



Wenhaston with Mells Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of Representations Sent to Independent Examiner

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Name	Summary of Comments
Historic England (East of England Office)	<p>Generally welcomes NDP document as comprehensive and informative. Notes that in line with NPPF paragraph 157 the heritage of Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet is well represented throughout the document.</p> <p>Expresses disappointment that previous advice to include a map of the parish which includes designated and proposed non-designated heritage assets has not been taken account of. Still considers this would be very useful</p> <p><u>WwMP4</u> Welcomes policy but recommends re-wording to ensure compatibility with the NPPF “... will be accompanied by an assessment to ensure that any harm to heritage significance caused by proposed energy efficiency measures is clearly and convincingly justified”. Also recommends reference is made in the supporting text that listed buildings, buildings in conservation areas and scheduled monuments are exempted from the need to comply with energy efficiency requirements of the Building Regulations. Notes also special considerations under Part L of the Regulations.</p> <p>Is pleased to note the presence of the section identifying local non-designated heritage assets in the neighbourhood area. Considers recognising all the heritage assets within the neighbourhood area in this way contributes to the NDP’s effectiveness in ensuring their conservation or enhancement especially if any of those heritage assets are currently at risk. Recommends if any heritage assets are presently considered to be at risk, that consideration is given to including a strategy for their enhancement in the NDP.</p> <p><u>WwMP12</u> Welcomes policy but recommends re-wording last section to bring it in line with NPPF: “Planning applications affecting these assets would be required to provide a heritage</p>

statement demonstrating that the potential harmful impacts to the asset's significance have been clearly identified, avoided or minimised where possible. Where harm remains, applications are required to provide clear and convincing justification for any harmful impacts on significance."

Provides information on sources of information in respect of designated and non-designated heritage assets, archaeological remains and landscapes, and where to find it, including District Council, County Council and Historic England. Suggests NDP provides links to HE Advice Note 2 – making changes to heritage assets; and HE Good Practice Advice in Planning 3 – the setting of heritage assets.

Terminology.

Recommends that in general, where referring to 'heritage and conservation' the terminology 'historic environment' is used, in line with the NPPF. Also recommends the inclusion of a glossary containing relevant terminology contained in the NPPF, in addition to details about additional legislation and policy protections that heritage assets enjoy.

Stresses that their advice is based on information provided to Suffolk Coastal in the email of 19th July 2017. Notes that to avoid any doubt, this does not reflect their obligation to provide further advice on or, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise as a result of the proposed NDP, where they consider that these could have an adverse effect on the historic environment.