

Appendix

Norfolk Strategic Framework

Agreement 1 - That when preparing new Local Plans addressing housing needs the Norfolk Planning Authorities will produce documents which provide for the development needs of their areas until at least 2036.

Proposed Spatial Vision

Agreement 2 - In preparing their Local Plans the Norfolk Planning Authorities will seek to positively contribute towards the delivery of the following **vision**:

“By the middle of the 21st century Norfolk will be increasingly recognised nationally for having a strong and vibrant economy providing high quality economic opportunities for residents in urban and rural areas. Its settlements and key infrastructure will be physically resilient to the impacts of climate change. The natural and built environments will be enhanced through the regeneration of settlements, safeguarding and enhancement of current assets and networks, improving both biodiversity and the quality of life for residents. Housing needs will be met in full in socially inclusive communities. The County will be better connected by having good transport links to major cities in the UK and Europe and excellent digital connectivity. A good relationship between homes and jobs will minimise the need to travel and residents will have choice about how they meet their demand for local travel.”

Proposed Shared Objectives

Agreement 3 - By 2036, through co-operation between Local Authorities and preparation of Development Plans, Norfolk will seek to maximise the delivery of the following **objectives** (in no particular order):

- To realise the economic potential of Norfolk and its people by:
- facilitating the development needed to support the region’s business sectors and clusters, driving economic growth through the enhancement of productivity, skills and education to provide widening opportunities in line with the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership Economic Strategy, the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership Economic Strategy and this framework;
- fully exploiting the economic opportunities offered by the economic success and global reputation of Cambridge;
- providing for job growth broadly matching increases in housing provision and improving the alignment between the locations of workplaces and homes;
- ensuring effective and sustainable digital connections and transport infrastructure between and within Norfolk’s main settlements to strengthen inward investment; and
- strengthening Norfolk’s connections to the rest of the UK, Europe and beyond by boosting inward investment and international trade through rail, road, sea, air and digital connectivity infrastructure.
- To reduce Norfolk’s greenhouse gas emissions as well as the impact from, exposure to, and effects of climate change by:
- locating development so as to reduce the need to travel;
- effecting a major shift in travel away from car use towards public transport, walking and cycling;

- maximising the energy efficiency of development and promoting the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources; and
- managing and mitigating against the risks of adverse weather events, sea level rise and flooding by reducing the impacts on people, property and wildlife habitats.
- To address housing needs in Norfolk by:
 - providing for the quantity of housing growth which will support the economic prospects of the County and address in full the identified need for new homes in line with the Economic Strategies of New Anglia & GCGP LEPs;
 - ensuring that new homes built are of the right sort in terms of size, type, and tenure to contribute positively towards addressing identified needs including for affordable homes, homes for the elderly and students, and other groups in society requiring specialist living accommodation;
 - contributing towards sustainable patterns of development including improving the relationship between homes, jobs and other key day to day services;
 - delivering high quality, energy efficient homes in attractive living environments which make a positive contribution to the health and well-being of communities; and
 - ensuring that homes are delivered at the right time to address identified needs.
- To improve the quality of life for all the population of Norfolk by:
 - ensuring new development fulfils the principles of sustainable communities, providing a well-designed living environment adequately supported by social and green infrastructure;
 - promoting social cohesion by significantly improving the educational performance of our schools, enhancing the skills of the workforce and improving access to work, services and other facilities, especially for those who are disadvantaged;
 - maintaining cultural diversity while addressing the distinctive needs of each part of the county;
 - ensuring all our communities are able to access excellent sporting facilities and health services;
 - promoting regeneration and renewal of disadvantaged areas; and
 - increasing community involvement in the development process at local level.
- To improve and conserve Norfolk's environment by:
 - ensuring the protection and enhancement of Norfolk's environmental assets, including the built and historic environment, protected landscapes, Broads and coast;
 - protecting the landscape setting of our existing settlements where possible and preventing the unplanned coalescence of settlements;
 - maximising the use of previously developed land within our urban areas to minimise the need to develop previously undeveloped land;
 - where previously undeveloped land is developed, the environmental benefits resulting from its development will be maximised;
 - protecting and, where appropriate, enhancing biodiversity through the preservation of habitats and species and creating new habitats through development;
 - providing a network of accessible multi-functional greenspaces; and
 - reducing the demand for and use of water and other natural resources.

Housing Markets

Agreement 4 –To produce and maintain Strategic Housing Market Assessments covering the three contiguous and non-overlapping broad market areas of Great Yarmouth, Central Norfolk and West Norfolk.

Local Plans

Agreement 5 - That Great Yarmouth and King’s Lynn and West Norfolk will each continue to prepare separate Local Plans for their areas.

Agreement 6 - That Breckland and North Norfolk will continue to prepare separate Local Plans for their areas whilst Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk Council will co-operate on a new Greater Norwich Local Plan that will replace the current Joint Core Strategy and various other existing Local Plan documents in this area.

Agreement 7 - That, in view of the very distinct issues facing the Broads Authority Area, spatial planning matters will continue to be best addressed by way of a standalone Broads Local Plan.

Strategic Employment Sites

Agreement 8 - The above list of locations are the Tier One Employment sites and should be the focus of investment to drive increasing economic development in key sectors, and protected from loss to other uses.

Key Cross-Boundary Economic Issues and Interventions

Agreement 9 - The emerging Local Plans for the area will include appropriate policies and proposals to recognise the importance of the above cross boundary issues and interventions.

Future Housing Demand and Need 2015-2036

Agreement 10 - When determining their respective Local Plan housing targets each authority, working together where desirable, will aim to deliver at least Objectively Assessed Need as identified in the most up to date evidence (Table 8). Where this would result in unsustainable development, agreement will be sought with other authorities, initially within the same Housing Market Area, to ensure sufficient homes are provided to meet identified needs and demands in the area until at least 2036.

Agreement 11 – The Broads Authority will meet its calculated portion of the wider housing need within each of the relevant SHMAs, as far as is compatible with the protection of the Broads landscape and special qualities.

Agreement 12 – South Norfolk, Norwich City, Broadland, North Norfolk, and Great Yarmouth Councils will seek to include appropriate provision within their Local Plans to address the housing needs arising from the parts of the Broads Authority area overlapping their administrative boundaries if these cannot be met within the Broads Local Plan.

Agreement 13 – In addition to their OAN, Broadland, Norwich City, and South Norfolk Councils will seek to deliver an additional supply of 5,228 homes³⁶ within the Greater Norwich Local Plan to ensure the housing needs arising from the City Deal are met in full.

Agreement 14 - The Norfolk Planning Authorities will quantify the need for, and plan to provide for, the specialist accommodation needs of the elderly, students, gypsy and travelling Show People, and those residing in other specialist types of accommodation, working together will ensure that the distribution of provision responds to locally identified needs.

Agreement 15 – All Local Planning authorities will produce their Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessments to the standard Norfolk methodology.

Agreement 16 - To minimise the risk of slow delivery over the next plan period, where it is sustainable to do so, the following will be done:

- The quantity of homes planned will be increased by a buffer equal to not less than 10% of their OAN requirement, such buffers to be treated as additional supply rather than as part of their housing target.
- Housing strategies will seek to allocate a range of different sizes of sites, where such sites are available and would result sustainable development.
- Clear evidence and demonstration of ability to deliver development will be required prior to the allocation of larger sites for development.

Telecoms

Agreement 17 - To maximise the speed of rollout of 5G telecommunications to Norfolk, the local planning authorities will seek to engage with the telecommunications industry to produce shared guidance on the location of base and booster stations for the 5G network. The aim is to get this guidance agreed before the end of 2018 with it potentially being included in emerging Local Plan documents.

Health

Agreement 18 - The authorities agree to endorse *Planning in Health: An Engagement Protocol Between Local Planning Authorities⁴⁷, Public Health and Health Sector Organisations in Norfolk* and undertake its commitments.

Assuming this is formally agreed it is expected that each Norfolk CCG will formally agree the Protocol via its Governing Body, and NHS England will do via senior officer support.

Education

Agreement 19 - The local planning authorities will continue to work closely with the County Council and school providers to ensure a sufficient supply of school places and land for school expansion or new schools.

Green Infrastructure and the Environment

Agreement 20 - In recognition of:

a) the importance the Brecks, the Broads and the Area of Outstanding National Beauty bring to the county in relation to quality of life, health and wellbeing, economy, tourism and benefits to biodiversity; and

b) the pressure that development in Norfolk could place on these assets

the Local Planning Authorities will work together to produce a GI Strategy for Norfolk by the end of 2017 which will aid Local Plans in protecting and where appropriate enhancing the relevant assets.