are currently uncertain on the final wording of the KL&WN LP policy due to the current stage of the examination, we understand that West Lynn is to be removed from the area of King's Lynn and will instead be listed as a 'settlement adjacent to King's Lynn and Main Towns'. Therefore, we propose to delete 'West Lynn' from NM&WLP policies WP2 and MP2, supporting text paragraphs 3.7, W2.2, MP2.6 and the key diagram.

No changes are proposed to the NM&WLP in relation to the Great Yarmouth Local Plan (the current Local Plan documents were adopted in 2015 and 2021 with the emerging Local Plan currently at the Regulation 18 stage) or the Breckland Local Plan (adopted in 2019 and a partial review adopted in 2023 with the Local Plan Full Update currently at the Regulation 18 stage).

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Subject: Settlement hierarchy and Policy WP2 and MP2 spatial strategies

Hi Annette,

I apologise for the late information, but could you forward the following information to the Inspector so that he is aware in advance of the hearings please?

The spatial strategies in policies WP2 and MP2 include information from the settlement hierarchies in the Local Plans produced by Norfolk's Local Planning Authorities. Since the submission of the NM&WLP, the position of other Norfolk Local Plans has changed. In order to remain consistent with those local plans, we suggest amending the information on urban areas and main towns contained in these policies and the supporting text. This information is not included in the main modifications or additional modifications lists submitted to the Inspector.

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The King's Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan is still being examined and will be consulting on main modifications in July 2024. The submission version of the KL&WN LP includes South Wootton, North Wootton and West Winch as part of the 'surrounding area' of King's Lynn. These areas are not contained within the NM&WLP policies, and potentially should be added, but we are currently uncertain on the final wording of the KL&WN LP policy due to the current stage of the examination.

The North Norfolk Local Plan is still being examined and has yet to consult on main modifications. The submission version of the NNLP does not include Holt as a large growth town, however Holt is currently contained in the NM&WLP policy. Therefore, potentially Holt should be removed from the NM&WLP policies, but we are currently uncertain on the final wording of the NNDC policy due to the current stage of the examination.

Kind regards

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