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Letter to Parish Councils prior to consultation

Dear Sir/ Madam

Site Specific Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document

Issues and Options Consultation – September 2011

The Council is due to consult on the Site Specific Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document from Friday 23rd September 2011 to 5pm on Friday 4th November 2011.

This document sets out the main proposals for where development should occur and key areas that should be protected from new development. It does this by 'allocating' specific sites on a map for future development, and identifies areas to be protected from development and 'designates' these on a map. This document has to conform to the approach set out in the adopted Core Strategy.

The document asks how new development should be distributed throughout the borough, using the Core Strategy policy approach as the basis for this discussion. It also includes some Development Management policies to assist officers when assessing planning applications. These cover a wide range of issues including Houses in Multiple Occupation, Replacement Dwellings in the Countryside and the Coastal Hazard Zone.

It is a 6 week consultation period and we felt it was important to notify you of these timings so you are able to organise a Parish Council Meeting to discuss this and respond with any comments by Friday 4th November. You will be sent a copy of the document prior to the 23rd September. It can be viewed now as part of the Cabinet report at <http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=22305> and so if you did want extra time to consider this please do have a look as soon as possible.

The Council will be running three briefing sessions for Parish Councils on this document. This will enable us to explain the document to you, and answer any queries you may have. These will be held from 6pm to 7pm at:

Hunstanton Town Hall	Tues 20 th Sept 2011
King's Lynn Town Hall (Assembly Room)	Thurs 22 nd Sept 2011
Downham Market Town Hall (Assembly Room)	Mon 26 th Sept 2011

Please confirm your attendance at your chosen session with us.

There is expected to be significant interest in this document from the public, land owners, organisations, etc and we will organise public events / exhibitions to provide people with the opportunity to come and speak to us about the document.

Information on these will be sent out at the start of the consultation period, and these will be advertised in the local press.

If you have any queries please do let us know, and we look forward to seeing you at one of the briefing sessions in September.

Yours faithfully

Alan Gomm,

LDF Manager

General letter sent to consultees (also produced a specific statutory consultee letter, and a specific letter for Parish Council's)

Dear Sir / Madam,

Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Local Development Framework – Site Specific Allocations and Policies – Issues and Options consultation

The Borough Council adopted its Core Strategy in July. This document set the overall pattern and scale of development in the Borough in the period to 2026. We are now preparing a plan to give more specific guidance for individual settlements in the light of those general policies. This document is known as the Site Specific Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document, and we are currently at an early stage where we are raising issues and exploring options.

The consultation document has three main elements to it:

- The distribution of development between the main villages
- Potential choices of development sites within the towns and villages
- A series of policies relating to detailed subjects

The document is significant in that it starts the process whereby the Borough Council seeks to choose specific allocations, including housing in the towns and villages. There has been a great deal of interest in bringing potential sites to our attention and this is the opportunity to compare options and comment on them, or add sites into the process.

The potential housing development sites have been drawn from the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment document prepared by the Borough Council and published in February. This provides more detailed information on sites in the document for both accepted and rejected options. The reference numbers in this document are the same as used in the SHLAA. The SHLAA document is available on the Borough Councils website via the link given below.

Many people and organisations have previously brought a specific site(s) to our attention which they considered would be appropriate for development. The sites have been assessed and many of these have been incorporated as potential options. These potential options are shown on the maps for towns / villages. Where a site has been rejected it will be listed in Appendix 1. Comment is welcomed on accepted / partially accepted and rejected sites or the constraints identified.

The consultation period runs from Friday 23 September to 5.00pm on Friday 18 November. There are a number of ways to join in and respond:

- Read to document and supporting information either on-line or at local venues including libraries.
- The website link is: www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=24524
- Come along to a 'drop-in' session and see an exhibition and talk to staff (a list of events is given below)
- Give us your comments via our dedicated electronic consultation facility

- Write to us via e-mail or letter

The link to the consultation website is noted above. Comments can be made via this link, and it also gives access to supporting documents.

The following list shows our 'drop in' sessions:

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This is an important opportunity to influence the shape of your local community over the next 15 years, please let us know what you think.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Gomm
Local Development Framework Manager

Response Form

**Site Allocations and Policies Development Plan
Document. “Issues & Options” consultation.**

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**King's Lynn &
West Norfolk**



Get involved

An eight-week period of consultation will be held from Friday 23rd September 2011 until Friday 18th November inclusive.

We would like your comments on the Site Allocations and Policies “Issues & Options” consultation document. You can do this easily on-line at www.west-norfolk.gov.uk or by completing the form below.

Consultation Response Form

Your details

Title:

Name:

Organisation:

EConsultation Ref :

Address:

(If applicable)

Telephone:

Email:

Housing

Question H1: Distribution of Development

Which option for the distribution of new housing across the borough should be pursued (please tick):

- Hierarchical – based on population.
- Pro – Rata (shared equally)
- Needs based
- Employment opportunities based

Question H2: Development Boundaries

Do you have any comments regarding the Development Boundaries shown on any of the maps?

Settlement:

Should any particular piece of land be included or excluded from the potential Development Boundary (Please state the change that should be made and if possible provide a map)?

Proposed Change:

Why should this change be made?

Question H3: Housing Sites

What is your view on the sites put forward? What is your preference?

Settlement:

Please state the site reference number, your comments and reason for preference:

Are there any other suitable sites you wish to bring to the Council's attention?

Settlement:

Why is the site suitable?

Economy

Question E1: Employment Expansion Sites (Main Towns)

Do you agree with the proposed employment expansion sites shown on the maps?

Town:

Why is the site suitable?

Are there any other suitable sites you wish to bring to the Council's attention?

Town:

Why is the site suitable?

Development Management Policies

DM1	Replacement dwellings and extensions to dwellings in the countryside.
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DM3	Houses in multiple occupation (HMO's).
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DM5	Gaywood clock area.
DM6	Holiday and seasonal occupancy conditions.
DM7	Static holiday caravan sites and touring, camping and caravan sites.
DM8	Flood risk: Coastal hazard zones.
DM9	Disused railway trackbeds.
DM10	Corridors of movement.
DM11	Protection of existing green infrastructure and open space.
DM12	Boroughwide (rural areas and coastal areas) green infrastructure.

Comments (please use a separate form for each policy you wish to comment on).

Do you have any comments on the proposed policy approach?

Policy number:

Should the Council use an alternative option as their preferred approach (please specify)?

Policy number:

Anything Else?

Is there anything else, not covered by the previous questions that you would like to tell the Council about? **Please go to www.west-norfolk.gov.uk to respond electronically.**

Please return the completed questionnaire to:

LDF Section
King's Court
Chapel Street
King's Lynn
Norfolk PE30 1EX

Email: LDF@west-norfolk.gov.uk

Deadline for responses: Friday 18th November 2011.

Advertisement & Posters



NEW DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

Borough Council of
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We are looking forward 15 years to accommodate growth in the borough. This is your opportunity to explore the options and sites to make this happen. Please come along to one of our drop in sessions at:

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For more information, please visit www.west-norfolk.gov.uk, call 01553 616200, visit local libraries or council offices across the borough. This consultation is part of the Borough Council's Local Development Framework, Site Specific Allocations and Policies document.

Have your say on new development within the borough

What is the document we're consulting on and what will it do?

The document is called the Site Specific Allocations and Policies 'Issues and Options' Development Plan Document and it will:

Allocate and designate areas of land for particular uses such as:

- Housing • Employment • Retail • Recreation • Open space

Propose changes to the Development Boundaries for each of the settlements

and

Introduces Development Management Policies which apply subject specific borough wide policies that will be used in the determination of planning applications

What Stage are we at with the production of the document?



Background from the Core Strategy

The Council adopted its Core Strategy in July 2011. It provides the context in which other documents must follow; including:

- To provide 16,500 new homes, 5,000 additional jobs and 66 hectares of employment land.
- A hierarchy of settlements which directs development to the most sustainable locations.
- To ensure new development adopts sustainable principles and includes efficiency measures such as Sustainable drainage schemes.
- To promote transport choice and accessibility.

These key elements and more will help to guide the choice of sites.



Site Specific Allocations and Policies DPD



The document is split into three parts as follows:

- Distribution of development between the main villages
- Site specific allocations for the towns, growth areas and villages
- Development management policies

Background from the Core Strategy – Vision for places

Development will support a pattern which reinforces the Settlement Hierarchy established in the Core Strategy and locate an appropriate scale of development accordingly

Distribution of Development

The first part of the document details options for the Council's approach to distributing residential development through the main villages in the borough. The options include:

- Hierarchical based on population
- Pro Rata
- Needs based
- Employment
- Or suggested alternative

Hierarchical based on population

A greater number of housing allocated in settlements with a higher population.

Pro Rata

Even spread of development across the borough's settlements.

Needs based

The numbers directly related to evidence of need in each settlement.

Employment

Consider those villages with employment-generating land uses as favourable locations for growth.

Or suggested alternative

Do you have an alternative suggestion?

Let us know which is your most favoured option?

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Site Specific Allocations and Policies DPD



Background from the Core Strategy

The Core Strategy sets out development priorities for the borough which utilise the “settlement hierarchy” (set out in policy CS02). New development will be directed to the most sustainable locations in the borough with some development of an appropriate level to take place in the more rural locations. New development will be guided away from constrained areas e.g. flooding.

Site Specific Allocations

The document outlines how the strategic locations in the main towns and potential allocations in the villages might come forward.

It is important to remember that a large number of sites are proposed for allocation throughout the borough. More information on individual sites is available in the document.

The document provides details of all of the sites considered to date for allocation in the following format:

A brief description of each of the settlements in the borough including main towns, key rural service centres and rural villages in line with the “settlement hierarchy” from the Core Strategy

A table listing each of the “acceptable” or “partially acceptable” sites taken from the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA 2011)

A map of each of the settlements showing the revised development boundaries and the allocation options for the settlement

Appendix 1 of the document lists in a table the sites “rejected” in the SHLAA



Site Specific Allocations and Policies DPD



Sub Regional Centre

King's Lynn including West Lynn & Gaywood

Main Towns

Hunstanton	Downham Market
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Settlements adjacent to King's Lynn and the main towns

Emneth (adjacent to Wisbech)	Walsoken (adjacent to Wisbech)
North Woolton	South East King's Lynn (West Winch and North Runcion Area)
South Woolton	North East King's Lynn (adjacent to Knights Hill)

Key Rural Service Centres

Brancaster / Brancaster Staithe / Burnham Deepdale	Burnham Market
Castle Acre	Denchworth
Dersingham	Docking
East Rudham	Festwell with Hockwold cum Wilton
Gayton / Grimston / Felt Road	Great Massingham
Heacham	Mamham
Methwold with Northwold	Shettisham
Stoke Ferry	Terrington St. Clement
Terrington St. John / St. John's Highway / Tiney St. Lawrence	Upwell/Outwell
Watlington	West Walton / Walton Highway

Rural Villages

Ashwicken	Burnham Overy Staithe
Castle Rising	Denver
East Winch	Fincham
Fitcham	Great Bricham / Bricham Tofa
Harphey	Hilgay
Hillington	Ingoldisthorpe
Marshland St. James / St. John's Fen End with Tiney Fen End	Middleton
Old Hunstanton	Runcion Holme
Sedgeford	Shouldham
Southery	Sydersham
Ten Mile Bank	Thornham
Three Holes	Tiney All Saints
Walpole Cross Keys	Walpole Highway
Walpole St. Peter / Walpole St. Andrew / Walpole Marsh	Welney
Wereham	West Newton
Wiggenhall St. Germans	Wiggenhall St. Mary Magdalen
Wimbotsham	Wormegay

Fully constrained settlements are coloured red in the table.



Site Specific Allocations and Policies DPD



Background from the Core Strategy

The Core Strategy establishes the long term spatial strategy for the borough and contains overarching / strategic policies which will be used to determine planning applications.

Development Management Policies

The third part of the document sets out important Development Management Policies which will apply across the whole borough and be used for determining planning applications. The Development Management Policies have been designed to add detail to the Core Strategy policies and ensure development accords with the over arching principles set out in the Core Strategy.

The policies covered in this section of the document include:

- DM1 Replacement dwellings and extensions to dwellings in the countryside.
- DM2 Removal of agricultural occupancy conditions.
- DM3 Houses in multiple occupation (HMO's).
- DM4a Town centre areas.
- DM4b Retail frontages.
- DM5 Gaywood clock area.
- DM6 Holiday and seasonal occupancy conditions.
- DM7 Static holiday caravan sites and touring, camping and caravan sites.
- DM8 Flood risk: Coastal hazard zones.
- DM9 Disused railway trackbeds.
- DM10 Corridors of movement.
- DM11 Protection of existing green infrastructure and open space.
- DM12 Boroughwide (rural areas and coastal areas) green infrastructure.

Do you have any comments on the proposed policy approach?



Site Specific Allocations and Policies DPD

You can comment on the document in a number of ways.....

Perhaps the easiest way is via our consultation website. This website contains all of the documents relating to the Local Development Framework.

Once you have registered with the website you will be able to return and add comments throughout the consultation period. The web address you will need to access all of this information is:

www.west-norfolk.gov.uk

Alternatively if you don't have access to the internet, then you can view the consultation document in the following locations:

**Local Libraries
Local Council Offices**

Copies of the response form are also available at all of these locations. You can also collect a response form from us today.

The address that you need to return completed forms to is:

**LDF Team
King's Court
Chapel Street
King's Lynn
Norfolk
PE30 1EX**

Please feel free to pop in to the Council office's Tuesday afternoons 2pm to 4pm during the consultation period to speak to an Officer.

Have your say!

We want your views...

What happens next....

The Council will develop the next stage of the DPD with the preferred parcels of land in each of the selected settlements being suggested for allocation. Further consultation will take place at this stage.

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West Norfolk**



NEWS RELEASE



PR 1842

21 September 2011

For Immediate Release

Comment upon future development in your area

Residents are being invited to comment upon a document that will detail the type and location of future development in their neighbourhoods.

The public consultation, which will enable communities to comment upon the Site Specific Allocations and Policies document, runs from Friday 23 September until 18 November.

The Site Specific Allocations and Policies document forms part of the Local Development Framework (LDF), which outlines all development in the borough until 2026. Where the Core Strategy (also a document within the LDF) provides broad information, such as the number of houses to be built in the borough or the number of hectares of employment land to be developed, the Site Specific Allocations and Policies document will provide the detail of how this will be achieved, stating exactly where and what number of houses will be built or the size and precise location of employment land.

As well as defining what will be developed where, the Site Specific Allocations and Policies document includes policies covering subjects such as houses of multiple occupancy (HMOs), the coastal hazard zone, and extensions to dwellings, which apply across the borough.

The document also examines towns' and villages' current development boundaries. The proposals demonstrate how these may be changed in the future to incorporate growth. People will be able to comment upon the proposals and suggest other parcels of land that could potentially be brought within the development boundary.

Cllr Vivienne Spikings, Cabinet Member for Development, said: “When this document is finalised it will set out what can be developed where and will shape the future of our communities. This consultation gives people the chance to examine the proposals for their neighbourhood and an opportunity to share local knowledge with planners so that together we plan development that will allow our villages and towns to meet future demands and continue to be places where people want to work, live and visit.”

All the proposals will be available on the council’s website under the Local Development Framework pages and comments can be made online during the consultation period.

A series of drop-in sessions in villages across the borough will also take place during this period (dates attached below). At the sessions people will have a chance to examine the proposals and ask questions, as well as leave written comments that will form part of the consultation.

The consultation consists of a series of questions that accompany details of the proposals and illustrative maps of each of the locations. Questions cover topics such as housing allocation - where residents will be asked what criteria they think should be used for deciding how many houses should be built in a particular location.

Hard copies of the document will be available at local libraries and council offices throughout the consultation period.

The consultation closes at 5 pm on 18 November.

All comments received during the consultation will be considered by the council and used to develop the ‘preferred options’ document. This will be considered by Cabinet before being submitted to the Secretary of State for approval. It is anticipated that the adopted version of the document will be available in early 2013.

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Contact information

For more information about the Site Specific Allocations and Policies consultation please contact Claire Dorgan, Principal Planner, on 01553 616236

For comment

Cllr Vivienne Spikings, Cabinet Member for Development, on 01945 772248

Notes for editors

Maps of each of the locations, highlighting proposed developments, will be included in the consultation alongside key questions.

Drop-in session dates

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to 1pm

Sat 22 Oct 2011 at 9am

Issued by Leanne Winston, Communications Officer, on 01553 616506

Have your say on the future

Policy document outlines the nitty gritty of plans in the pipeline for West Norfolk

THE council of West Norfolk are being asked to make their views known on the document which will shape the area's future.

The council's policy document outlines the nitty gritty of plans in the pipeline for West Norfolk. The document is a key part of the council's strategic planning process and will guide the council's actions over the next 10 years.

The council is currently in the process of developing a new strategic plan for the area. This plan will set out the council's vision for the future and the actions it will take to achieve this vision. The policy document is a key part of this process and will outline the council's approach to a range of issues, including housing, transport, and the environment.

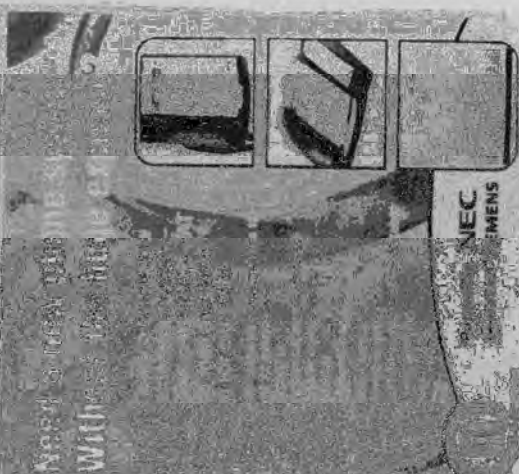
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Drop-in session

The council is holding a drop-in session on Monday 3 October 2011, 4pm to 6pm, at the South Lynn Community Centre, 100 South Lynn Road, South Lynn, PE30 1JH. The session is open to all residents of the area and will provide an opportunity for residents to discuss their views on the council's strategic plan with council officers.



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01553 828

Getting down to the nitty gritty

THE report on page 23 of last Tuesday's Lynn News invited us all to have our say on the nitty gritty of plans in the pipeline for West Norfolk.

One of the ways available for making our views known is by attending one of a dozen drop-in sessions at various locations throughout the borough.

Several people at the session in Hunstanton last Wednesday were Heacham residents, concerned at proposals for houses to be built on land between Heacham Manor golf course and the Manorfields estate.

Under the current local plan, all this land, including the golf course, is designated an area of important landscape quality.

While the switch from agriculture to recreation may not have resulted in a significant change to the appearance of the landscape, a new residential estate with more than 300 dwellings is likely to have an adverse impact on the environment.

The Site Specific Allocations consultation document does refer to

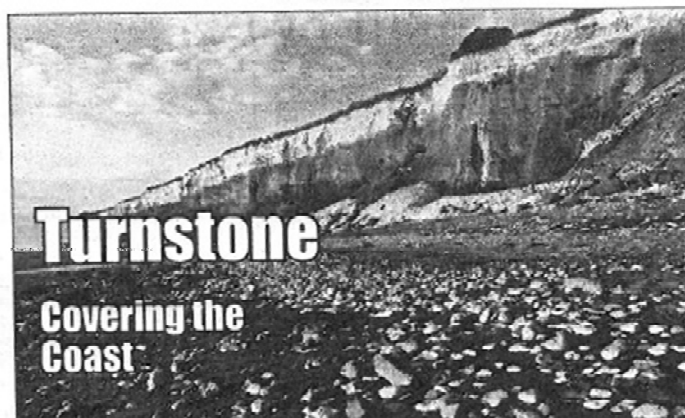
the need for ecological and archaeological surveys of the area prior to any development taking place, but this does not adequately address the proposed change to the quality of the landscape.

Another concern raised by visitors to this session was the distance between the town centre and the proposed expansion. One local resident argued that without an increase in the number of jobs in Hunstanton there would be no need for more houses.

Brian Holmes, of Hunstanton, pointed to the need for an alternative means of transport if more local residents would have to travel into Lynn, or beyond to their place of work.

This prompted me to refer him to section 10.10.1 of the document – also available on the borough council website – which, under the heading Planning Policy Guidance Note 13, reads as follows:

"Transport's main objective is to promote more sustainable transport choices for both people and for moving freight. Disused railway trackbeds and



routes can be a valuable resource, such as providing future routes for footpaths or cycle ways. It is therefore important to protect them from adverse development which might otherwise compromise their future as alternative economic or recreational transport routes."

"If that's the case," Brian was quick to reply, "why in Policy Draft DM9 is there no mention of protecting the trackbed of the Lynn to Hunstanton line and then connecting it to the line linking Lynn

station to Alexandra Dock and the proposed Bentinck Dock minerals aggregate depot? Now that Lynnsport obstructs the original rail route, surely the council should be looking seriously at the possibility of linking the Hunstanton line to the route into Lynn from the docks under Dodman's bridge?"

Brian went on to point out that West Norfolk ap-

pears to be the only part of the country where disused rail routes are not being brought back into service as Heritage Railways or in use by cyclists and pedestrians.

If there are other people out there who feel as strongly as Brian does on this issue, perhaps they will get along to a drop-in session or go to: www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=24524

Compensation for accident injury

Parish earmarks sites for home expansion

NINE sites for possible housing developing have been provisionally approved by Upwell Parish Council. Sixty homes may be built across Upwell and Outwell during the next 15 years as a result of a public drop-in session regarding the matter.

A public consultation remains open to residents until Friday, November 18. Responses can be submitted via www.west.norfolk.gov.uk or via letter or e-mail to the council.

The parish council's next meeting takes place on Monday at 7.30pm.

Youth club benefit gig

A SPECIAL music gig is being held to raise money for the Jammin' Youth Club.

Members of the club will host the event at the Queen Mary Centre, Wisbech, on

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What's on?

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New development in the borough

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The Site Specific Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document

The Site Specific Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document (Issues and Options Consultation) were approved at Cabinet on Tuesday 6th September 2011. Please follow this link for a draft copy of the document - <http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=22305>

This consultation document asks the public, stakeholders, statutory consultees etc for their comments on:

- how new housing development should be distributed throughout our rural areas based on the Core Strategy policy approach,
- potential development sites in our towns and villages,
- proposed town/ village boundaries,
- Development management policies on specific issues such Houses in Multiple Occupation and Coastal Hazard Zones, among others.

The consultation period will run from Friday 23rd September 2011 to 5pm on Friday 4th November 2011.

The Council will be writing to all interested parties, produce a press release, place advertisements in the local press, as well as organising briefing sessions for Parish Councils and a series of exhibitions / drop ins across the borough. The document will be available on the Council's website and we will be encouraging people to make any comments they have online. Please follow this link to the relevant section of our website - <http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=24524>. We have already written to Parish Council's to give them notice of the consultation dates, a link to the Cabinet papers, and to advise them of the Parish briefing sessions.

It is likely that this document will stimulate a great deal of interest throughout our towns and rural areas both by landowners and concerned residents, and so it is likely Members will receive questions and comments about this document. If you have any questions please contact the LDF Manager Alan Gomm on alan.gomm@west-norfolk.gov.uk or 01553 616237, or Claire Dorgan on claire.dorgan@west-norfolk.gov.uk or 01553 616236.

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