

Greater Norwich Development Partnership

Joint Core Strategy for
Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk

Technical Consultation Regulation 25

Response Form

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City Council



Norfolk County Council



Broads Authority
The Broads - a member of the
National Park family

This consultation is for eight weeks and your comments must be received by

Friday 26 September 2008

We would like you to answer a number of questions and to provide the Partnership with evidence which supports your comments.

It is important that you provide supporting evidence and this can be attached by email with your comment form. Responses can be sent by email to jointcorestrategy@gndp.org.uk.

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*Please tick below to indicate which category best represents your organisation.
Please tick only one box.*

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Spatial strategy

The joint core strategy is dependent on certain important infrastructure being delivered as explained in 6.2 above.

Question 1

Have we identified the right critical infrastructure requirements?

If no please explain why and provide evidence to support your comments.

City Centre

The city centre fulfils many functions and the strategy will influence the emphasis for the future. Policy 3 gives the proposed policy which says that the main focus of city centre development should be retail, leisure, office and culture.

Question 2

Are you aware of any major issues that would prevent delivery of this proposed policy?

If yes please explain why and provide evidence to support your comments.

Locations for major change and development in the Norwich Policy Area

This document suggests 3 options for the distribution of major housing and jobs growth (these can be found in Appendices 1, 2 and 3).

For each question please provide evidence supporting your comments.

For option one (see Appendix one)

Question 3

What additional significant infrastructure requirements would there be?

Question 4

What are the constraints to delivery?

The proposed improvements to the A11 at Elvedon, expansion of the NRP, additional housing at Wymondham, Longwater, Cringleford and Attleborough will all put additional load on the B1108/A47/A11 – to put a new town into the middle of this would be disastrous!

Question 5

What opportunities does this option present?

Question 6

How will this link with your longer term investment strategies?

It is completely opposed to our plans. Little Melton produced a Parish Plan in 2006 (based on a survey of all residents) – a large majority of residents want no significant development to occur in the village.

Question 7

Could your organisation commit to support it if it were selected?

Definitely not. It would destroy Little Melton as a village. The proposed new town would effectively be joined to Norwich and would amount to continuous development as far as Wymondham. The town would be too close to Norwich to ever function as an independent town – it would in effect become a suburb of Norwich. Most people recognize the A47 as a sensible limit beyond which there should not be further development of Norwich.

We are amazed that a new town should be proposed for this location whilst there is still much uncertainty about the future development of the NRP.

Please note that the junction of School Lane and Green Lane in Little Melton is a registered toad and newt crossing (see www.toadwatch.org) – large numbers of toads and great crested newts breed in this area and numbers have been recorded for several years with Froglife and the County amphibian recorder. Any increase in traffic through the village will be strongly resisted.

For option two (see Appendix two)

Question 8

What additional significant infrastructure requirements would there be?

Question 9

What are the constraints to delivery?

Question 10

What opportunities does this option present?

Question 11

How will this link with your longer term investment strategies?

Please see Q6

Question 12

Could your organisation commit to support it if it were selected?

Please see Q7

For option three (see Appendix three)**Question 13**

What additional significant infrastructure requirements would there be?

Question 14

What are the constraints to delivery?

Question 15

What opportunities does this option present?

Question 16

How will this link with your longer term investment strategies?

Question 17

Could your organisation commit to support it if it were selected?

Main Towns

Paragraph 7.7 explains what main towns are and the part they play in the strategy. The proposed main towns are Wymondham, Aylsham, Diss and Harleston.

For each question please provide evidence supporting your comments.

Question 18

What additional significant infrastructure requirements would there be?

Question 19

What opportunities can growth bring?

Question 20

What are the constraints to delivering the proposed level of growth and how can these be overcome?

Question 21

How could growth in main towns link with your longer term investment strategies?

It is illogical to include Diss in the plan but exclude Attleborough – a town that has good road and rail links to both Norwich and Cambridge! Surly it would be sensible to put some new housing at Attleborough??

Key Service centres

Paragraph 7.16 explains what key service centres are and the part they play in the strategy. The proposed key service centres are given in policy 7.

For each question please provide evidence supporting your comments.

Question 22

What additional significant infrastructure requirements would there be?

Question 23

What opportunities can growth bring?

Question 24

What are the constraints to delivering the proposed level of growth and how can these be overcome?

Question 25

How could growth in key service centres link with your longer term investment strategies?

Service villages

Paragraph 7.27 explains what service villages are and the part they play in the strategy. The proposed service villages are given in policy 8.

For each question please provide evidence supporting your comments.

Question 26

What additional significant infrastructure requirements would there be?

Question 27

What opportunities can growth bring?

Question 28

What are the constraints to delivering the proposed level of growth and how can these be overcome?

Question 29

How could growth in service villages link with your longer term investment strategies?

Other Places

Paragraphs 7.30 to 7.35 explain the strategy for the smallest communities, the open countryside and the Broads.

Question 30

Do you agree with the approach to development in other villages, the countryside and the Broads?

If no please explain why and provide evidence to support your comments.

Yes we do agree – but it is inconsistent to categorize Little Melton as an 'Other Place' and then make it part of a new town!

Area Wide Policies

Policies that apply across the whole joint core strategy area such as housing, culture and leisure and transport are given in paragraphs 8.1 to 8.24.

Question 31

Do you agree these policies will deliver the vision and objectives?

If no please explain why and provide evidence to support your comments.

Implementation

We need to be able to show that the joint core strategy can be put into practice and the implementation section, paragraphs 9.1 – 9.13 describe how we will go about this.

Question 32

Do you support our approach to funding infrastructure and promoting quality in new developments?

If no please explain how we should change our approach and provide evidence to support your comments.