

STRENSALL WITH TOWTHORPE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN Submission Draft Version

**Commencement of Examination Procedural Note
Strensall with Towthorpe
Neighbourhood Development Plan
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I am writing to confirm that I have commenced the examination of the Strensall with Towthorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan. All contact will be through a named representative of the Local Planning Authority. They will be responsible for forwarding all correspondence (except for contractual matters) to the representative of the Qualifying Body. All correspondence between myself, the Local Planning Authority and the Qualifying Body (except for contractual matters) should be placed on the Local Authority's website to ensure that the examination is conducted in an open and transparent manner.

From my initial appraisal of the submitted documents I consider that it is unlikely that a hearing will be necessary, provided that I receive satisfactory answers to any questions and matters for clarification.

I have undertaken a detailed appraisal of the background documents to check that the legal requirements have been satisfied and that adequate consultation has taken place to meet the requirements of the Regulations. I shall be grateful for the response of the Local Planning Authority and/or Qualifying Body to the following:

Local Plan

- In the absence of a formally adopted Local Plan, would the LPA confirm that the statements in section 3.2 of the STNP are correct. If not, would they provide me with update of the current position on the new Local Plan;
- Have strategic planning policies been identified that are relevant to the NP area?
- Have any modifications been proposed since those of 2019, referred to in the assessment in Table 3 the Basic Conditions Statement, that may affect the NP area?

Representations

Would the Parish Council consider the representations that have been made and let me have any comments and revisions they may wish to propose as a consequence.

Proposals Map

Would the PC / LPA provide me with a Proposals Map or Maps at a scale that enables the boundaries of properties and sites to be readily identified.

Would you revise the Proposals Map to only show those sites and buildings that are referred to / designated in the Policies of the Plan.

Would you include the areas referred to under Policy DG3, DG4 and DG5 on the Proposals Map.

Please note that the Community Actions are not planning policies and sites proposed under the Community Actions should be shown on a separate Map.

Community Facilities

Would you confirm which are registered as Assets of Community Value.

Local Green Space

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Would the PC identify those areas proposed as LGS that are within the Green Belt.

A number of the proposed areas lie within housing estates and are described as Amenity Green Space. Would the PC review their assessment and consider how these areas are demonstrably special to the local community and what particular significance they hold.

I shall undertake a detailed appraisal of the Plan and the policies to ensure that they satisfy the Basic Conditions, taking account of any representations. Following which I shall write to the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body to seek clarification on any matters or to request further information.

- I anticipate that I will present my Examination Questions and matters for clarification to the Local Planning Authority by 6 May. This will also seek agreement to any significant wording changes to policies.
- I will allow 21 days for a response by the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body. (27 May)
- Following receipt of responses to my questions and matters of clarification, I will prepare my draft Examination Report for fact checking.
- I will allow 7 days for a response by the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body.
- I anticipate that I will issue my final report to the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body by mid June.

All dates are indicative at this stage and may be revised, if necessary, should significant issues or additional questions arise or extensions of time be requested by the Local Planning Authority and/or Qualifying Body.

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