



Borough Council of
King's Lynn & West Norfolk

Docking Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2039

Decision on Examiner's Recommendations

22 September 2026

Corporate Strategy

2023 – 2027

Our priorities

Our vision

To establish West Norfolk as a place on the map rather than an administrative boundary and ensure it is a welcoming rural district, with vibrant communities and successful, growing businesses.

A place where people can thrive, the environment is protected, heritage is preserved, and development meets the needs of people as well as legislation.

Our priorities

Our key priorities are set out under four overarching themes:

Promote growth and prosperity to benefit West Norfolk

To create job opportunities, support economic growth, develop skills needed locally, encourage housing development and infrastructure that meets local need and promote West Norfolk as a destination,

Protect our environment

To create a cleaner, greener, and better protected West Norfolk by considering environmental issues in all we do and by encouraging residents and businesses to do the same.

Efficient and effective delivery of our services

To provide cost-effective, efficient services that meet the needs of our local communities, promote good governance, and provide sustainable financial planning and appropriate staffing.

Support our communities

To support the health and wellbeing of our communities, help prevent homelessness, assist people with access to benefits advice and ensure there is equal access to opportunities.

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Borough Council Decision on the Examiner's recommendation for Docking Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2039

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Name of neighbourhood area	Docking Neighbourhood Area
Parish Council	Docking Parish Council
Designated as Neighbourhood Plan Area	22 December 2023
Submission Plan (Regulation 16) Consultation	29 September – 10 November 2025 (inclusive)
Further Regulation 16 Consultation	30 January – 13 March 2026 (inclusive)
Consultation on "Basic Conditions" following the changes to LURA 2023 (Sections 98&98)	5 June - 19 June 2026 (inclusive)
Examination	November 2025 – August 2026
Examiner's Report Received	24 August 2026

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), requires that local planning authorities have a statutory duty to assist communities in the preparation of neighbourhood development plans (NDPs), also known as Neighbourhood Plans, and to take the plans through a process of examination and referendum.
- 1.2 The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 chapter 3) details the Borough Council's responsibilities regarding Neighbourhood Planning.
- 1.3 This Decision Statement confirms that the modifications proposed by the Examiner's Report have been accepted. Accordingly, the draft Docking Neighbourhood Plan (referred to as a "Neighbourhood Development Plan" in the Regulations) has been amended, taking into account these modifications. The Borough Council has reached the decision that Docking Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2039 should proceed to referendum.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Docking Neighbourhood Area was designated on 22 December 2023. This corresponds with administrative boundaries for Docking Parish. Preparation of the Docking Neighbourhood Plan has been led by Docking Parish Council, the Qualifying Body. Work on the production of the plan was undertaken by members of the Parish Council and the local community, since December 2023

and the Plan seeks to guide development within the parish for the period 2023-2039.

- 2.2 The initial public engagement and consultation (Regulation 14) was led by Parish Council between 17 February and 31 March 2025. The comments received were considered and informed amendments prior to submission of the Plan to the Borough Council. Further details are set out in the Consultation Statement, submitted with the Plan in August 2025¹.
- 2.3 A preliminary draft Neighbourhood Plan was previously prepared for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening, in May 2024 (Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, Regulation 11). Following this, a 4-week consultation was undertaken (3 January – 31 January 2025, inclusive) with the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England by the Borough Council, regarding the SEA and HRA screening process. No consultation response was received from Natural England, however Historic England and the Environment Agency confirmed that Docking Neighbourhood Plan will not have any significant environmental effects². The Screening Report concludes that neither SEA or an Appropriate Assessment (AA) under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), is required.
- 2.4 The Plan was initially submitted to the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk on 14 August 2025, with the associated Regulation 15 legal check signed off on 15 September 2025³. This was followed by a public consultation under Regulation 16 which took place between 29 September 2025 and 10 November 2025 (inclusive), inviting comments from the public and interested stakeholders. Subsequently, at the advice of the Neighbourhood Plan examination, a further Regulation 16 Consultation was conducted between 30 January – 13 March 2026 (inclusive) inviting responses from relevant statutory consultees.
- 2.5 In December 2025, the Borough Council, in agreement with Docking Parish Council (Qualifying Body) appointed Andrew Ashcroft to undertake the examination of Docking Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2039. During his initial assessment, the examiner found that the Docking Neighbourhood Plan was generally well prepared, noting that it provides a comprehensive vision for the parish, is supported by robust evidence base and design guidance, and contains clear and well-presented policies and mapping. The Examiner identified a limited number of clarification points rather than fundamental concerns and sought further information from the Parish Council to assist in preparing the examination report and any recommended modifications.

¹ https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/9690/docking_np_consultation_statement.pdf

² https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/9688/bcklwn_screening_sea-hra_docking.pdf

³ https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/9687/docking_reg15_legal_check_september_2025.pdf

- 2.6 The Parish Council, supported by the Borough Council, prepared a response to the Examiners Clarification points and provisional information requested⁴. The Examiner took this information into account as part of the independent examination of the Plan.
- 2.7 During the examination process, the examiner raised concerns about the limited number of responses received from statutory consultees at Regulation 16 consultation (September – November 2025). Consequently, a further Regulation 16 Consultation was undertaken between 30 January and 13 March 2026. Responses were received from a range of statutory bodies and interested parties and were considered as part of the examination process. The examination was undertaken by written representations but included unaccompanied visit by the Examiner to the neighbourhood area on 30 January 2026.
- 2.8 During the examination process, changes to the Basic Conditions for neighbourhood plans introduced through Levelling up and Regeneration Act 2023 came into force on 25 March 2026. These changes required neighbourhood plans to demonstrate more clearly how they address climate change and contribute towards the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment.
- 2.9 This was followed by a further (truncated) consultation (5-19 May 2026) upon an update/ addendum to the Basic Conditions Statement (BCS)⁵. The BCS addendum was necessitated due to changes to the basic conditions introduced through the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023, which came into force on 25 March 2026. The changes to the basic conditions require neighbourhood plans to show more clearly how they deal with climate change and protection of nature. No objections to the May 2026 consultation were received, thereby allowing the Examiner to conclude his independent examination.
- 2.10 The Examiner concluded that subject to the proposed modifications (as set out in the Examiner's report), Docking Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum based on Docking Neighbourhood Plan area as approved by the Borough Council on 22 December 2023. Docking Parish Council has accepted all the Examiner's recommended material modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2.11 Alongside the Examiner's recommendations, the Examiner has advised that, as a result of some modifications, consequential modification of general text may be necessary to achieve consistency with the modified policies. (paragraph 7.69 of Examiners Report). These could include changing policy numbering/ cross referencing, section headings, amending the contents page, renumbering paragraphs on pages and ensuring that supporting appendices and other

⁴ https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/9926/parish_response_to_clarification_note_docking.pdf

⁵ https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/9960/basic_conditions_statement_addendum_docking.pdf

documents align with the final version of the Plan. This allows for minor editing or presentational changes to be made where appropriate.

- 2.12 Notwithstanding, the Borough Council is required to consider the recommendations made by the Independent Examiner. Modifications proposed by the Examiner are set out in Appendix 1 alongside the Council's decision in response to each recommendation and the reasons for them. Minor and/ or consequential modifications (not related to the Examiner's recommendations) are set out in Appendix 2.

3 REASONS FOR DECISION

- 3.1 Docking Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2039 (the Plan) as modified by the Examiner's recommendations and the Borough Council (working with the Parish Council), has had regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State. A requirement to have regard to policies and advice does not require that such policy and advice must necessarily be followed, but it is intended to have and does have to a significant effect. A Neighbourhood Plan must not constrain the delivery of important national policy objectives.
- 3.2 The Neighbourhood Plan was examined in accordance with the December 2024 version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), as explained in the Examiner's Report (paragraphs 3.1 and 6.4). Paragraph 13 of the NPPF requires that Neighbourhood Plans should support the delivery of strategic policies contained in local plans and spatial development strategies. Qualifying bodies should plan positively to support local development, shaping and directing development in their area that is outside these strategic policies. Specifically, NPPF paragraph 30 states that Neighbourhood Plans should not promote less development than set out in the strategic policies for the area or undermine those strategic policies (December 2024 version NPPF).
- 3.3 The Examiner considered the adopted King's Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan 2021-2040 (Examiner's Report, paragraphs 3.1 and 5.4). The Examiner considered that *"the submitted Plan seeks to add value to the Local Plan and to give a local dimension to the delivery of its policies."* and that the implementation of the Plan will not have the effect of preventing development from taking place which is proposed in the development plan (Examiner's Report, paragraph 6.13).
- 3.4 Beyond recognition of strategic planning policies, the content of a draft Neighbourhood Plan will determine where these are, or are not, a relevant consideration to be considered. The basic condition allows qualifying bodies, the independent examiner and local planning authority to reach a view in those cases where different parts of national policy need to be balanced.
- 3.5 Having considered all relevant information, including representations submitted in response to the Plan, the Examiner's analysis and recommendations, the Borough Council has come to the view that the Plan recognises and respects

relevant constraints. The Plan sets out a range of policies and seeks to bring forward positive and sustainable development in the neighbourhood area. The Examiner recommended *“that subject to the incorporation of the modifications set out in Examiners report the Docking Neighbourhood Development Plan should proceed to referendum.”* (Examiner’s Report, paragraph 8.3).

- 3.6 Having carefully considered each of the recommendations made within the Examiner’s Report and the reasons for them, the Borough Council (in accordance with the 1990 Act; Schedule 48 paragraph 12) has decided to make the modifications to the draft plan referred to in Appendix 1 (below) to ensure that the draft plan meets the “basic conditions” set out in legislation. These, together with other non-material changes (set out in Appendix 2), should be used in preparing the referendum version Neighbourhood Plan document.
- 3.7 As set out in Appendix 1, it has been decided by the Borough Council and Parish Council to split up the modifications made within the Examiner’s report. This has been separated into appropriate columns. As stated by the examiner in the final examination report (August 2026) and left apparent in the table: Areas that need modification are expressed in the 2nd column. Appendix 2 shows Minor Modifications to the Plan text proposed unilaterally by the local planning authority; i.e. factual corrections and updates.
- 3.8 To comply with the basic conditions on the European Union legislation, Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) a preliminary screening opinion was undertaken by the Borough Council and submitted alongside the Neighbourhood Plan. This concluded that Docking Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2039 does not require full assessments of SEA and HRA⁶. A preliminary SEA/ HRA screening document (August 2025) was also prepared by the Parish Council’s Neighbourhood Plan consultant and similarly submitted alongside the Neighbourhood Plan Proposals (Regulation 15).
- 3.9 The Plan, as modified by the Examiner’s recommendations, is compatible with Convention rights contained in the Human Rights Act 1998, the Examiner concluding that the Plan does not breach and is otherwise compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights (Examiner’s Report, paragraph 6.19). Additionally, there has been full and adequate opportunity for all interested parties to take part in the preparation of the Plan and to make their comments known.
- 3.10 The Plan, as modified by the Examiner’s recommendations, complies with the definition of a Neighbourhood Plan/ NDP and the provisions that can be made by a Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan sets out policies in relation to the development and use of land in the whole of the neighbourhood area; it specifies the period for which it is to have effect, and it does not include provision about development that is ‘excluded development’.

⁶ https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/9691/docking_np_sea_hra_preliminary_screening_document.pdf

4 DECISION

- 4.1 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 18(1)) require the local planning authority to outline what action to take in response to the recommendations that the examiner made in the report under paragraph 10 of Schedule 4A to the 1990 act (as applied by Section 38A of the 2004 Act) in relation to a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4.2 The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, has carefully considered each of the recommendations made in the Examiner's Report and the reasons for them and decided to accept all material modifications to the draft plan proposed by the Examiner (Appendix 1, below), together with non-material minor and consequential changes that do not materially affect the Neighbourhood Plan's content (Appendix 2, below).
- 4.3 It is noted that the Neighbourhood Plan, as submitted in August 2025, was examined under the 2024 version NPPF. The new NPPF was released on 17 August 2026, a week before publication of the Examiner's Report but after the draft report for fact checking had been received (i.e. after the examination had finished). On this basis, it has been decided to retain references to the 2024 NPPF throughout the Docking Neighbourhood Plan. Furthermore, the 2026 NPPF directs that Neighbourhood plans submitted to the local planning authority under Regulation 15, on or before, the date of publication of the NPPF (17 August 2026) should be prepared in accordance with the 2024 version (Annex A, paragraph 6).
- 4.4 Through the modifications made, Docking Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2039 meets the "basic conditions" as set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as applied to Neighbourhood Development Plans by Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the 2023 Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act):
1. Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the plan;
 2. The making of the Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
 3. The making of the Neighbourhood Plan will not have the effect of preventing development from taking place which is proposed in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area), and if it took place, would provide housing⁷;
 4. The making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach and is otherwise compatible with EU legislation (as consolidated in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023; and;

⁷ This change to the basic conditions was introduced with effect from 25 March 2026, under section 99(2) of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023. It replaces the previous basic condition, which required neighbourhood plans to be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the adopted Local Plan.

5. The making of the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site either alone or in combination with other plans and projects (i.e. does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, as amended).
- 4.5 Additional basic conditions for neighbourhood plans were introduced by Sections 98 and 99 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act (LURA) 2023, with effect from 25 March 2026. In response, the Qualifying Body submitted a “Basic Conditions update in response to the implementation of The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Commencement No. 11 and Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026”⁸, to demonstrate compliance with the revised basic conditions. Through the modifications made, the making of the Docking Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2039 would meet the additional “basic conditions”; that the Plan would:
 6. ensure that the development and use of land in the neighbourhood area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change (LURA, section 98(3)(2B)(a)); and
 7. take account of any local nature recovery strategy, under section 104 of the Environment Act 2021 (LURA, section 98(3)(2B)(b)).
- 4.6 A further basic condition relating to Environmental Outcome Reports (which will eventually replace Strategic Environmental Assessment) has not yet come into force. Although the NPPF (containing national decision-making policies) was published shortly before the Examiner’s Report, the Docking Neighbourhood Plan was examined exclusively against the 2024 NPPF. NPPF Annex A paragraph 6 explains the transitional arrangements for neighbourhood plans under examination at the time the new NPPF was published. That is, plans submitted on or before 17 August 2026 should be prepared in accordance with the December 2024 version NPPF.
- 4.7 Notwithstanding, the Basic Conditions Addendum included a brief assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan against the following, for completeness, whereby the Plan should:
 8. not be inconsistent with or (in substance) repeat any national development management policy (LURA, section 98(3)(2C)(b)); and
 9. any requirements imposed in relation to the plan by or under LURA Part 6 (environmental outcomes reports) have been complied with (LURA, section 99(3)).
- 4.8 It is recommended that Docking Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2039 progresses to referendum.

⁸ https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/9960/basic_conditions_statement_addendum_docking.pdf

Decision made by:

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Stuart Ashworth

Assistant Director, Environment and Planning
(on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration)

22 September 2026

Appendix 1: Examiner's Recommended Modifications and responses to these

Section/ Policy reference	Specific Modification for the NP to be compliant with the basic conditions as stated in the Final Docking NP Examination Report June 2026 Where modifications are recommended, they appear in bold text . Where the examiner has suggested specific changes to the wording of the policies or new wording these appear in <i>bold italics</i> .	Who will make these changes? LPA or QB	Do you agree with the modification?	What needs to be done to meet the specific modification?	Amendments and new changes made to the proposed Docking Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2039
Policy 1: Biodiversity and Green Ecological Corridors	Replace the opening element of the policy with: <i>As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, development proposals should respond positively to Design Code DC.19 Biodiversity and Wildlife in the Docking Design Codes and Guidance Report (2024).</i> In the first bullet point in the Green Ecological Corridors section add '<i>Wherever practicable</i>' at the beginning In the second bullet point in the Green Ecological Corridors section replace 'it' with '<i>they</i>'	QB	Yes.	Textual changes	Development proposals where relevant should give consideration to Design Code DC.19 "Biodiversity and Wildlife" in the Docking Design Codes and Guidance Report (2024). <u>As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, development proposals should respond positively to Design Code DC.19 Biodiversity and Wildlife in the Docking Design Codes and Guidance Report (2024).</u> <u>Green Ecological Corridors</u> The Plan identifies a series of green ecological corridors in Figure 5 and proposed developments within or adjacent to these corridors should: • <u>Wherever practicable</u> demonstrate an improvement in habitat connectivity by enhancing or restoring the function of the corridor to help increase biodiversity and other environmental benefits; and • Demonstrate the way in which it <u>they</u> will incorporate suitable mitigation for any aspects of the proposed scheme which would reduce the ability of wildlife to move through the corridor, including barriers like

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					buildings and hard surfaces, redirecting water courses, adding artificial lighting, and insensitive management of habitats e.g. hedge cutting in the bird breeding season.
Policy 2: Trees	Replace the opening element of the policy with: <i>As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, development proposals should respond positively to Design Code DC.17 Conserve and enhance existing green and blue infrastructure in the Docking Design Codes and Guidance Report (2024).'</i> Replace the 'Existing trees' section with: <i>'Other than householder applications, development proposals should be informed by an arboricultural survey to assess existing trees. Wherever</i>	QB	Yes	Textual change	Development proposals where relevant should give consideration to Design Code DC.17 "Conserve and enhance existing green and blue infrastructure" in the Docking Design Codes and Guidance Report (2024). <u>As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, development proposals should respond positively to Design Code DC.17 Conserve and enhance existing green and blue infrastructure in the Docking Design Codes and Guidance Report (2024).</u> <u>Existing Trees</u> Existing trees and hedgerows on development sites should be considered throughout the design process. Development proposals, excluding householder applications, should be informed by an Arboricultural Survey addressing existing trees. Wherever possible, existing trees should be protected, without damage or loss of value, particularly those which demonstrate good arboricultural biodiversity value. <u>Other than householder applications, development proposals should be informed</u>

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	<i>practicable, existing trees (particularly those which demonstrate good arboricultural biodiversity) should be safeguarded and incorporated sensitively into the proposal.'</i> In the 'Replacement Trees' section replace 'must' with 'should' Replace the 'New Trees' section with: <i>'New tree planting will be supported in development proposals to maintain and increase the overall tree canopy cover, and to provide gateway and landmark trees that contribute to local distinctiveness.'</i>				<u>by an arboricultural survey to assess existing trees. Wherever practicable, existing trees (particularly those which demonstrate good arboricultural biodiversity) should be safeguarded and incorporated sensitively into the proposal.</u> <u>Replacement Trees</u> Where there is an unavoidable loss of trees on site, the number and type of replacement trees should be informed by the quality and size of the lost trees. Replacement trees must <u>should</u> be native British species of local provenance. Developers should ensure local ecological connectivity is maintained and sufficient space is made available on the development site for this unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. Developers should replace trees on a 2 to 1 ratio requirement unless robust evidence suggests this would make the scheme economically unviable. <u>New Trees</u> New tree planting, in development proposals and throughout the built and natural environments of the Plan area, will be supported to maintain and increase the overall tree canopy cover of the Neighbourhood Area, and to provide gateway and landmark <u>New tree planting</u>

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					<u>will be supported in development proposals to maintain and increase the overall tree canopy cover, and to provide gateway and landmark trees that contribute to local distinctiveness</u>
Policy 3: Local Green Spaces	Delete LGS2 (Manor Pond) Replace the final part of the policy with: ‘<i>Development proposals in the designated Local Green Spaces will be managed in accordance with national policy for Green Belts.</i>’	QB	Yes	Textual change	The areas listed below and shown in Figure 9 are designated as Local Green Spaces: • LGS1-Allotments, North of Burnham Road and East of Sandy Lane • LGS2-Village Pond, West on Bradmere Lane • LGS3-Burial Ground, North of Pound Lane • LGS4-Old Recreation Field, Station Road... Development proposals in the 16 designated Local Green Spaces listed above will be managed in accordance with national policy for Green Belts. <u>Development proposals in the designated Local Green Spaces will be managed in accordance with national policy for Green Belts.</u>
Policy 4: Protection of Important Local Views	Replace the final part of the policy with:	QB	Yes	Textual change	The following 10 views, shown in Figure 10 and described in Docking’s Views Assessment are identified as important public local views:

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	<i>‘Development proposals should demonstrate that they are sited and designed to be of a form and scale that avoids or mitigates any harm to the key views. Development proposals that would unacceptably affect these key views will not be supported.’</i>				- View 1: View from looking north from Sandy Lane towards the sea - View 2: Views looking north from Pound Lane... Proposals are expected to demonstrate that they are sited, and designed to be of a form and scale, that avoids or mitigates any harm to the key views. Development proposals that would unacceptably affect these key views will not be supported. <u>Development proposals should demonstrate that they are sited and designed to be of a form and scale that avoids or mitigates any harm to the key views. Development proposals that would unacceptably affect these key views will not be supported.</u>
Policy 5: Dark Skies	Replace the first part of the policy with: <i>‘Development proposals which would increase the existing footprint on site, should respond positively to Design Code DC.24 Dark Skies in the Docking Design</i>	QB	Yes	Textual change	Development proposals, which plan to increase the existing footprint on site, should give consideration to Design Code DC.24 “Dark Skies” in the Docking Design Codes and Guidance Report (2024) and demonstrate how they have considered the location, height, and orientation of their development to avoid obtrusive light spill from internal and external fittings. <u>Development proposals which would increase the existing footprint on</u>

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	<i>Codes and Guidance Report (2024) and demonstrate how they have addressed the location, height, and orientation of the development concerned to avoid obtrusive light spill from internal and external fittings.'</i> Replace the third and fourth parts of the policy with: <i>'Development proposals should respond positively to best practice guidance for avoiding artificial lighting impacts on bats, birds and other species. Where internal lighting would otherwise cause harm to the landscape, or disturbance and risk to wildlife, proposals should incorporate measures to mitigate pollution from such sources including restricting the size of windows, roof lights and other areas of glazing.</i>				<u>site, should respond positively to Design Code DC.24 Dark Skies in the Docking Design Codes and Guidance Report (2024) and demonstrate how they have addressed the location, height, and orientation of the development concerned to avoid obtrusive light spill from internal and external fittings.</u> External light proposals should address the following principles: a) ... Proposals including external lighting in prominent locations¹⁸ likely to be visible from the surrounding landscape will not normally be supported except where a requirement can be demonstrated in the interests of safety and security on public footways. Development proposals should demonstrate compliance with best practice guidance for avoiding artificial lighting impacts on bats¹⁹, birds and other species. Where internal lighting is likely to cause harm to the landscape, or disturbance and risk to wildlife, proposals will be sought for mitigating pollution from internal light sources. Large windows, roof lights and large areas of glazing are particularly relevant in this context.

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	<i>Proposals including external lighting in prominent locations which would be visible from the surrounding landscape will not be supported unless it can be demonstrated that the lighting is essential in the interests of the safety and security of public footways.'</i>				<u>Development proposals should respond positively to best practice guidance for avoiding artificial lighting impacts on bats [footnote 19 to become 18], birds and other species. Where internal lighting would otherwise cause harm to the landscape, or disturbance and risk to wildlife, proposals should incorporate measures to mitigate pollution from such sources including restricting the size of windows, roof lights and other areas of glazing.</u> <u>Proposals including external lighting in prominent locations [footnote 18 to become 19] which would be visible from the surrounding landscape will not be supported unless it can be demonstrated that the lighting is essential in the interests of the safety and security of public footways.</u>
Policy 6: Design	Delete the middle section of the policy. Replace the final part of the policy with: <i>'Development proposals should respond positively to the water</i>	QB	Yes	Textual change	As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, development proposals should be consistent with the Docking Neighbourhood Plan Area Wide Design Codes (DC01-DC24) and the relevant character area in which the proposal falls within. There are seven-character areas in Docking: 1. Docking Conservation Area (CA1)

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	<i>environment and its networks. As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, proposals demonstrate that they do not result in a detrimental impact on the environment and water infrastructure, including sewers and surface water and other flooding.'</i>				2. Edge Development (CA2) 3. New Estates (CA3) 4. Bircham Newton College Industry Training College (CA4) 5. Residential Area East of B1155 (CA5) 6. Rural Area (CA6) 7. Open Countryside (CA7) <u>All development proposals should provide evidence, such as through a Design, Access and Planning Statement, when considering the design codes. The following characteristics in the Docking Design Guide Document are especially important to the area:</u> a) <u>New development proposals are in keeping with the surrounding local character respecting existing patterns of development, low to medium density, building setbacks, historic assets and landmarks (DC01-DC03)</u> b) <u>Suitable access and movement has been considered in line with Design Codes DC04-DC06 such as accessible footpaths, legibility and wayfinding.</u> c) <u>All parking arrangements should have regard to Design Code DC.05 to ensure these features are</u>

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					sensitively designed to suit the street character and onsite parking should use permeable surfacing. d) Consideration should be given to the proposal's relationship with the street and other spaces in line with Design Codes DC07-DC09 and with the distinctive character areas such as having an active frontage with good levels of enclosure and natural surveillance from adjacent buildings. e) Built form and scale have been considered in line with Design Codes DC10-DC14 and the distinctive character areas such as conforming with the surrounding localities pattern, scale, height, massing, spacing and boundary treatments. f) Development proposals for residential conversions and extensions should demonstrate in their application how Design Code DC.13 has been considered. g) Architectural detailing and colours of the local vernacular have been considered for the distinctive character areas and reflected in the scheme as set out in Design Codes DC15-DC16. The use of blank facades or buildings which

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					ignore their street or corner frontage should be resisted. h) Green and blue infrastructure have been considered in line with Design Codes DC17-DC19 such as providing appropriate garden sizes for the area, preserving existing maturing trees and ensuring new trees are integrated into the design at the offset to increase visual interest. i) All development proposals should strive to use sustainable design including energy efficient measures and sustainable drainage systems and consider incorporating sustainable principles in the scheme as set out in Design Codes DC20-DC24. Examples are set out in Figures 18 and 19. Proposals should demonstrate that development does not result in a detrimental impact on the environment and water infrastructure, including sewers and surface water and other flooding. <u>Development proposals should respond positively to the water environment and its networks. As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, proposals demonstrate that they do not result in a detrimental impact on the environment and water</u>

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					<u>infrastructure, including sewers and surface water and other flooding.</u>
Paragraph 71	At the end of paragraph 71 of the Plan add the deleted middle section of the submitted policy:	QB	Yes	Textual change	Policy 6 in this NDP is based on AECOM's detailed design guidance and codes and sets clear expectations for the area. Applicants and officers should make themselves aware of the Docking Design Codes and Guidelines Report to see the full detail of the codes when preparing or considering proposals. This report will be used by the parish council to help assess all planning applications to determine their acceptability. <u>All development proposals should provide evidence, such as through a Design, Access and Planning Statement, when considering the design codes. The following characteristics in the Docking Design Guide Document are especially important to the area:</u> a) <u>New development proposals are in keeping with the surrounding local character respecting existing patterns of development, low to medium density, building setbacks, historic assets and landmarks (DC01-DC03)</u> b) <u>Suitable access and movement has been considered in line with Design Codes DC04-DC06</u>

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					g) <u>Architectural detailing and colours of the local vernacular have been considered for the distinctive character areas and reflected in the scheme as set out in Design Codes DC15-DC16. The use of blank facades or buildings which ignore their street or corner frontage should be resisted.</u> h) <u>Green and blue infrastructure have been considered in line with Design Codes DC17-DC19 such as providing appropriate garden sizes for the area, preserving existing maturing trees and ensuring new trees are integrated into the design at the offset to increase visual interest.</u> i) <u>All development proposals should strive to use sustainable design including energy efficient measures and sustainable drainage systems and consider incorporating sustainable principles in the scheme as set out in Design Codes DC20-DC24. Examples are set out in Figures 18 and 19.</u>
Policy 7: Housing Mix	Replace the policy with:	QB	Yes	Textual change	Housing proposals will need to reflect local housing need using the best available and proportionate

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	<i>'The mix of houses in development proposals should reflect local housing need using the best available and proportionate evidence.'</i> <i>New residential open market development should incorporate a housing mix whereby at least 85% of homes have three or less bedrooms, unless evidence is provided either showing there is no longer such a local need for smaller dwellings or that such a housing mix would make the scheme commercially unviable.'</i>				evidence. The Docking Housing Needs Assessment (2024) will be acceptable evidence. New residential open market development should offer a housing mix whereby at least 85% of homes are three bedrooms or fewer²⁶, unless evidence is provided either showing there is no longer such a local need for smaller dwellings, or the scheme is made unviable. <u>The mix of houses in development proposals should reflect local housing need using the best available and proportionate evidence.</u> <u>New residential open market development should incorporate a housing mix whereby at least 85% of homes have three or less bedrooms, unless evidence is provided either showing there is no longer such a local need for smaller dwellings or that such a housing mix would make the scheme commercially unviable.</u>
Paragraph 83	At the end of paragraph 83 add: <i>'The first part of Policy 7 advises that the mix of houses in</i>	QB	Yes	Textual change	However, the policy approach in Policy 7 aims to prioritise smaller homes, with at least 85% of homes as three bedrooms or fewer. This would provide for families, households downsizing or needing to access more

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	<i>development proposals should reflect local housing need using the best available and proportionate evidence. Plainly this is likely to change throughout the Plan period. However, at this stage, the Docking Housing Needs Assessment (2024) will be acceptable and appropriate evidence.'</i>				affordable dwelling types and sizes. Figure 26 gives an example of how the % would work out up to 10 dwellings. If housing of a larger size than 3 beds is needed within development proposals being put forward in Docking evidence would need to be supplied with the application to make this case. <u>The first part of Policy 7 advises that the mix of houses in development proposals should reflect local housing need using the best available and proportionate evidence. Plainly this is likely to change throughout the Plan period. However, at this stage, the Docking Housing Needs Assessment (2024) will be acceptable and appropriate evidence.</u>
Policy 8: Affordable Housing	Replace the policy with: <i>'Affordable homes should be incorporated into the overall layout of housing proposals and should not be readily differentiated from the open market homes by their design, quality, location and distribution within a site.</i> <i>Development proposals for affordable should demonstrate</i>	QB	Yes	Textual change	Affordable homes should not be readily differentiated from the open market homes by their design, quality, location and distribution within a site. Schemes will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the properties will remain affordable in perpetuity and affordable housing will be secured through a Section 106 Agreement. Schemes should be in line with the Local Plan Affordable Housing Standards. <u>Affordable homes should be incorporated into the overall layout of housing proposals and should not be readily differentiated from the open market homes by their design, quality, location and distribution within a site.</u>

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	<i>that the properties will remain affordable in perpetuity and affordable housing will be secured through a legal agreement.'</i>				<u>Development proposals for affordable should demonstrate that the properties will remain affordable in perpetuity and affordable housing will be secured through a legal agreement.</u>
Policy 10: Protected Community Facilities	Replace the policy with: <i>'The Plan identifies the following community facilities (as shown in Figure 27): [List the six facilities from the submitted policy]</i> <i>Development proposals that would result in the loss of the community facilities will not be supported in accordance with the criteria set out in Policy CS13 of the Core Strategy and Policy DM9 of the SADMP Plan.'</i>	QB	No. The Examiner's modification references policies within the now superseded SADMP and Core Strategy. The text should therefore be corrected as a factual update, referring to current Local Plan policies, LP38 and LP39.	Textual change	The following community facilities (identified in Figure 27) are designated for protection: <u>The Plan identifies the following community facilities (as shown in Figure 27):</u> 1. Railway Inn Public Housing 2. Spar Shop and Post Office 3. Docking CoE Primary School 4. Docking Village Hall 5. Sports Pavillion 6. Doctors Surgery Development leading to the loss of these community facilities will not be permitted in line with criteria set within the Borough Council Local Plan <u>Development proposals that would result in the loss of the community facilities will not be supported in accordance with the criteria set out in Local Plan 2021-2040 policies LP38 and LP39.</u>

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Policy 11: Employment Opportunities	Replace the second, third, and fourth parts of the policy with: <i>‘Insofar as planning permission is required, proposals to provide outdoor seating or street furniture as part of employment development should respond positively to Design Code DC09 and ensure that the materials used complement their surroundings.</i> <i>Onsite parking for employees and visitors should accord with the Norfolk County Council Parking Standards and have appropriate boundary treatments which reflect the character area within which the development is located.</i> <i>Proposals for employment and spaces for the community to gather, (including a café, food</i>	QB	Yes	Textual change	Proposals regarding the expansion or creation of new community facilities or employment opportunities³⁵ will be supported where they conform to other relevant development plan policies. Any employment proposals which want to provide outdoor seating or street furniture should consider Design Code DC09 and ensure materials complement their surroundings with high quality materials. Onsite parking for employees and visitors should be in line with the Norfolk County Council Parking Standards . Parking should have appropriate boundary treatments in line with the character area the development falls within. Proposals which will bring employment and spaces for the community to gather, such as a café, food establishment or community hub with informal meeting workspaces, will be strongly supported where such proposals conform to any other relevant development plan policies. <u>Insofar as planning permission is required, proposals to provide outdoor seating or street furniture as part of employment development should respond positively to</u>

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	<i>establishment or community hub with informal meeting workspaces), will be strongly supported.'</i>				<u>Design Code DC09 and ensure that the materials used complement their surroundings.</u> <u>Onsite parking for employees and visitors should accord with the Norfolk County Council Parking Standards and have appropriate boundary treatments which reflect the character area within which the development is located.</u> <u>Proposals for employment and spaces for the community to gather, (including a café, food establishment or community hub with informal meeting workspaces), will be strongly supported.</u>
Policy 12: Access and Movement	Replace the policy with: <i>'Proposals for new built development should respond positively the Access & Movement Design Codes DC04- DC06 in the Docking Design Codes Document.</i> <i>Major development proposals within or adjacent to the existing footway network should provide</i>	QB	Yes	Textual change	Planning applications for new built development should demonstrate they have considered the Access & Movement Design Codes DC04-DC06 in the Docking Design Codes Document. Any major development³⁶ within the existing footway network, or adjacent, will be expected to provide new or improved links to the network which are safe and accessible for all (including disabled, pram and pushbike users). Smaller scale development providing new or improved links will be seen as a planning benefit.

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	<i>new or improved links to the network which are safe and accessible for all (including disabled, pram and pushbike users).</i> <i>As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, development proposals should: [add a and b from the submitted policy].'</i>				Active travel routes should deliver improved accessibility and connectivity by using materials which are non-slip and are permeable. <u>Proposals for new built development should respond positively the Access & Movement Design Codes DC04-DC06 in the Docking Design Codes Document.</u> <u>Major development proposals [footnote 36] within or adjacent to the existing footway network should provide new or improved links to the network which are safe and accessible for all (including disabled, pram and pushbike users).</u> <u>As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, development proposals should:</u> a) Be designed to prioritise the needs of pedestrians and cyclists with natural surveillance, good sight lines and unrestricted views; and b) Have footpath networks should be in place before first occupation of houses on the site, in line with Design Code DC04.

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Paragraph 113	At the end of paragraph 113 add: <i>'Policy 12 comments about active travel routes. Wherever practicable, active travel routes should deliver improved accessibility and connectivity by using materials which are non-slip and are permeable.'</i>	QB	Yes	Textual change	In line with national and local planning policy, active modes of travel such as walking or cycling should be prioritised in new developments. In Docking the existing network of footpaths in the parish are limited and at times narrow, thus undermining walking and cycling across the Parish. Although there are National Trail routes nearby (8km to Norfolk Coast Path and 4km to the Peddars Way) there are no public rights of way linking them to Docking. Looking at the data available via Norfolk County Council there are two public rights of way in the parish, a bridleway route south of Mill Lane and a public footpath south of Bircham Road (Figure 28). <u>Policy 12 comments about active travel routes. Wherever practicable, active travel routes should deliver improved accessibility and connectivity by using materials which are non-slip and are permeable.</u>

Appendix 2: Minor Modifications proposed by the Borough Council (LPA), as covered by paragraph 7.69 of the Examiner's Report, which allows for: 'Modification of general text (where necessary) to achieve consistency with the modified policies'

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Paragraph 7	To improve on clarity and readability of Paragraph 7 it is recommended to amend following wording from: "Local employment is now manly tourism" To: <i>"Local employment is now mainly centred on tourism..."</i>	QB	n/a	Textual change	Docking employment opportunities have changed over the decades with the loss of major employers including Marsters Seeds, Wagg Bakery, Limagrain as well as several shops, hairdressers, garage, pubs and restaurants including the Pilgrims Reach, Hare Inn, and the King William. Local employment is now manly <u>centred on</u> tourism with hospitality and holiday accommodation providing opportunities.
Paragraph 12	Additional explanatory text, to explain that the Neighbourhood Plan was prepared and examined with reference to the December 2024 version NPPF.	QB	n/a	Textual addition	The Local Plan sets the overall strategic policies for the borough, such as the amount of new development and the distribution of that development across the borough, as well as promoting sustainable development and protecting the environment. The policies in this NDP need to be in general conformity with the strategic policies and support the delivery of those contained in the BCKLWN Local Plan. The NDP cannot, for example, promote less development than set out in the Local Plan or restrict the delivery of strategic policies. As well as being in general conformity with the Local Plan, the NDP must also have due regard to national planning policy and guidance documents, which is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). <u>The NPPF was comprehensively revised in August 2026. However, the</u>

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					<u>Neighbourhood Plan was prepared and examined in accordance with the previous (December 2024) version. Therefore, cross references to the 2024 NPPF are retained, in accordance with Annex A, paragraph 6 of the 2026 NPPF, which states: "Neighbourhood plans that have been submitted to the local planning authority under Regulation 15, on or before, the date of publication of this Framework should be prepared in accordance with the Framework published in December 2024."</u>
Paragraph 48	Update number of LGSs referred to in the text following removal of LGS2 from LGS allocations	QB	n/a	Textual change	This Neighbourhood Plan designates 16 15 Local Green Spaces for protection, these are identified in Figure 9 and on the Policies Map in Appendix A . These are important not only due to the recreational value they provide but also due to their historic significance in the parish and for the wildlife they support.
Figure 8, page 28	Remove LGS2 from the table and subsequently update numbering of LGS designations	QB	n/a	Amendment to LGS table	
Figure 9, page 32	Remove LGS2 from the LGS map	QB	n/a	Amendment to LGS map	
Paragraph 95	Correct spelling error on Paragraph 95 stating: "The Local Plan sets out the affordable housing threshold for development in rural areas as sites of 0.165ha or 5 or more dwelling" To: "...5 or more dwellings"	LPA	n/a	Textual change	The Local Plan sets out the affordable housing threshold for development in rural areas as sites of 0.165ha or 5 or more dwelling s . It also sets.....

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Paragraph 103	It is recommended to correct grammatical error to improve clarity and readability on Paragraph 103: "consider conduction an early review" To: "consider conducting an early review"	LPA	n/a	Textual change	Nevertheless, with all this in mind it is felt that since housing is a contentious issue already when development is to be built out if further housing is granted in the parish this should be for people who wish to live in the village permanently and need a home full time. The neighbourhood plan cannot influence the market prices of housing and issues of affordability are problems we are aware of but cannot control. It will be important to monitor and review the outcomes of this Policy over the early years of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. If it is considered that this is having a detrimental impact on the vitality and viability of Docking, then the parish council will consider conduction conducting an early review of the Plan. The Parish Council will closely monitor if Policy 9 is working effectively.
Paragraph 107	It is recommended to correct grammatical error on paragraph 107: "There is employment areas situated..." Should be: "There are employment areas situated..."	QB	n/a	Textual change	Docking has a range of local businesses including holiday accommodation options (such as holiday homes, Air BnBs and campsites). There is are employment areas situated around Station Rd and the High St (B1454) where the Railway Inn public house, Dennis Wright Car Body Repairs, Docking fish and chip shop, doggy day care centre and recording studio is located. There is also the Winery at Cobble Hill, a part time recycling centre and the recently opened Nest Farmhouse and Restaurant. Further detail can be read in the Docking Evidence Base Paper.
Paragraph 109	It is recommended that the planning policy cross-reference relating to the protection of community facilities is updated	LPA	n/a	Textual change	NPPF (December 2024) paragraph 98 supports the protection of valued existing services and the delivery of new ones to maintain the vitality of rural communities. In the Local Plan, community facilities are protected by Policy LP38 and LP39 CS13 of the Core Strategy and Policy DM9 of the SADMP Plan, and new cultural

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	to reflect the adopted Local Plan. <i>References should be amended to the relevant current policies, namely Policies LP38 and LP39.</i>				facilities are actively encouraged. The NDP aims to support new facilities when they accord with their appropriate character area and other local policies.
Paragraph 112	It is recommended to amend wording on Paragraph 112 stating: "outside of weektime school hours" to: <i>"outside normal school hours" or "outside weekday school hours"</i>				According to the Census 2021 data around 15.1% of the parish are school children or full time students. The current service limits accessibility for local residents and visitors who would wish to rely on local buses rather than private vehicles for leisure or employment purposes outside of weektime school hours <u>normal school hours</u>. The Parish Council will actively communicate with relevant stakeholders on the possibility of improving the bus service in the village, as set out in Community Action 3.
Appendix B Policy 6	It is recommended to update Policy 6: Design. It appears that numbering restarts with 8-14 for character areas and j-r for criteria rather than matching the main policy presentation as per Page 52. It is recommended to tidy this Policy in Appendix B for				As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, development proposals should be consistent with the Docking Neighbourhood Plan Area Wide Design Codes (DC01-DC24) and the relevant character area in which the proposal falls within. There are seven-character areas in Docking: <u>1.</u> Docking Conservation Area (CA1) <u>2.</u> Edge Development (CA2) <u>3.</u> New Estates (CA3) ...

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	consistency and avoidance of doubt				Proposals should demonstrate that development does not result in a detrimental impact on the environment and water infrastructure, including sewers and surface water and other flooding. <u>Development proposals should respond positively to the water environment and its networks. As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, proposals demonstrate that they do not result in a detrimental impact on the environment and water infrastructure, including sewers and surface water and other flooding:</u> <u>a)</u> New development proposals are in keeping with the surrounding local character respecting existing patterns of development, low to medium density, building setbacks, historic assets and landmarks (DC01-DC03) b)
Appendix B Community Action 1	Community Action 1 on Page 83 duplicates last sentence twice, it is recommended to delete one occurrence.				The Parish Council will work with the local community, landowners and relevant stakeholders to encourage action to enhance habitat and wildlife in public and private areas including gardens. This may include activities to encourage insect friendly planting, bird, and bat boxes, making the most of compost and encouraging wild patches. In relation to this, priority will be to work with local landowners to improve habitat for wildlife within the green corridors. In public areas actions will be investigated including less frequent mowing, pond maintenance and planting trees, which may include setting up volunteer groups.

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