

Syderstone NP Regulation 16 Consultation 2025

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1: Contact Information :

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2: The following are the "Basic Conditions" that the Neighbourhood Plan should meet, please tick all that apply

1. The Neighbourhood Plan is having regard to National policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State

Meets "Basic Conditions"

2. The Neighbourhood Plan contributes to achievement of Sustainable Development

Does Not Meet "Basic Conditions"

3. The Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with the Strategic Policy of the Development Plan for the area or any part of that area

Meets "Basic Conditions"

4. The Neighbourhood Plan does not breach or is in otherwise compatible with previous EU obligations (incorporated into domestic legislation) - this includes the SEA Directive of 2001/42/EC; and

Meets "Basic Conditions"

5. The making of the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European sites, as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulation.

Meets "Basic Conditions"

3: Building on previous responses, please clarify why you believe the draft Neighbourhood Plan and/or Supporting Documents do or do not meet the specified 'Basic Conditions'?

Figure 3.2 of the Design Code shows a code matrix which includes SU.02 Biodiversity. However, this section is missing from the document. Due to the importance of biodiversity for environmental sustainability we

recommend that this is added. (If this section cannot be added to the design code document itself, we recommend that the relevant information is added to the Biodiversity section of the Neighbourhood Plan.) Additionally, in Policy 5, the 2nd paragraph doesn't currently include development proposals in other areas within the Neighbourhood Plan boundary, only those within or adjacent to the habitats mentioned. This leaves a gap in protection for these important wildlife sites and habitats and therefore we recommend that the wording also includes development in any area within the Neighbourhood Plan boundary. (A development proposal further afield, which isn't within or adjacent to these habitats, can still have adverse impacts on these sites, for example, from air pollution, run-off etc.)

4: Please provide any suggested modifications to this Neighbourhood Plan

We recommend a minor change to the wording in the 2nd paragraph of Policy 5 to include development proposals in all areas within the Neighbourhood Plan boundary. We recommended in the previous consultation that reference to NWT guidance (footnote 20) is omitted as this link doesn't work. We note that it is now referenced as footnote 19 which doesn't work. If a link is required, please use the following: In your community | Norfolk Wildlife Trust. The first sentence of paragraph 71 doesn't read clearly. Instead of the current wording 'and plays an important component of the green infrastructure of a local area, along with footpaths, allotments, and open green space', we recommend the following wording, or similar: 'Green infrastructure plays a crucial role in enhancing biodiversity. Well designed and managed Green Infrastructure (GI) generates multiple benefits for people and nature...' It may also be useful to include some wording to explain what green infrastructure is, to provide further clarity, for example, 'A Green Infrastructure network can include street trees, green roofs/walls, parks, private gardens, allotments, sustainable drainage systems, through to wildlife areas, woodlands, wetlands and natural flood management functioning at local and landscape scale etc.'

5: All representations received by the Regulation 16 deadline will be considered by the appointed examiner. The examiner will normally consider all responses through written representations; however, in certain circumstances, they may deem it necessary to hold hearing sessions to discuss particular issues. Please indicate if you would like to request to be heard before the examiner at the Neighbourhood Plan Examination Hearings

No

6: Please indicate whether you wish to receive notification of either or both of the following:

The publication of the recommendations of the Neighborhood Examiner | Final "making" (adoption) of the Neighbourhood Plan