

South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan - Regulation 18 Consultation

Dear Parish Clerk

A draft version of the South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan (VCHAP) has been published for **8 weeks consultation, between Monday 7 June and 5pm on Monday 2 August 2021**.

The VCHAP is seeking to allocate sites for at least 1,200 new dwellings (over and above those that already have permission), distributed across 48 Village Clusters centred around the Primary Schools in South Norfolk. The preferred allocation sites are between 12 and 50 dwellings, reflecting the scale of the settlements which they will form a part of. As well as allocation sites, the draft VCHAP proposes some smaller amendments to Development Boundaries, to accommodate windfall developments of up to 11 dwellings, which are in addition to the 1,200 dwelling requirement. We are now seeking your views on the choice of sites, including what specific criteria might need to be applied to the larger allocation sites.

The VCHAP sets out some suggestions for overarching policies which would apply to all housing proposals, whether they be on the allocations or the windfall sites. These are concerned with design quality, housing mix and common criteria, such as maximising the improving for walking/cycling, and your comments are also sought on these.

There may still be suitable sites in the Village Clusters which have not yet been promoted to us, so there is an opportunity to submit those additional sites as part of the consultation. For those considering submitting sites, it will be useful to consider the Council's Assessment Criteria when completing a site submission form.

The VCHAP sits alongside the Greater Norwich Local Plan, which you may already have commented on, and which will continue to set the strategic planning policies for South Norfolk and make both the housing allocations in larger settlements and also any non-housing allocations.

The consultation can be viewed at www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/vchap. Here you will find not only a link to the consultation document itself, plus a range of supporting documents that have been used to prepare the draft VCHAP, but also a virtual exhibition which may help answer some of your questions. As well as commenting on the main document, you may also wish to comment on the Interim Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment documents.

If you would like to contact the Place Shaping Team about the consultation (including letting us know if you wish to be removed from our consultation contacts) please call on 01508 533805, email LP@s-norfolk.gov.uk, or contact us via a webchat between 10am and 2pm on a Tuesday, or 2pm and 6pm on a Thursday, throughout the consultation (see VCHAP webpage for details).

Please remember to **submit any comments by 5pm on Monday 2 August 2021**.

