
Subject: FW: DRS-00004566 Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough Neighbourhood Plan

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Dear Jason,

Steve Blackburn has asked that I respond concerning the Regulation 16 Responses Document published by East Suffolk Council on the Neighbourhood Planning section of the East Suffolk Council website. Having read the comments and corrections, **we do not feel that (given their relatively minor nature) we would wish to overcomplicate the consultation process by producing another iteration of the draft NDP at this point.** We do not believe there are any particular concerns that need addressing urgently at this point.

Having said that, as I recall, a Housing Needs Assessment was not deemed necessary at the start of the NDP drafting process, given the small population of the parishes and the very small settlement boundary. The evidence that we based comments in SSWE Policy HP3: Housing Density, mix and design came from the survey results that we received from residents. We would be happy to talk about these with the Examiner so that suitable and acceptable wording may be inserted in this section. Unlike certain nearby councils, there are no approved housing developments exceeding 10 houses, nor do we have any schools, hospitals or major employers in the parishes, so once again, the value added by a Housing Needs Assessment might be marginal in the circumstances. Perhaps this is something that the Examiner can usefully provide comment on.

We would be happy to address ESC's and Natural England's comments and corrections once we have had feedback from the examiner.

Best regards,

Richard Ellis