

Ref: South Norfolk Village Cluster Addendum

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Dear Sir / Madam,

South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan (VCHAP) Regulation 19 Pre-submission Addendum

Introduction

- 1.0 Thank you for consulting the Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care System (ICS) Strategic Estates workstream on the above Regulation 19 Pre-submission Addendum.
- 1.1 As set out in the addendum, The GNLP sets out a target of 1200 dwellings across 48 village clusters in South Norfolk. Following the Regulation 19 consultation the target fell below this due to issues at some sites (Historic England, Road access etc.).

Review of Planning Application

- 2.0 The Council have looked at alternative sites and focused changes to existing sites to replace the losses but to also make a modest increase to allocations.
- 2.1 The proposed changes include the addition of 3 new development sites and extensions to 5 existing allocated sites with an overall increase of 132 dwellings across all new allocations.

Assessment of Development Impact on Existing Healthcare Provision

- 3.0 The proposed developments would have an impact on healthcare provision in the area and its implications, if unmitigated, may be unsustainable.
- 3.1 Demand and Capacity information indicates that the healthcare facilities close to these developments have varying degrees of physical infrastructure capacity and may not be able to cope with the estimated additional population growth, with any further housing placing additional demand on these premises.
- 3.2 The table below shows the proposed new and extended sites, the GP practices that will be affected, the current status of infrastructure capacity and whether any future projects are aligned to them.

Village Site	GP Practice(s)	Infrastructure Deficit/Surplus	Comments
Barford	Humbleyard Group	-65.7	Discussions ongoing with South Norfolk Council about a potential premises scheme
Swardeston			
Broome	Bungay Medical Centre	+174.4	Planning in process for an extension to the existing facility via CIL funding from East Suffolk District Council
Earsham			
Ditchingham			
Gillingham	Beccles Medical Centre	-383.3	Discussions ongoing about a potential premises scheme
Spooner Row	Wymondham Medical Partnership & Windmill Surgery	+548.0	
Wicklewood			

- 3.3 The table shows that the proposed sites in Barford and Swardeston will increase pressure on already constrained GP practices in Hetherset and Mulbarton, these Practices are part of the Humbleyard GP practice group. There are discussions currently ongoing between the Council and GP practices regarding mitigation for the amount of population growth these areas have already seen and that will be happening in the near future.
- 3.4 There are 4 villages whereby the most local GP practice that covers those villages within its catchment area is located across the local authority border in East Suffolk. Two GP practices will be affected by any population increases. These practices are either currently working through a planning application for an extension funded by CIL or are in early discussions about a potential premises scheme via a potential application for CIL funding.
- 3.5 The ambulance service, EEAST, are in a unique position that intersects health, transport and community safety and does not have capacity to accommodate the additional growth resulting from the proposed development combined with other developments in the vicinity. This development is likely to increase demand upon existing constrained ambulance services and nationally set blue light response times. The capital required through developer contribution would form a proportion of the required funding for the provision of capacity to absorb the patient growth and demand generated by this development. Any funding would be used towards the capital cost of providing new additional ambulances and/or new additional medical equipment, which for an ambulance service is their physical infrastructure, and/or new additional parking space(s) for ambulances at existing ambulance stations. Please see appendix 1 for EEAST's full response.

Conclusions

- 4.0 Not all of the GP practices in the vicinity of new and extended sites have the infrastructure capacity to support development growth. However, it is essential to effectively mitigate development impact and maintain sustainable healthcare services for the local communities.
- 4.1 The ICS strategic estates workstream will continue to work with local authority colleagues to explore options that will help to expand healthcare infrastructure in the area as a means of mitigating the estimated population which may occur from site allocations of the South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan (VCHAP)

Yours faithfully,

NHS Norfolk & Waveney - Strategic Estates