

# The Walpoles 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;

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'?

We recognise and support the policy wording in Policy 4, aimed at safeguarding 'the special importance of the area for wildlife', which includes Priority Habitats. We also particularly support the wording around buffer

zones. However, there is no policy wording to safeguard, and where possible enhance the River Nene and other waterbodies from any adverse impacts from development proposals. (We note there is some wording in Policy 8 to maintain existing dykes and field ditches.)

#### 4: Please provide any suggested modifications to this Neighbourhood Plan

To help to achieve objective C and for environmental sustainability, we strongly recommend additional wording, either within Policy 4 or Policy 8 to safeguard and where possible enhance existing waterbodies, including the River Nene, from any adverse impacts from development.

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