

Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan

Decision Statement

(The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 - Regulation 18)

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1. Summary

1.1 Following an independent examination, East Suffolk Council now confirm that the Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum, subject to the modifications set out in section 3.

2. Background

- 2.1 Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Council, as the Qualifying Body, successfully applied for the Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area under The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The Neighbourhood Area was designated by (former) Suffolk Coastal District Council on 5 May 2016.
- 2.2 The Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan was published by Aldringham cum Thorpe Town/Parish Council for pre-submission consultation (Regulation 14) between 16 October and 11 December 2024.
- 2.3 Following the submission of the Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan to East Suffolk Council the Plan was publicised, and comments invited between 7 May and 18 June 2025.
- 2.4 East Suffolk Council, with the agreement of Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Council appointed an independent examiner, Andrew Ashcroft to examine the Plan and consider whether it met the Basic Conditions required by legislation and whether it should proceed to Referendum.
- 2.5 The Examiner's Report received 13 November 2025 concluded that subject to modifications identified in the Report, the Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions.
- 2.6 The Examiner recommends that subject to the modifications listed in the Report, the Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum. He further recommends that the referendum area should be the same as the

designated neighbourhood area, with there being no substantive evidence to demonstrate otherwise.

- 2.7 Information on the Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan can be found at: https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-area/
- 2.8 Following receipt of the Examiner's Report, legislation requires that East Suffolk Council consider the modifications recommended, the reasons for them, and decide what action to take. This is set out in the table below. Ahead of this consideration, the Examiner's Report and its findings have been subject to discussion between East Suffolk Council and Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Council.

3. Decision and Reasons

- 3.1 East Suffolk Council (using powers delegated to the Head of Planning and Building Control) has considered each of the modifications recommended and concur with the reasoning provided by the Examiner in his Report dated 13 November 2025. With the Examiner's recommended modifications, East Suffolk Council has decided that the Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions as set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, is compatible with the Convention rights and complies with provision made by or under Sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- 3.2 As a consequence, the submission version of the Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan will be modified as recommended for it then to proceed to referendum.
- 3.3 East Suffolk Council has considered the referendum area as recommended by the Examiner and has decided there is no reason to extend the neighbourhood area for the purposes of referendum. The Referendum area will be the same as the designated Neighbourhood Area for the Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3.4 The list of modifications and actions required are set out in the following table. As a consequence of these changes the Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan will be re-published and titled the Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan (Referendum Version).

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Table 1: Decisions and Actions by ESC in response to the Examiner's recommended modifications

Policy name and number / section	Examiner's Recommended Modification	Reason for change	Action by ESC
Policy ACT1: Scale and location of new housing development	In the Thorpeness section of the policy delete the first sentence. At the end of that part of the policy add (as a separate section): Thorpeness: New development in Thorpeness will be supported where it can be demonstrated that it enables significant community benefits in the form of contributions to coastal defences. Where new development is proposed in Thorpeness it should be located where: it will not conflict with landscape, recreation and nature conservation interests. it would not adversely affect the heritage significance, views towards or the setting of the House in the Clouds or other designated heritage assets. safe and convenient pedestrian and cycle connections between the development and local facilities such as the pavilion can be achieved it would not compromise future or planned coastal defence works or lead to exacerbation of coastal erosion.	Modification recommended to ensure that the Thorpeness part of the policy corresponds to the Aldringham section and that the expected contribution towards coastal defences is applied in a proportionate way.	Agreed. The policy text to be amended as recommended.

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	As appropriate to their scale, nature, and location development proposals in Thorpeness should contribute towards improvement to coastal defences.		
Housing supporting text, para 7.35	At the end of paragraph 7.35 add: '7.35 In addition, in 2022, East Suffolk Council produced supplementary guidance on the provision of affordable housing which has along with the HNA and community consultation led to the development of Policy ACT2 below. Policy ACT2 has been carefully designed to achieve an appropriate relationship with this supplementary guidance and the relevant policies in the Local Plan (SCLP 5.8- Housing Mix and SCLP 5.10 – Affordable Housing). For development management purposes the thresholds in the Local Plan policies will continue to apply.'	Modification recommended to ensure that the supporting text clarifies the relationship between the Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan policies, ensuring that the Local Plan thresholds continue to apply.	Agreed. Text to be amended as recommended.
Policy ACT3: Principal Residence	Proposals for new open market housing in Thorpeness (excluding replacement dwellings) will be supported where first and future occupation is restricted in perpetuity to ensure that each new dwelling is occupied only as a Principal Residence. Principal Residence housing is defined as a property which is occupied as the sole or main home of the occupants and where the occupants spend the majority of their time when their employment does not require them to be away from home for purposes of their work. New housing includes	Modification recommended to avoid the need for a separately defined area to be identified for the application of the policy.	Agreed. The policy text to be amended as recommended.

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	both dwellings that are newly constructed or created		
	through change of use. These restrictions will be secured		
	prior to the grant of planning permission through		
	appropriate Planning Conditions or Planning Obligations		
	created and enforceable under section 106 of the Town		
	& Country Planning Act 1990, or any subsequent		
	successor legislation.		
	Proposals for new market dwellings within or		
	immediately adjacent to the settlement boundary of		
	Thorpeness as shown on Policies Map 60 of the Suffolk		
	Coastal Local Plan (or any successor Plan) will only be		
	supported when it can be demonstrated that a planning		
	condition and supporting Section 106 legal agreement		
	will be imposed to guarantee that the dwelling		
	concerned will be the occupants' sole or main residence		
	(where the residents spend the majority of their time		
	when not working away from home or living abroad).		
	The relevant Section 106 Agreement will appear on the		
	Register of Local Land Charges.		
Housing supporting	Incorporate paragraph 7.47 into paragraph 7.46,	Modification	Agreed. Text to be
text, para 7.47 and	deleting the final bullet point of paragraph 7.47.	recommended to ensure	amended as
7.46		that the supporting text	recommended.
	7.46 It is recognised that the introduction of a planning	accurately and	
	policy to limit the number of new second homes and	comprehensively	
	holiday lets is not without its implications. Such a policy	describes the policy and is	
	cannot be retrospectively applied to existing	clear about which types of	
	development, and it will only be enacted by new		

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	development e.g. new builds, or conversions of existing buildings to residential therefore any change it brings about will be incremental over time. There is an acknowledgement that it can affect the viability of developments and therefore developers may ask for more development on a site to make their site viable. However it has been introduced in a number of places including Southwold. 7.47 Implementation of such as policy would be as follows: • Principal residence is defined as main or sole residence and specifically excludes second homes. • The policy will be implemented through the imposition of a planning condition or legal agreement. • Occupiers of homes with a Principal Residence condition will be required to keep proof that they are meeting the obligation or condition and be obliged to provide this proof on the request of the District Council. • Proof of residency can include being registered as an elector, and for local services such as health care. • Replacement dwellings are excluded from this requirement.	development it would apply to.	
Housing supporting	Replace paragraph 7.47 with:	Modification	Agreed. Text to be
text, para 7.47		recommended to ensure	amended as
	7.47 The policy will operate within or immediately	that the supporting text	recommended.
	adjacent to the settlement boundary of Thorpeness as	accurately and	
	shown on Policies Map 60 of the Suffolk Coastal Local	comprehensively	
	Plan (or any successor Plan). The policy will apply to the	describes the policy and is	
	following developments:	clear about which types of	

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	 proposals for new dwellings; proposals which would generate any net new additional dwellings on a site which have replaced a single property; and proposals which would generate additional dwellings because of a conversion of a non-residential building. The policy will not apply to replacement dwellings unless the building to be replaced has been granted with a principal residence restriction. 	development it would apply to.	
ACT4: Mitigating the impacts of large-scale energy projects	Replace the policy with: The impacts on the parish of major energy projects, including cumulative impacts from multiple schemes, should be given significant weight in the determination of such schemes. Where works take place which have temporary impacts, the emphasis should be on timely restoration once works have been completed. Where mitigatory or compensatory measures are identified which are considered necessary to remedy the permanent or long term impacts of major energy schemes on the landscape, natural environment, wildlife and nature recovery historic environment or the residential amenity of the parish, these should be provided in the first instance directly in the parish where those impacts are most felt and only if this is not possible or practicable should they be provided elsewhere in the parish. Where such mitigations are	Modification recommended so that is has a simpler format and acknowledges that is may not always be practicable for biodiversity net gain to be delivered exclusively in the neighbourhood area.	Agreed. The policy text to be amended as recommended.

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	required in respect of biodiversity the standard		
	biodiversity net gain metric of 10% should be applied.		
	Proposals for major energy projects should carefully		
	address their impact, including any cumulative impacts,		
	in combination with other schemes. Where works take		
	place which have temporary impacts, the emphasis		
	should be on timely restoration once works have been		
	completed.		
	Where mitigatory or compensatory measures are		
	identified which are considered necessary to remedy the		
	permanent or long-term impacts of major energy		
	schemes on the landscape, natural environment, wildlife		
	and nature recovery historic environment or the		
	residential amenity of the parish, such measures should		
	be provided in the parish wherever practicable. Where		
	such mitigations are required in respect of biodiversity		
	the standard biodiversity net gain metric of 10% should		
	be applied.		
	Additional biodiversity gain habitat creation and/or		
	enhancement would also be required to meet the 10%		
	gain requirement on the development.		
ACT5: Landscape and	Replace the second part of the policy with:	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
Character and		recommended to take a	be amended as
Important Views	The existing clear landscape breaks that physically	more general approach	recommended.
	separate the distinctive settlement within the parish (as	and provide the clarity	
	shown on Figure 40 above) and those immediately	required by the NPPF.	

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	adjoining will be maintained as open countryside in order to prevent coalescence and loss of settlement identity and distinctiveness. The existing landscape breaks that physically separate the distinctive settlements within the parish will be maintained as open countryside to prevent coalescence and loss of settlement identity and distinctiveness.		
ACT5: Landscape and Character and Important Views	Replace the final bullet point of the third part of the policy with: When considering applications for development high priority should be given to: Preserving the landscape break between Aldringham and Thorpeness. Protecting the sense of separation and openness between the settlements of Aldeburgh and Thorpeness and avoiding ad hoc and incremental development which urbanises this coastal landscape, particularly along the open coast road. Protect remnant heathlands from any development that would result in their loss or reduction in area. Protecting the natural character of the foreshore and its vegetated shingle. The open and undeveloped valley floor of the Hundred River to the southwest of Aldringham where development may have a material adverse impact on the qualities of the landscape that make it special.	Modification recommended for clarity.	Agreed. The policy text to be amended as recommended.

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	 Including landscape improvements as an integral part of the development proposal. Ensuring that the special qualities and gaps between Thorpeness and Aldringham are retained. Maintaining a physical and visual gap between Aldringham and Knodishall and Aldringham and Leiston. Protecting the wooded landscape as you enter the parish from the south including the preserved woodland adjacent to Aldringham Court and that on the opposite side of the road which together form a wildlife corridor across the B1122 by the River Hundred as you approach the village. Protecting the wooded landscape in the south of the parish including the preserved woodland adjacent to Aldringham Court and that on the eastern side of Aldeburgh Road which together form a wildlife corridor by the River Hundred. 		
ACT5: Landscape and	Replace the final paragraph of the Important Views	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
Character and	section of the policy with:	recommended to take a	be amended as
Important Views		more general approach	recommended.
	Development proposals within or that would affect an	and provide the clarity	
	important public local view should take account of the	required by the NPPF.	
	view concerned and developments which would have a		
	significant unacceptable adverse impact on the		
	landscape or character of the view concerned will not be		
	supported. The scale, massing, and height of		
	development proposals within or that would affect an		

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	important public local view should respond positively to the view concerned.		
	Development proposals which would have an unacceptable impact on the landscape or character of an important public local view will not be supported.		
Figure 40, Green gaps in Aldringham	Delete Figure 40	Modification recommended as a consequential deletion to ensure consistency with the policy wording.	Agreed. Figure deleted as recommended.
ACT6: Biodiversity	Replace the first sentence of the third part of the policy with: The extent of any net gain in biodiversity should be in accordance with national policy and a minimum of 10% with an aspiration to deliver 20% net gain by the end of the Plan period The extent of any net gain in biodiversity should be in accordance with national policy and a minimum of 10% with an aspiration to deliver 20% net gain wherever practicable. Otherwise, acceptable development proposals, which deliver measurable biodiversity gains will be supported. Examples may include: • the creation of new natural habitats, including ponds,	Modification recommended to ensure that the policy comments generally about an aspiration for the delivery of 20% biodiversity rather than that such an approach will be in place by the end of the Plan period (2036).	Agreed. The policy text to be amended as recommended.

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	 planting additional native species of tree(s) and/or hedgerow(s) which reflect the character of the area, restoring and reconnecting fragmented habitats and wildlife corridors, e.g. the River Hundred corridor 		
ACT6: Biodiversity	Encouragement is also given for installing beneficial measures for wildlife species such as swifts, bats and hedgehogs such as e.g. bat boxes, swift bricks, hedgehog tunnels etc where such measures are located for optimum effectiveness/success.	Modification recommended to ensure clarity and focus by deleting the final paragraph, which only encourages biodiversity enhancements, many of which do not require planning permission.	Agreed. The policy text to be amended as recommended.
ACT7: Coastal Protection	Policy ACT7 Coastal Protection Within the Coastal Zone defined in Figure 42, the demolition and rebuilding of properties will be discouraged in order to prevent unsustainable development.	Modification recommended as the policy does not provide added value beyond the approach currently taken by East Suffolk Council.	Agreed. The policy deleted as recommended.
Natural Environment supporting text, para 8.48	Replace paragraph 8.48 with: 8.48-The NPPF makes it clear that planning policies and decision should take account of the UK Coastal Marine Policy Statement and relevant marine plans. 7 Integrated Coastal Zone Management should be pursued across local authority boundaries and the Neighbourhood Area	Modification recommended as a consequential change based on the Examiner's modification of paragraph 8.58.	Agreed. Text to be amended as recommended.

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	falls within the Coastal Partnership East (CPE) which is a		
	partnership of East Suffolk Council and Great Yarmouth		
	Borough, the Broads Authority and North Norfolk		
	District. The NPPF also states that the risk from coastal		
	change should be reduced by avoiding inappropriate		
	development in vulnerable areas and not exacerbating		
	the impact of physical changes to the coast. The NPPF		
	makes it clear that planning policies and decisions should		
	take account of the UK Coastal Marine Policy Statement		
	and relevant marine plans. Integrated Coastal Zone		
	Management should be pursued across local authority		
	boundaries. Until March 2025 the Neighbourhood Area		
	was within the Coastal Partnership East (CPE) which was		
	a partnership of East Suffolk Council and Great Yarmouth		
	Borough, the Broads Authority and North Norfolk		
	<u>District. The NPPF also states that the risk from coastal</u>		
	change should be reduced by avoiding inappropriate		
	development in vulnerable areas and not exacerbating		
	the impact of physical changes to the coast.		
Natural Environment	Replace paragraph 8.58 with:	Modification	Agreed. Text to be
supporting text, para		recommended to	amended as
8.58	8.58 The Neighbourhood Plan Policy Ideas Exhibitions	incorporate additional	recommended.
	revealed mixed views on this subject with some	text on the way in which	
	respondent indicating that this was the most important	matters are being	
	issue likely to affect the Thorpeness area of the parish	addressed since the	
	over the Neighbourhood Plan period and that it required	Coastal Partnership East	
	immediate addressing, with other respondents	has been dissolved.	
	indicating that further coastal erosion was inevitable and		

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	resistance to it was futile. This Neighbourhood Plan will		
	support local initiatives to address coastal erosion in the		
	parish where these are supported by public consultation.		
	The Policy Ideas Exhibitions undertaken for the Plan		
	<u>revealed mixed views on this subject with some</u>		
	respondents indicating that this was the most important		
	<u>issue likely to affect the Thorpeness area of the parish</u>		
	over the Plan period and that it required immediate		
	addressing, with other respondents indicating that		
	<u>further coastal erosion was inevitable and resistance to</u>		
	it was futile. On 31 March 2025, Coastal Partnership		
	East, the coastal management partnership of North		
	Norfolk District Council, Great Yarmouth Borough		
	Council and East Suffolk Council, was dissolved. The		
	initial partnership agreement anticipated peaks and		
	troughs of resource sharing at different times across the		
	three councils. However, there has been a continual		
	demand on each local authority to manage the effects of		
	sea level rise and climate change. Therefore, the councils		
	agreed to dissolve the partnership to allow the three		
	individual councils a more flexible approach and ability		
	to focus on their own specific coastal management		
	needs. In this context East Suffolk Council will continue		
	to support the residents of Thorpeness through its		
	Coastal Management team. In addition, the Parish		
	Council will support local initiatives to address coastal		
	erosion in the parish where these are supported by		
	public consultation.		

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ACT8: Drainage and surface water flooding	Replace the policy with: All new development including minor development, is	Modification recommended to ensure the clarity required by the	Agreed. The policy text to be amended as recommended.
	required to use appropriate sustainable drainage system which will mitigate and protect against pollution, provide drainage and wider amenity, recreational and biodiversity benefits commensurate with the size of the development.	NPPF and to allow the application of the policy in the development management process.	
	New SuDS systems should, in the first instance, meet all four pillars of SuDS (Quality, Quantity, Biodiversity, Amenity) being green and open. This includes raingardens, downpipe planted attenuation, swales, basins, rills, and other naturalised features. This should be prioritised over features that provide less value to residents and the community such as crate systems and widespread permeable paving. Development will be expected to demonstrate (through the submission of a drainage strategy to accompany the submission of a planning application) how it will seek to discharge surface water in accordance with LLFA guidance to		
	mitigate its own flooding and drainage impacts, whilst avoiding increases of flooding elsewhere. New development should not lead to the exacerbation of existing localised flooding or create new areas of flooding. The following are identified as particularly vulnerable existing areas of localised flooding in the		

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	parish which should not be impacted by new		
	development:		
	a) Aldringham Lane		
	b) Old Homes Road, Thorpeness		
	c) Gipsy Lane , Aldringham		
	As appropriate to their scale, nature and location,		
	development proposals should use appropriate		
	sustainable drainage systems which will mitigate and		
	protect against pollution, provide drainage and wider		
	amenity and, where appropriate, recreational and		
	biodiversity benefits.		
	New sustainable drainage system should, meet the four		
	pillars of sustainable drainage (Quality, Quantity,		
	Biodiversity, Amenity) and be green and open. This		
	includes raingardens, downpipe planted attenuation,		
	swales, basins, rills, and other naturalised features. This		
	approach should be prioritised over features that		
	provide crate systems and widespread permeable		
	paving. Development proposals should demonstrate		
	through the submission of a drainage strategy to		
	accompany the submission of a planning application how		
	they will discharge surface water in accordance with lead		
	local flood authority guidance to mitigate its own		
	flooding and drainage impacts, whilst avoiding increases		
	of flooding elsewhere.		

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	Development proposals should be designed to avoid the		
	exacerbation of existing localised flooding or create new		
	areas of flooding. The following are identified as		
	particularly vulnerable existing areas of localised		
	flooding in the parish:		
	a) Aldringham Lane		
	b) Old Homes Road, Thorpeness		
	c) Gipsy Lane, Aldringham.		
ACT9: Thorpeness	Delete 'in principle' from the policy wording.	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
Heritage Centre		recommended for clarity	be amended as
	Proposals for the enhancement or extension or	and accuracy.	recommended.
	appropriate redevelopment of the heritage centre		
	including proposals for the centre of the car park will be		
	supported in principle, subject to compliance with the		
	other policies in this plan relating to design and impact		
	on nature conservation interests.		
ACT10: Heritage	Replace the opening element of the first part of the	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
Protection and Non-	policy with:	recommended to ensure	be amended as
Designated Heritage		that it sets out the	recommended.
Assets	Proposals that may affect the character, significance and	requirements for the	
	setting of the parish's designated heritage assets,	types of development	
	including archaeological assets, listed buildings, the	listed rather than offering	
	historic park and garden at The Meare, and the	support.	
	Thorpeness Conservation Area will be supported where		
	they: As appropriate to their scale and nature,		
	development proposals that would affect the character,		
	significance and setting of the parish's designated		

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	heritage assets, including archaeological assets, listed		
	buildings, the historic park and garden at The Meare,		
	and the Thorpeness Conservation Area should:		
ACT10: Heritage	Replace the final sentence of the part of the policy on	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
Protection and Non-	non-designated heritage assets with:	recommended to ensure	be amended as
Designated Heritage		that is clear about the	recommended.
Assets	Development proposals affecting these Non-designated	impact of development	
	Heritage Assets will be determined with regard to the	and requires a	
	scale of any harm or loss to their significance which may	proportionate heritage	
	include its setting and relationship to its immediate	statement.	
	surroundings and the contribution it makes to the		
	character of the local area. Applications for development		
	which may affect a Non Designated Heritage Asset		
	should be accompanied by a heritage statement		
	Development proposals that would affect a non-		
	designated heritage asset should be accompanied by a		
	proportionate heritage statement.		
Heritage, Design and	Replace paragraph 9.11 with:	Modification	Agreed. Text to be
Tourism supporting		recommended to ensure	amended as
text, para 9.11	9.11 The Conservation Area Appraisal for Thorpeness	consistency with Policy	recommended.
	completed in 2022 identifies a number of buildings	ACT10.	
	within the Conservation Area boundary which make a		
	positive contribution to its character and are in effect		
	already identified as Non Designated Heritage Assets		
	and would be treated in that way should a relevant		
	application be submitted. This is shown in Figure 52		
	below. The Steering Group have therefore concentrated		
	their efforts in identifying NDHA which do not currently		

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	have any other form of protection and have not been		
	previously identified. These are outside of the		
	Conservation Area Boundary and within Aldringham The		
	Conservation Area Appraisal for Thorpeness completed		
	in 2022 identifies several buildings within the		
	Conservation Area boundary which make a positive		
	contribution to its character and are in effect already		
	identified as non-designated heritage assets (NDHAs)		
	and would be treated in that way should a relevant		
	application be submitted. This is shown in Figure 52		
	below. In this context the third criterion of the first part		
	of the policy refers to those building identified within the		
	Conservation Area Appraisal as positive buildings and		
	NDHA 23 (Old Thorpe House) which is the only NDHA		
	inside the Conservation Area. As a further level of detail,		
	the Steering Group have therefore concentrated their		
	efforts in identifying NDHA which do not currently have		
	any other form of protection and have not been		
	previously identified. These are outside of the		
	Conservation Area Boundary and within Aldringham.		
ACT11: New Design	Replace the third part of the policy with:	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
		recommended to ensure	be amended as
	Proposals for all new development, including new	the clarity required by the	recommended.
	houses, extensions and other non-residential uses	NPPF and to allow the	
	should accord with the following criteria, which should	application of the policy in	
	be applied, appropriately and on a proportional basis: As	the development	
	appropriate to their scale, nature and location	management process.	

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	development proposals should accord with the following		
	criteria:		
ACT11: New Design	In a) replace 'must' with 'should'	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
		recommended to ensure	be amended as
	a) Developments must should preserve a sense of rural	the clarity required by the	recommended.
	and a lower density feel by accommodating front	NPPF and to allow the	
	gardens of at least 2 metres depth and soft boundary	application of the policy in	
	treatments consisting of trees and hedges	the development	
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ACT11: New Design	Replace e) with:	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
		recommended to ensure	be amended as
	e) Walking and cycling routes should be promoted where	the clarity required by the	recommended.
	possible, existing Walking and cycling routes should be	NPPF and to allow the	
	promoted wherever practicable.	application of the policy in	
		the development	
		management process.	
ACT11: New Design	In h) replace with:	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
		recommended to ensure	be amended as
	h) Development in the Conservation Area must take the	the clarity required by the	recommended.
	utmost care to avoid harming the significance of listed or	NPPF and to allow the	
	landmark buildings and their setting should respond	application of the policy in	
	sensitively to the significance of listed or landmark	the development	
	buildings and their settings.	management process.	
ACT12: Accessibility	Replace the first sentence of the second part of the	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
and Connectivity	policy with:	recommended to ensure	be amended as
		the clarity required by the	recommended.
	Development that will improve or contribute to	NPPF and to allow the	
	improved connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists within	application of the policy in	

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	the parish will be supported subject to their impact on sensitive nature conservation sites. Development proposals that will improve or contribute to improved connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists will be supported where they otherwise comply with the development plan and they respond positively to any sensitive nature conservation sites. New routes could include:	the development management process.	
ACT12: Accessibility and Connectivity	Replace the final part of the policy with: Development which is likely to affect an existing Public Right of Way should take account of its route and incorporate it into the scheme, preferably in a wide and open green corridor. Where Public Rights of Way are impacted, appropriate diversions or new routes should be provided that are more or at least, equally safe, accessible, and convenient for users. Any new Public Rights of Way or any proposed works to existing PROW should be designed in accordance with current SCC guidance and standards. Development proposals which will affect an existing Public Right of Way should incorporate the right of way sensitively into the scheme, preferably in a wide and open green corridor. Where this is not practicable, appropriate diversions or new routes should be provided that are more or at least, equally safe, accessible, and convenient for users.	Modification recommended to ensure the clarity required by the NPPF and to allow the application of the policy in the development management process.	Agreed. The policy text to be amended as recommended.

Policy name and number / section	Examiner's Recommended Modification	Reason for change	Action by ESC
	The development of any new public rights of way or any		
	proposed works to existing public rights of way should		
	be designed in accordance with current Suffolk County		
	Council guidance and standards.		
ACT13: Public car	In the first part of the policy remove 'the' before	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
parking	'Thorpeness'	recommended to correct	be amended as
		a typographical error.	recommended.
	Proposals that would provide safe and easily accessible		
	off street, car parking in the Thorpeness available for		
	public use will be supported in principle. This could take		
	the form of the provision of a new public car park.		
ACT13: Public car	Replace a) with:	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
parking		recommended to clarify	be amended as
	Where a public car park is proposed it should meet the	the geography of the close	recommended.
	following criteria:	walking distance.	
	a. be located within reasonable walking distance. be		
	located within reasonable walking distance of the centre		
	of Thorpeness.		
ACT14: Leisure and	Replace 'are encouraged' with 'will be supported'	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
recreational facilities		recommended for clarity	be amended as
	The provision of new or improved leisure and recreation	and accuracy.	recommended.
	facilities including children's play areas and spaces,		
	sports pitches and outdoor meeting and amenity spaces		
	are encouraged will be supported. Such provision should		
	be well connected in terms of safe access for users by		
	walking and cycling.		

Policy name and	Examiner's Recommended Modification	Reason for change	Action by ESC
number / section ACT15: Community	Delete 'e.g. St Andrews Church, the public houses, the	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
Facilities	Country Club, the cafes, the allotments, the Ogilvie	recommended for clarity.	be amended as
	Pavilion, and associated sports grounds'		recommended.
	Proposals including changes of use that would involve the potential loss of an existing community facility e.g. St Andrews Church, the public houses, the Country Club, the cafes, the allotments, the Ogilvie Pavilion and		
	associated sports grounds will not be supported except		
	where an improved or equivalent facility can be located elsewhere in the parish in an equally convenient, safe,		
	and accessible location or where there is no reasonable		
	prospect of continued viable use.		
ACT16: Local Green	Replace the policy with:	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
Spaces		recommended for clarity	be amended as
	The following are identified as Local Green Spaces and	and accuracy.	recommended.
	will be treated as though they are green belt, where any		
	proposals will be judged against the requirements which rule out development unless there are very special		
	circumstances. The Plan designates the following Local		
	Green Spaces		
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	1. Land associated with The Country Club (Thorpeness)		
	2. Land at the bottom of Lakeside Avenue (Thorpeness)		
	3. Land in front of the boat house at Thorpeness		
	4. Land at The Meare (behind Meare Café, Thorpeness)		
	5. Land east of Aldeburgh Road (Thorpeness)		

Policy name and number / section	Examiner's Recommended Modification	Reason for change	Action by ESC
	6. Land adjacent to barn at Old Homes Road		
	(Thorpeness)		
	7. Land to the west of The Headlands (Thorpeness)		
	8. Land east of Benthills and Country Club, Thorpeness		
	9. Green and play area at Mill Hill in Aldringham		
	10. Churchyard of St Andrews Church, Aldringham		
	11. Allotment Gardens at Aldringham		
	12. Land to rear of Oglivie Almshouses, Aldringham		
	13. Green area at Chandlers Way, Aldringham		
	14. Green area at Oak Drive/Acorn Close, Aldringham		
	Development proposals within the Local Green Spaces		
	will not be supported other than in very special		
	circumstances.		
Appendix B	In Appendix B amend the size of the proposed LGS12	Modification	Agreed. Text to be
	(Land to the rear of Ogilvie Almhouses, Aldringham)	recommended to correct	amended as
	from 8 hectares to 0.8 hectares.	a typographical error.	recommended.
	Area is approximately <u>0.</u> 8 hectares in size but has a		
	physical and functional connection with the Almshouses,		
	with clearly defined boundaries which do not extend		
	into open countryside.		
ACT17: Business and	In the Thorpeness Golf Club and Hotel part of the policy	Modification	Agreed. The policy text to
employment	delete 'in principle'	recommended for clarity	be amended as
development		and accuracy and to	recommended.
	In the final sentence of the policy delete one of the two	correct a typographical	
	uses of 'subject to'	error.	

Policy name and	Examiner's Recommended Modification	Reason for change	Action by ESC
number / section			
	Proposals for the enhancement, redevelopment or		
	extension of the existing Golf Club and Hotel buildings		
	which would result in the provision of enhanced tourism		
	facilities, an increase in employment for the area and an		
	environmental or visual enhancement to the overall		
	character and appearance of the area will be supported		
	in principle, subject to subject to compliance with the		
	other policies in this Plan.		

Table 2: further recommended changes

The Examiner also recommended the modification of general text (where necessary) to achieve consistency with the modified policies and to accommodate any administrative and technical changes. They are made under section 12(6) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. In addition, as part our Regulation 16 response, East Suffolk Council suggested a series of revisions and additions to the general elements of the plan which the Examiner has recommended be addressed. These are all considered in the table below.

Change	Reason for change	Action by ESC
Front Cover	Modification recommended to	Front cover to be updated to
	accurately reflect the current	reflect the current stage of
Update title	stage of the Neighbourhood	the Neighbourhood Plan.
	Plan.	
Aldringham cum Thorpe		
Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2026		
Submission Version, March 2025		
Referendum Version, December 2025		

Change	Reason for change	Action by ESC
Throughout Plan Update page numbers and Contents page numbering	Modification recommended for clarity and accuracy.	Page numbering and contents page to be updated.
Throughout Plan Update page header Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan - Submission Version, March 2025-Referendum Version - December 2025	Modification recommended to accurately reflect the current stage of the Neighbourhood Plan.	Page headers to be updated throughout the plan to reflect the current stage of the Neighbourhood Plan.
Update or remove Figure 1	Modification recommended to accurately reflect the current stage of the Neighbourhood Plan.	Figure 1 to be updated to reflect the current stage of the Neighbourhood Plan and referendum in February 2026.
Introduction Section Amend paragraph 1.8 to make it clear that Suffolk Coastal District no longer exists. The Neighbourhood Plan Area covers the entire Parish of Aldringham cum Thorpe and was formally designated by the former Suffolk Coastal District Council on 5th May 2016.	Modification recommended for clarity and accuracy.	Text to be amended as recommended.
Introduction section Update paragraph 1.9	Modification recommended to accurately reflect the current	Text to be amended as recommended.

Change	Reason for change	Action by ESC
1.9 This is the Submission version of the Aldringham Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to East Suffolk Council in April 2025. Prior to submission Local residents, businesses, and statutory agencies had the opportunity to comment on the draft Plan and when it was published for consultation between October and December 2024. At the same time consultation took place on the supporting documents which accompany the plan.	stage of the Neighbourhood Plan.	
1. Introduction Update paragraphs 1.12 and 1.13	Modification recommended to accurately reflect the current stage of the Neighbourhood Plan.	Text to be amended as recommended.
After submission, East Suffolk Council will undertake undertook a checking process and further consultation. The Neighbourhood Plan will then go went through an independent examination. Subject to the Examiner's report, the Neighbourhood Plan should then proceeds to referendum.		
At referendum, every resident of Aldringham cum Thorpe, who is entitled to vote in the Council elections will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not they agree with the Neighbourhood Plan. At referendum, residents will be asked, 'Do you want East Suffolk Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Aldringham cum Thorpe to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood area?'. If the Plan gets at least 50 per cent support from those who vote in the referendum, East Suffolk will		
'make' (adopt) the Neighbourhood Plan as part of the statutory development plan.		
2. Aldringham Cum Thorpe	Modification recommended to reflect consideration of the Thorpeness Article 4 Direction.	Text to be amended as recommended.

Change	Reason for change	Action by ESC
Include reference to the Article 4 Direction in Thorpeness in paragraph 2.10		
The quality of its built environment is recognised by its Conservation Area status. The Conservation Area was first designated in 1976 then redesignated in 1991, with a re-appraisal carried out in 2010 and in June 2022 consultation was undertaken by East Suffolk Council on a revised appraisal and management plan. Public consultation on an Article 4 Direction for Thorpeness was held April- May 2025 however East Suffolk Strategic Planning Committee decided not to confirm the Article 4 direction in July 2025.		
3. National and Local Context Add 'as' and remove the word from paragraph 3.5	Modification recommended for clarity and accuracy.	Text to be amended as recommended.
3.5 As mentioned before the parish comprises two main areas of built settlement. Aldringham is identified in the Local Plan as 'Countryside'. Thorpeness is identified <u>as</u> a 'small village' again with a specific settlement boundary		
Section 4. How the Plan was prepared Update Section 4.	Modification recommended to accurately reflect the current stage of the Neighbourhood Plan.	Text to be amended as recommended.
4.3 The Parish Council has a long history of consulting the parish on planning policy issues, the first being to produce a Parish Plan with actions in 2006. In November 2012, a parish consultation was led by Community Action Suffolk around four topics; the coast, fens and heaths; business and		

Change	Reason for change	Action by ESC
tourism; housing and people; our community, a report and action plan were produced. The Neighbourhood Plan has been undertaken with community engagement and consultation. The Steering Group have used		
a range of engagement methods and locations to engage with the community including, in person stakeholder meetings, face-to-face drop-in		
exhibitions and some online consultation. More details of the consultation		
are outlined in the Consultation Statement, accompanying the submission of the Neighbourhood Plan to East Suffolk Council.		
Section 4. How the Plan was prepared Update Section 4.	Modification recommended to accurately reflect the current stage of the Neighbourhood Plan.	Text to be amended as recommended.
Stage 5: Submission, examination, referendum and adoption		
 The amended Neighbourhood Plan was approved for submission to East Suffolk Council by Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Council at its meeting in March 2025. 		
 After submission, East Suffolk will undertake undertook a further period of consultation on the amended Plan. On the conclusion of that consultation exercise, the Neighbourhood Plan will be was sent for independent examination. 		
 Following receipt of the examiner's report and if the Plan is successful, East Suffolk Council will hold a local referendum in Aldringham cum Thorpe 		
Section 6. Policies	Consequential change resulting from the deletion of Policy	Text to be amended as recommended.
Update list of policies on page 42.	ACT7.	

Reason for change	Action by ESC
	Reason for change

Change	Reason for change	Action by ESC
ACT15 16 : Local Green Spaces		·
Business &		
employment		
POLICY		
ACT1617: Business and employment development		
Section 8. Natural Environment	Modification recommended to accurately reflect the	Text to be amended as recommended.
Update paragraph 8.46 to reflect that consultation on the Suffolk LNRS ended in June 2025.	consultation and adoption of the LNRS.	
The Suffolk Neighbourhood Plan is mindful that work to produce a Local		
Nature Recovery Strategy (led by Suffolk County Council) is ongoing and		
will continue during the period of this Neighbourhood Plan. Public		
consultation is expected to take place in April 2025 with completion of the		
strategy later in was adopted in October 2025. The strategy will identify		
identifies priority actions for nature and maps specific areas for improving		
habitats for nature recovery and will be used to inform both the review of		
the Local Plan but also future reviews of this Neighbourhood Plan.		
Section 9: Heritage, Design and Tourism	Modification recommended for	Text to be amended as
	clarity and accuracy.	recommended.
Add reference to appendix C and East Suffolk's criteria for the		
identification of Non Designated Heritage Assets to paragraphs 9.8 to		
9.11.		
9.8 The Government's National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG)		
recognises that there are buildings, monuments, sites and places and		

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areas of landscapes identified as having a degree of local significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, but which are not formally designated heritage assets e.g. Listed buildings. In some areas, local authorities identify some Non-designated Heritage Assets as 'locally listed'. The NPPG goes on to explain that these can be identified through Neighbourhood Plans (and Local Plans) and can be a positive way for the local authorities and the community to identify Non-designated Heritage Assets against consistent criteria to improve the predictability of the potential for sustainable development. This Neighbourhood Plan uses East Suffolk Council's published criteria for identifying NDHAs, which are set	Reason for change	Action by ESC
out in Appendix C. 9.9 The NPPF indicates that the effects of an application on the significance of a Non-Designated Heritage Asset should be taken into account in determining applications.		
9.10 The results of survey work carried out by the Steering Group, the revised Conservation Area Appraisal and the Design Code have all contributed to identifying a number of potential Non-designated Heritage Assets as set out in appendix C. In addition, the Neighbourhood Plan Policy Ideas Exhibition sought nominations for further suitable candidates that would be worthy of a form of local protection due to their contribution to the character of the Parish.		
Section 10: Access, Community and Recreation	To correct typographical error	Spacing to be corrected.
Add a return between final bullet point and the text that starts 'When taken' in paragraph 10.4		

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between Thorpeness and Aldeburgh		
When taken together these three sections could provide a comprehensive route between Aldeburgh in the south and Leiston in the north. This is compatible with the recommendations contained within the East Suffolk Cycling and Walking Strategy which identify a number of potential leisure routes in the area.		
Para 8.61 Update policy ref to read Policy ACT87	Consequential change resulting from the deletion of Policy ACT7.	Policy ref to be updated.
Page 75 Update policy title to Policy ACT87 Drainage and surface water flooding	Consequential change resulting from the deletion of Policy ACT7.	Policy numbering to be updated.
Para 9.2 Update policy ref to read Policy ACT98	Consequential change resulting from the deletion of Policy ACT7.	Policy ref to be updated.
Page 78 Update policy title to Policy ACT98 Heritage Centre Thorpeness	Consequential change resulting from the deletion of Policy ACT7.	Policy numbering to be updated.
Para 9.7 Update policy ref to read Policy ACT109	Consequential change resulting from the deletion of Policy ACT7.	Policy ref to be updated.
Page 84 Update policy title to Policy ACT109Heritage Protection and enhancement	Consequential change resulting from the deletion of Policy ACT7.	Policy numbering to be updated.

Change	Reason for change	Action by ESC
Para 9.21 Update policy ref to read Policy ACT140	Consequential change resulting from the deletion of Policy	Policy ref to be updated.
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Page 88	Consequential change resulting	Policy numbering to be
Update policy title to Policy ACT140New design	from the deletion of Policy ACT7.	updated.
Para 10.1	Consequential change resulting	Policy ref to be updated.
Update policy ref to read Policy ACT121	from the deletion of Policy ACT7.	
Para 10.7	Consequential change resulting	Policy ref to be updated.
Update policy ref to read Policy ACT12 1	from the deletion of Policy ACT7.	
Page 92	Consequential change resulting	Policy numbering to be
Update policy title to read Policy ACT121Accessibility and Connectivity	from the deletion of Policy ACT7.	updated.
Para 10.10	Consequential change resulting	Policy ref to be updated.
Update policy ref to read Policy ACT132	from the deletion of Policy ACT7.	
Page 93	Consequential change resulting	Policy numbering to be
Update policy title to read Policy ACT132 Public car parking	from the deletion of Policy ACT7.	updated.
Para 10.14	Consequential change resulting	Policy ref to be updated.
Update policy re to read Policy ACT14 3	from the deletion of Policy ACT7.	
Page 94	Consequential change resulting	Policy numbering to be
Update policy title to read Policy ACT143 Leisure and recreational	from the deletion of Policy	updated.
facilities	ACT7.	

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Para 10.16	Consequential change resulting	Policy ref to be updated.
Update policy re to read Policy ACT154	from the deletion of Policy	
	ACT7.	
Page 95	Consequential change resulting	Policy numbering to be
Update policy title to read Policy ACT154 Community Facilities	from the deletion of Policy	updated.
	ACT7.	
Para 10.21	Consequential change resulting	Policy ref to be updated.
Update policy re to read Policy ACT165	from the deletion of Policy	
	ACT7.	
Page 96	Consequential change resulting	Policy numbering to be
Update policy title to read Policy ACT165_Local Green Spaces	from the deletion of Policy	updated.
	ACT7.	
Para 11.7	Consequential change resulting	Policy ref to be updated.
Update policy re to read Policy ACT17 6	from the deletion of Policy	
	ACT7.	
Page 100	Consequential change resulting	Policy numbering to be
Update policy title to read Policy ACT176 Business and Employment	from the deletion of Policy	updated.
	ACT7.	

Table 3

Under section 12(6)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Council considers that the following modifications are also needed in order that the Plan meets the basic conditions or for the correction of errors.

Change	Reason for change	Action by ESC
Page 33 Update figure title to read 'Figure 269: Poster and flyer for initial drop-in session in August 2016'	To correct typographical error	Figure number to be updated.
Page 33	To correct typographical error	Figure number to be updated.

Change	Reason for change	Action by ESC
Update figure title to read 'Figure 2930: Front cover of the Aldringham cum Thorpe Housing Needs Assessment April 2023, Design Guidance and Codes, November 2022, and Spatial Evidence document June 2024.'		
Page 34 Update figure title to read 'Figure 301 and 312 Flyer for policy ideas consultation'	To correct typographical error	Figure numbers to be updated.
Page 34 Update figure title to read 'Figure 323 poster for policy ideas consultation 2023'	To correct typographical error	Figure numbers to be updated.
Page 35 Update figure title to read 'Figure 3 <u>34</u> : Policy ideas Exhibition, The Outside Inn'	To correct typographical error	Figure numbers to be updated.
Page 35 Update figure title to read 'Figure 345: Policy ideas exhibition, Country Club'	To correct typographical error	Figure numbers to be updated.
Page 36 Update figure title to read 'Figure 356: Photographs from Pre-Submission consultation exhibitions at The Outside Inn, Aldringham and Thorpeness Country Club'	To correct typographical error	Figure numbers to be updated.
Page 39 Update figure title to read 'Figure 367: Structure of the Neighbourhood Plan'	To correct typographical error	Figure numbers to be updated.

Change	Reason for change	Action by ESC
Page 57 Update figure title to read 'Figure 378: Suffolk Coastal Landscape Character Assessment 2018. Location of Neighbourhood Area shown in red.'	To correct typographical error	Figure numbers to be updated.
Page 62 Update figure title to read 'Figure 389: Key views in Aldringham'	To correct typographical error	Figure numbers to be updated.
Para 8.26 Update policy ref to read 'Figure 3940'	To correct typographical error	Figure numbers to be updated.
Page 64 Update figure title to read 'Figure 3940: Key Views in Thorpeness'	To correct typographical error	Figure numbers to be updated.
Policy ACT5 Change ref under Important Views to read (Figures 389 and 3940)	To correct typographical error	Figure numbers to be updated.
Page 100 Renumber the duplicated 11.5 and renumber 11.6 and 11.7 to run concurrently.	To correct typographical error	Paragraph numbers to be updated.