Late Responses to Carlton Colville Neighbourhood Plan

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Responses

The responses below were received after the publicity period closed on 21st June 2023.

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Historic England

Thank you for your letter consulting us on the above Neighbourhood Plan. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

The plan covers an area which includes the historic centre of Carlton Colville, an historic settlement which includes the grade II* listed parish church of St Peter. To the south of the centre, just beyond the present extent of development, is a former medieval moated site, 200 metres to the south west of the (unlisted) farm buildings at Bell Farm. The moat is a scheduled monument (NHLE no. 1018331) and notable for its well-defined earthworks, a moat which is seasonally in water and there is evidence to suggest it is was a high-status, possibly manorial site. These heritage assets are the chief areas of concern for Historic England, although there are other grade II listed buildings within the Plan area and undesignated historic buildings and archaeology which should also be considered in the Plan and by the local planning authority.

The setting of St Peter's church contributes to an understanding of its historic significance and the impact of proposed development on that has previously been a concern of Historic England in our advice on recent proposals for development in the vicinity (at Church Lane in 2017 and Carlton Hall Gardens in 2022). The tower of St Peter's church is a major feature in the landscape, especially when seen from the west and we are pleased that this is acknowledged in the Plan (paragraph 4.44) as is the fact that the view's value in illustrating the rural setting which formerly embraced the historic settlement on all sides is still seen here.

The Bell Farm development is the principal proposal which would affect the heritage assets in Historic England's remit to comment. There is considerable modern development between the site and the parish church, but the development boundary includes the moat 200m south west of Bell Farm. Development in this area has been allocated in the Local Plan (policy WLP2.16) on which Historic England commented. The Neighbourhood Plan adopts the proposal to create a country park in the western part of the land to protect the immediate setting of the moated site and to protects the water supply to it which maintains a stable environment for the probable water-logged archaeological deposits in the moat. We would support this approach but also note that the Heritage Impact Assessment comments on the proposed access road in the western part of the site and its visual impact on the moat. We would also support reconsideration of the route of this road to reduce this impact.

We hope this advice is of assistance. Please contact me if we can be of further advice.

Norfolk County Council

Thank you for consulting Norfolk County Council on the above Neighbourhood Plan. We do not have any comments to make at this time.