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Dear Sir / Madam,

Necton Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2036

Introduction

Thank you for consulting the Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care System (ICS) Strategic Estates workstream on the neighbourhood development plan. The following comments are on behalf of the Norfolk and Waveney ICS, incorporating Norfolk & Waveney Integrated Care Board (ICB), Norfolk Community Health and Care (NCHC), Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust and the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST).

Existing Healthcare Position Proximate to the Proposed Development Plan Area

The local Primary Care Network (PCN) that would cover the health needs of Necton residents is the Swaffham and Downham PCN, and is a collaboration between primary, secondary, community, social, voluntary, and mental health care providers to form an integrated health and social care service to patients.

Following a review of the information available I note that, the provision of healthcare services is currently serviced by Plowright Medical Centre, Necton Branch and Manor Farm Medical (Necton Branch); in terms of premises space the demand and capacity data indicates that this practice is close to becoming constrained and the majority of residents within the Necton neighbourhood plan boundary from new developments, will be expected to register and visit a local GP.

In terms of limited premises space, additional PCN roles being hosted by GP practices and with the addition of new developments in and around the area in the near future, capacity issues have potential to arise. The PCN are looking at ways to better integrate the community teams with Primary care provision.

Review and Assessment of the Proposed Development Plan

One of the objectives listed in the draft neighbourhood plan is to 'Protect and improve the range of existing community facilities and services.' This is further supported in section 8.6 which states that 'the Neighbourhood Plan has an important role in making sure that there are sufficient and adequate services in the village to meet the needs of current and future residents' this would include sufficient and sustainable healthcare facilities and services. The local plan also contains Policy COM 04 as stated in the draft neighbourhood plan, which helps to minimise the loss of community facilities and promotes the creation, enhancement and expansion of facilities.

In terms of housing, there are yet to be 79 additional dwellings identified with 124 committed through planning permissions, some of which may have been developed out already and some that may not yet have started. With those still to start and those awaiting planning permission, there will be a significant proportion of population growth in the area. This growth is likely to impact on the healthcare services in the area and may require the enhancement and expansion of facilities as stated in the local plan.

Conclusion

The ICS would welcome the addition of a simple statement to confirm that Necton Parish Council will support the ICS in ensuring suitable and sustainable provision of healthcare services across all health sectors for the residents of Necton through the utilisation of developer contributions as and when planning applications are submitted for the neighbourhood and surrounding area.

If unmitigated, the impact of developments on healthcare services in and around the Necton neighbourhood plan area would become unsustainable, including that of Primary care, Community care, Mental health, Acute care and the Ambulance service.

If you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Strategic Estates team.

Yours faithfully,

NHS Norfolk & Waveney - Strategic Estates