

BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

THETFORD AREA ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (LOCAL PLAN)

Adoption Statement 5th July 2012

This Adoption Statement¹ gives notice that Breckland District Council resolved to formally adopt its Thetford Area Action Plan Development Plan Document (Local Plan) on 5th July 2012. The Adoption Statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The Thetford Area Action Plan DPD includes policies to guide the growth and regeneration of Thetford as well as allocating land for development in order to meet the District's housing requirements as set out in the adopted Core Strategy. The document also revises Thetford's settlement boundary. The adoption of the Thetford Area Action Plan DPD will update the Policies Map (showing proposals in geographical format) for Thetford. A final Sustainability Appraisal (setting out the likely social, economic and environmental effects of the policies and proposals) has also been prepared. The Thetford Area Action Plan DPD and updated Policies Map will form part of the Breckland Local Development Framework (LDF).

The Thetford Area Action Plan DPD was considered by an independent Inspector as part of an Examination in Public in Spring 2012, with hearings held on the 6th and 7th March 2012. The Inspector's Report was published on 30th May 2012 and concluded that the document was 'sound'. In accordance with legislation and regulations, the final adopted Thetford Area Action Plan includes a number of minor changes as well as a main modification in the form of introducing a policy on the presumption in favour of sustainable development, which, when taken together, do not materially change the DPD.

Copies of this Adoption Statement, the Thetford Area Action Plan DPD, the Policies Map, the Sustainability Appraisal, Inspector's Report, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Adoption Statement (regulations 16 (3) and (4) of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004) as well as details of where the plan is available for inspection and the places and times at which the documents are available for public inspection, free of charge are on the Council's website at www.breckland.gov.uk and also at the following venues (opening times correct at time of writing):

Parish	Location	Opening Days	Opening Times
Attleborough	Attleborough Customer Service Centre Community and Enterprise Centre Church Street Attleborough Norfolk NR17 2AF	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday	0900-1630hrs 0900-1600hrs (Closed for lunch from 1300 hrs for 30mins each day)
	Attleborough Library 31 Connaught Road Attleborough Norfolk NR17 2BW	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday Saturday	0930-1700hrs 0930-1930hrs 0930-1600hrs
Dereham	Dereham Customer Service Centre (Head Office) Elizabeth House	Monday-Thursday Friday	0900-1700hrs 0900-1630hrs

¹ Please note that this statement contains the necessary information as required in regulations 16 (2) and (3) of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. A statement pursuant to regulation 16 (4) of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 can be found at the same places as this DPD adoption statement.

Parish	Location	Opening Days	Opening Times
	Walpole Loke Dereham Norfolk NR19 1EE		
	Dereham Customer Service Centre Breckland Business Centre St Withburga Lane Dereham Norfolk NR19 1FD	Monday-Friday	0900-1700hrs
	Dereham Library 59 High Street Dereham Norfolk NR19 1DZ	Monday Wednesday, Thursday, Tuesday, Friday Saturday	0915-1700hrs 0915-1900hrs 0915-1600hrs
Swaffham	Swaffham Customer Service Centre Town Hall London Street Swaffham Norfolk PE37 7DQ	Monday Tuesday, Thursday Friday	0900-1600hrs (Closed for lunch from 1300 hrs for 30mins) 0930-1300hrs
	Swaffham Library The Pightle Swaffham Norfolk PE37 7DF	Tuesday, Thursday Wednesday Friday Saturday	1000-1700hrs 1000-1300hrs 1000-2000hrs 0900-1300hrs
Thetford	Thetford Customer Service Centre St Nicholas Street Thetford Norfolk IP24 1BT	Monday-Thursday Friday	0900-1700hrs 0900-1630hrs
	Thetford Library Raymond Street Thetford Norfolk	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Wednesday Friday Saturday	0830-1730hrs 0830-1300hrs 0830-1900hrs 0900-1300hrs
	Thetford Town Council Offices King's House King's Street Thetford IP24 2AP	Monday to Friday	Public counter service available from 0900hrs to 1600hrs
Watton	Watton Customer Service Centre Wayland House High Street Watton Norfolk IP25 6AR	Wednesday Friday	0900-1630hrs 0900-1600hrs (Closed for lunch from 1300 hrs for 30mins each day)
	Watton Library George Trollope Road Watton Norfolk IP25 6AS	Monday, Thursday, Friday Wednesday Saturday	1000-1700hrs 1000-1900hrs 1000-1300hrs

Any person aggrieved by the Thetford Area Action Plan DPD may make an application to the High Court under section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- a) the document is not within the appropriate power and/or;
- b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any statutory and/or legal challenge to the Thetford Area Action Plan DPD – either/both pursuant to S.113 of the Act and/or in Judicial Review – should be made promptly (as prescribed by statutory time limits/time limits that are contained in the Civil Procedure Rules, and as considered/interpreted in a large body of decided cases before the Courts). Accordingly, anyone considering either a statutory challenge pursuant to S.113 of the Act and/or a legal challenge in Judicial Review should obtain immediate independent legal advice on the matter without delay.

Further information on the LDF is available on the Councils website at <http://www.breckland.gov.uk/content/thetford-area-action-plan-taap>.

For further information please contact the Planning Policy Team on (01362) 656873 or e-mail planningpolicyteam@breckland.gov.uk.