

Local Plan Task Group, 16th March 2022

Presentation to accompany main agenda items

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Introduction – Planning Policy update

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1. Local Plan Review (LPR) update – where are we now?

- 8 July 2021 – Council approval of plan for Regulation 19 consultation and subsequent submission to Secretary of State
- August/ September 2021 – Regulation 19 consultation (8 weeks)
- 28 October 2021 – Summary Regulation 19 feedback presented to LPTG
- Since October 2021 – Processing of documents, in readiness for submission

2. LPR – how have we got here?

- Key milestones in preparation of LPR (since October 2016):

October/ November 2016	“Call for Sites and Policy Consultation” (Regulation 18)
December 2016 – January 2019	Consideration of priority themes/ topics
March/ April 2019	Draft Local Plan Review consultation
May 2019 – June 2021	Refining the Local Plan Review
August/ September 2021	Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan Review consultation (Regulation 19)

- Processing of Regulation 19 representations since October 2021

3. LPR – where are we now?

- Since October 2021 – challenges to Planning Policy team, due to staff illness, retirements etc
- November 2021 – Appointment of Programme Officer – requirement for LPR submission to take place
- February 2022 – Appointment of Interim Senior Planner
- **Current focus** – preparing submission documents, working with Programme Officer and Planning Inspectorate (e.g. examination documents library)

3. LPR – where are we now? [continued]

- Processing of Regulation 19 representations has revealed need to address outstanding objections by statutory consultation bodies through Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs):
 - Environment Agency
 - Historic England
 - Homes England
 - Natural England
 - Norfolk CC – Highway Authority/ Lead Local Flood Authority

4. LPR – what next?

- Process, from LPR submission, going forward:

March 2022	Submission to the Secretary of State (Regulation 22)
Spring – autumn 2022	Plan Examination (Regulations 23-25)
Winter 2022/ spring 2023	Plan adoption (Regulation 26)

- Key submission documents set out at para 3.2, LPTG LPR progress report
- Post submission, further/ updated evidence base documents may be submitted via Programme Officer, by agreement of Planning Inspector

5. Conclusion

- Local Plan Review (LPR) ready for submission to the Secretary of State (Planning Inspectorate/ PINS) by end of March 2022
- Officers currently finalising getting submission LPR documents together, including preparation of SoCGs with statutory consultation bodies
- Once submitted, the LPR examination begins, with the process transferred to PINS
- Other matters may have implications for Planning Policy team resources; e.g. Neighbourhood Planning

6. Neighbourhood Planning update

- Several Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) are currently under preparation (led by Town/ Parish Councils) and expected to come forward during 2022:
 - January/ February 2022 – Castle Acre NP passed at referendum and ‘made’
 - Spring 2022 –
 - Hunstanton and Heacham NP referenda
 - Old Hunstanton NP submission/ examination
 - 1st draft Stoke Ferry NP published for consultation (Reg 14)
 - Summer/ autumn 2022 – other NPs anticipated for submission – Downham Market; Gayton and Gayton Thorpe