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Dear Breckland Neighbourhood Plan Team,

Ref: Watton Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation

Thank you for inviting Historic England to comment on the Regulation 16 Submission Draft of the Watton Neighbourhood Plan.

We welcome the production of this neighbourhood plan, and consider it meets the Basic Conditions with regard to the historic environment. We commend the Watton Town Council's positive approach to identifying and protecting their local heritage in their plan. We are particularly supportive of Policy WTN 10 - Buildings of Local Significance, which covers the protection of local heritage assets identified in the Non-Designated Heritage Assets Assessment. This we consider to be a robust gazetteer of local non-designated heritage, and we are pleased to note that it has been prepared using Historic England's Advice Note 7.

We would refer you also to any comments made at Regulation 14 stage, as well for general advice to our detailed guidance on successfully incorporating historic environment considerations into a neighbourhood plan, which can be found here: <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/>.

To avoid any doubt, this letter does not reflect our obligation to provide further advice on or, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise as a result of the proposed plan, where we consider these would have an adverse effect on the historic environment.

Please do contact me, either via email or the number above, if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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