

Local Planning Authority Consultations

The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk from time to time are consulted by neighbouring Local Planning Authorities and those that share strategic issues, and invited to make representations/comments on their Local Plans and policy documents that they are formulating. In the same way that we consult other Local Planning Authorities.

As part of the duty to cooperate, created in the 2011 Localism Act, there is a duty on Local Planning Authorities to engage constructively and actively on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local Plan perpetration in the context of strategic cross boundary matters.

A Local Planning Authority must notify specific bodies and persons, as detailed by regulation 18 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, and invite representations from these in developing their Local Plan. Representations received must be taken into account, and the Local Planning Authority needs to set out how the main issues raised have been taken into account.

Previously we have invited to submit comments by Breckland Council and South East Lincolnshire (South Holland and Boston Borough) emerging Local Plans. Currently we are being consulted on East Cambridgeshire Preliminary Draft Local Plan which can be viewed from the link below:

East Cambridgeshire: <http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/local-plan-review>

Summary of content of East Cambridgeshire consultation document and implications for the Borough Council of West Norfolk

The document subject to consultation represents the first version of East Cambridgeshire's Local Plan and is likely to have similarities to the boroughs own emerging Local Plan Review.

Headline figures

Plan period 2014 to 2036

Housing	Objectively assessed housing need: 14,300 homes, of which 4,500 are to be provided on new sites as housing allocations
Economy	Planning for 7,100 jobs (total jobs, including part time) for the period 2014 to 2036. They are yet to calculate a precise figure as to how much new land will be required for employment purposes
Retail	The Retail Study concluded that there will be a need over period between 2012 and 2031 for 3,000m2 (net) of new Convenience (food) retail and 10,000m2 (net) of new Comparison (non-food retail).

Implications of headline figures

The housing figures have been derived through collaborative working on SHMAs within the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough sub region and have been endorsed in other Local Plan documents. The economic figures have been determined by the 2014-based forecasts by the East of England

Forecast Model. Every authority must share a proportion of growth and these figures are well evidenced. They are considered not to have any specific implications for BCKLWN.

Potential Growth Scenarios

4 different scenarios for distributing growth are presented as options in the plan:

Option 1 - Proportionate settlement growth: Distributes new development across all settlements on a broadly "pro-rata basis", based on a settlements' population.

Option 2 - Infrastructure and accessibility led growth: Concentrate development in parishes with best access to Ely, the market towns and other major destinations such as Cambridge and Newmarket.

Option 3 - Prioritise larger settlements: Focus the majority of new development in Ely, Littleport, Soham and Burwell.

Option 4 - Prioritise growth in and close to Ely (within 3 miles): Deliver already identified development (mainly in North Ely) and significant growth in one or more surrounding villages, located within a 3-mile radius of Ely.

Implications of growth scenarios

The settlements of Welney and Southery are closest to the boundary shared with East Cambridgeshire and Littleport is the closest settlement to the boundary of BCKLWN. There is a significant physical separation between all settlements and therefore any proposed growth scenario is unlikely to adversely impact residents within the borough, or to require the need for extensive collaboration on proposals unlike, for example, growth in Wisbech Fringe where the border shared is within an urban area. It is considered that no one particular growth scenario is more or less favourable from the perspective of BCKLWN and therefore there is no need to provide a specific comment.

The Plan contains the following proposed policies:

Policy LP1: A Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

Policy LP2: Level and Distribution of Growth

Policy LP3: The Settlement Hierarchy and the Countryside

Policy LP4: Green Belt

Policy LP5: Community-led development

Policy LP6: Meeting Local Housing Needs

Policy LP7: Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople sites

Policy LP8: Delivering Prosperity and Jobs

Policy LP9: Equine development

Policy LP10: Development affecting the horse racing industry

Policy LP11: Tourist facilities and visitor attractions

Policy LP12: Tourist Accommodation (excluding holiday cottages)

Policy LP13: Holiday Cottage Accommodation

Policy LP14: Location of retail and town centre uses

Policy LP15: Retail uses in town centres

Policy LP16: Infrastructure to Support Growth

Policy LP17: Creating a sustainable, efficient and resilient transport network

Policy LP18: Improving cycle provision

Policy LP19: Maintaining and improving community facilities

Policy LP20: Delivering Green Infrastructure

Policy LP21: New Open Space

Policy LP22: Achieving Design Excellence

Policy LP23: Water Efficiency

Policy LP24: Renewable and low carbon energy development
Policy LP25: Managing Water Resources and Flood Risk
Policy LP26: Pollution and land contamination
Policy LP27: Conserving and enhancing heritage assets
Policy LP28: Landscape and townscape character, including Cathedral Views
Policy LP29: Conserving Local Green Spaces
Policy LP30: Conserving and enhancing Biodiversity and Geodiversity
Policy LP31: Development in the countryside

Implications of proposed policies

These policies present a comprehensive range of more strategic policies and more detailed 'development management' style policies. Some of the more detailed policies, such as affordable housing and provision of open space are left with deliberate blanks at this stage in order to encourage discussion about different options and to allow for further evidence gathering. Policies have been formulated to reflect recent guidance and upcoming changes to planning legislation such as 'self-build plots' and 'community led development'. Such policies are not considered to have any specific implication for BCKLWN, although the range of policies is of interest when considering the potential content of the boroughs own emerging Local Plan review.

Recommended BCKLWN Response - East Cambridgeshire Consultation

Officers request that members of the LDF Task Group approve the following response to the consultation:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments relating to the above consultation. The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk shares an administrative boundary with East Cambridgeshire District Council, hence welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the development of the District. The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk raises no objections to the documents, and requests that due consideration is given to cross-border impacts on West Norfolk (if any) at the planning application stage.

The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk believes that the level of cooperation has been proportionate to the significance of the cross-border issues, and has met the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate.