



**Localism Act 2011
The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012**

8th July 2014

Decision Document

Consultation

Following the receipt of a Neighbourhood Plan Area, supported by a map of the intended area and supporting statement application from Croxton Parish Council, the matter was publicised for public consultation for a period of six weeks, closing on 19 February 2014, and in accordance with Regulation 7 (1).

Thetford Town Council wrote to the Council within this consultation period advising that they consider the adopted Thetford Area Action Plan to be the defining document to guide.

Pigeon Investments (the promoters of the Thetford Urban Extension proposals) also wrote indicating their desire to engage with the Parish Council as they progress the Neighbourhood Plan.

No other representations were received during the consultation period.

Suitability of Area for Neighbourhood Plan Purposes

The Council considers that the area proposed is unsuitable for Neighbourhood Planning purposes.

Decision

In accordance with the Cabinet Decision on 1 July 2014 (Item 10) the application for the Croxton Neighbourhood Plan area (as set out in the letter and accompanying attachments dated 2 December 2013) is **Refused**.

Reason

The reason for the refusal for the Neighbourhood Area as applied for is as follows:

The Cabinet concluded that

- Endorsing a single Croxton Neighbourhood area would result in a disjointed approach to future policy affecting the Urban Extension and inhibit the ability of a joint Neighbourhood Plan covering the three parishes to be identified.

By way of explanation a joint NP area was submitted that covered the same area, and as such, this would not have been able to be endorsed due to overlapping.

Publicity

The Council's decision will be published in accordance with Regulation 7 (2).