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Dear Ms Brennan

Breckland Local Plan - Re-consultation of all Main Modifications

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the Breckland Local Plan - Re-consultation of all Main Modifications. As a statutory consultee, our role is to ensure that the conservation of the historic environment is fully integrated into planning policy and that any policy documents make provision for a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment. Historic England has previously responded to two Main Modifications consultations by Breckland on 1st April 2019 and 7th May 2019. Our comments in the previous responses still stand.

We make a few further comments below on the current consultation in relation to Document EX135.

MM52 Policy Watton Housing Allocation 1

In a previous version of the Main Modifications there was an amendment to criterion 10 of the policy to ensure that due regard is given to the impact of the proposal on the historic environment. There no longer appears to be mention of this proposed change. We have concerns about the lack of a modification to address this matter. We had previously also advised that the policy would be further improved by specific mention of heritage assets, as in MM40.

MM95 Policy North Elmham Housing Allocation 2

(We incorrectly referred to this as MM93 in our previous reps.)

We welcome the amendment to policy criterion 2 in relation to the historic environment to ensure that due regard is given to the impact of the proposal on the historic environment. We welcome reference to the need for an archaeological assessment. The policy would be improved by specific mention of heritage assets, as in MM40.

MM98 Policy Old Buckenham Residential Allocation 1

(We incorrectly referred to this as MM89 in our previous reps.)

We welcome the amendment to policy criterion 2 in relation to the historic environment to ensure that due regard is given to the impact of the proposal on the historic environment. The policy would be improved by specific mention of heritage assets, as in MM40.





MM109 Policy Swanton Morley Residential Allocation 1

(We incorrectly referred to this as criterion 6 in our previous reps.)

We welcome the addition of policy criterion 9 in relation to the historic environment to ensure that due regard is given to the impact of the proposal on the historic environment. The policy would be improved by specific mention of heritage assets, as in MM40.

Finally, we should like to stress that this response is based on the information provided by the Council in its consultation. To avoid any doubt, this does not affect our obligation to provide further advice and, potentially, object to specific proposals, which may subsequently arise as a result of this plan, where we consider that these would have an adverse effect upon the historic environment.

If you have any questions with regards to the comments made then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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