



SWANTON MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Sirs,

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STATEMENT

Swanton Morley Parish Council, being a relevant body under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, hereby submits this application for a neighbourhood area, to be covered by a Neighbourhood Plan, as detailed in Section 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

A map of the area to be covered, the boundaries of which are highlighted in red, is attached. The proposed neighbourhood area is to include the whole parish of Swanton Morley, and will follow the existing boundaries of the parish. The Parish Council considers this area appropriate so as to not infringe on any adjacent parishes. It is not considered necessary to incorporate neighbouring parishes as Swanton Morley has a logical and defensible boundary having no significant housing from neighbouring parishes anywhere near the Swanton Morley parish boundary.

The purpose of the plan is to give local people more say about the way in which Swanton Morley will grow in the years ahead and maintain a good quality of life for all of its residents.

The Neighbourhood Plan will consider the following issues:-

- 1) **Vision** – To set out the long term vision for Swanton Morley for the lifetime of the plan.
- 2) **Housing** – To consider the evidence based housing needs of Swanton Morley residents.
- 3) **Business** – To consider the need for additional business premises, the possible conversion of derelict buildings and increased employment opportunities.
- 4) **Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment** – The neighbourhood plan will pay particular attention to the new SHLAA and consider alternative areas of land even if they have not been put forward for consideration at this time by the landowners as part of the LPA's recent consultation.
- 5) **Highways** – To consider the suitability of the existing road network in Swanton Morley and its ability to cope with any additional development based on local knowledge. In particular significant corridors of movement (ie. safe route to the school) will be considered.
- 6) **Landscape sensitivity** - To consider the impact of any additional development on the village's unique landscape character particularly in relation to the Wensum Valley.
- 7) **Environment** – To consider the impact of any additional development on the natural environment.
- 8) **Design Quality** – To consider adopting a broad generic specification for the appearance of any additional development in terms of materials and construction techniques to be used.

- 9) **Transport** – The plan will consider, based on local knowledge, the suitability of existing public transport in terms of providing a good level of accessibility to local services.
- 10) **Settlement Boundary** – To consider redefining the existing settlement boundary.
- 11) **Open Space** – To consider the need for additional green open spaces to provide additional play and sports facilities.
- 12) **Sustainability** – To take account of the ability of local services such as the Doctor's Surgery and School to cope with any additional development.
- 13) **Robertson Barracks** – To take account of the long term future of the Barracks and risk assess the possible affects any future closure might have on the village and its services.
- 14) **Local Area Plan** – The Neighbourhood Plan will take account of policies incorporated in Breckland Council's LAP.

I trust that this meets with your approval and we look forward to receiving confirmation in the near future that our application has been approved. If in the meantime you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely



Roger Atterwill
Chairman, Swanton Morley Parish Council