

## Comments

### Main Modifications to the Local Plan (18/02/19 to 01/04/19)

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**Do you consider the proposed modification is:  
(please mark the appropriate box)**

**If you consider the proposed Main Modification to be UNSOUND, please identify which test of soundness your representation relates to?**

.	Is it justified?
.	Is it consistent with national policy?

**Please give us details as to why you think the Local Plan with proposed modifications is NOT legally compliant or sound?**

The proposed modification not to cap the number of dwellings to either 3 (HOU 5) or 5 (HOU 5) in number would open the door to the large scale development of small villages such as Little Duneham. Such development would disproportionately alter the character and nature of what are still rural villages. The unsustainable expansion of such villages would not be consistent with good planning and is contrary to the principles of the NPPF.

As with many small villages Little Duneham has no shop, pub, surgery, employment mains drainage, public transport or indeed facilities whatsoever. Even the village community centre is a small WW1 hut. To allow suggested amendments of HOU 04 and HOU 05 would therefore not be justified in accordance with NPPF para 35. The reasonable alternative would be the continued development of the towns and larger villages in Breckland which have the amenities mentioned above.

In addition we would like to stress that the large residential development of smaller villages would not meet the economic objective set out in NPPF para. 80; the necessary infrastructure and facilities test set out in NPPF para 72; the growth of local services as required by NPPF 78. and the growth of business as mentioned in NPPF para.83.

**Please set out what changes you consider necessary to make the proposed main modifications to the Local Plan legally compliant or sound.**

Breckland consulted widely before submitting their draft localplan. Little Duneham Parish Council was part of that consultation process and consider that the plan as drafted is sound and balanced as far

as small villages is concerned. WE do not therefore agree that the prooosed amendments to HOU 4 and HOU 5 are necessary and indeed for the reasons set out above we think that the amendments are unsound.

**Would you like to be notified of future stages of the Local Plan?**      Yes

**How would you like to be notified?**      .      By email to my email address