

Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough (SSWE) Neighbourhood Development Plan – Comments in relation to responses received from the Regulation 16 consultation.

Comments from East Suffolk Council

The SSWE NDP team welcome the comments from ESC recognising that the SSWE draft plan is well written, presents a vision for the neighbourhood area and contains well written policies covering a wide range of topic areas reflecting local importance. The NDP team also welcomes the recognition that the plan is supported by local engagement and a good evidence base.

In response to the detailed comments from ESC:

List of Policies, p. 5 – we are happy to incorporate page numbers against the list of policies and hyperlinks to the policy section of the document, as suggested.

Paragraph 61, p. 20 – we are happy to remove the misleading text relating to County Wildlife Sites and Priority Habitats, as suggested.

NEP 1 p. 20 – we welcome the clarification provided by ESC in respect of the regulations relating to Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and are happy to incorporate the revised wording provided by ESC that avoids possible confusion.

SSWE Policy BEP1: Business Development – we will address the formatting issues identified by ESC and remove the word ‘graded’ in Paragraph 68, p.22, as indicated.

SSWE Policy HP3: Housing Density, mix and design – we note the advice from ESC regarding this policy (point C) and are happy to incorporate the alternative form of words proposed – i.e. just the removal of the words ‘only’ and ‘small’ from the existing text in the draft plan.

STP1, p. 31 – we are happy to modify this policy to include developments beyond just residential properties, as suggested.

Appendix 6, p53 – as suggested, we will incorporate a link to the council’s historic environment SPD, which elaborates on the criteria for NDHAs.

Community Governance Review – the upcoming change to the Parish boundary of Shadingfield is noted and will bring this in line with the designated Neighbourhood Area covered by the draft NDP. We recognise that this will be taken into account in formalising the appropriate area in which to hold a referendum.

Comments from Natural England

NE indicate that they have no specific comments to make on the draft SSWE NDP. The annex attached to their response provides links and suggestions that were considered previously during the drafting of the plan.