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Dear Sir / Madam,

Yaxham Neighbourhood Plan 2024-2036 (Reg 16)

Introduction

Thank you for consulting the Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care System (ICS) strategic estates workstream on the Yaxham 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, and Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust.

Existing Healthcare Position Proximate to the Proposed Development Plan Area

The local Primary Care Network (PCN) that covers the health needs of the Yaxham Neighbourhood area residents, is the Mid-Norfolk PCN, this 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.

Yaxham Neighbourhood plan area is positioned between Shipdham, Mattishall and Dereham. Alongside the service providers listed in the introduction, and in terms of physical infrastructure local to Yaxham residents, this is covered by Shipdham Surgery, Orchard & Theatre Royal Surgery (Dereham) and Mattishall Surgery as the GP practices with catchments covering this area. There are also 6 pharmacies and 3 dental practices that serve the population of Yaxham in surrounding areas.

Demand and capacity data indicates that Shipdham, Mattishall and Theatre Royal Surgeries are all currently in floorspace deficit for the amount of registered patients they have, with Orchard Surgery having some capacity with regards to floorspace, however with further housing growth in the area planned via the Breckland local plan this capacity will be quickly absorbed.

Review and Assessment of the Proposed Development Plan

With the amount of growth planned for Yaxham in addition to surrounding areas, this will have a cumulative effect on health care infrastructure which is already constrained, especially when looking at growth outside of the plan area, most notably south of Dereham and Mattishall. As highlighted in the Parish Consultation responses part D, it is a concern for local residents to ensure sustainable development and access to local facilities including GP practices.

The above is further supported in Paragraph 2.2 where residents have strongly indicated a need for services and infrastructure to meet current demands and those that will arise as a cumulative issue from the Mattishall-Yaxham-South Dereham corridor. There was also an 87% vote for medical facilities to support housing growth.

Parish Action Points PAP 1 & 7 relate to critical infrastructure and lists GP surgeries and Dentists as action points whereby Yaxham Parish Council and other groups within the parish will work with other Parish and Town Councils to lobby/work with Breckland District Council, and any other relevant Authorises and Providers, to address issues related to them. It is also noted that in a small rural parish such as Yaxham, its residents are dependent on services provided by a myriad of providers beyond the parish boundaries, including health/medical. The ICS welcome this approach as support for ensuring sustainable health services for the neighbourhood plan area residents and surrounding population.

The ICS strategic estates team would like the neighbourhood plan to include support towards health infrastructure in the nearby area by way of Community Infrastructure Levy as and when required.

Conclusion

The ICS would welcome the Yaxham Parish Councils support in ensuring suitable and sustainable provision of healthcare services across all health sectors for the residents in the plan area, by supporting healthcare in the neighbouring parishes, through the utilisation of local CIL (community infrastructure levy) contributions as and when improvements to healthcare capacity are required. This would help to meet key aim 5.14 objective 1.

There is currently very limited infrastructure capacity at the local GP practices to absorb the population growth expected from the allocated development sites in Yaxham and the wider surrounding area, the cumulative effect of housing in South Dereham and Mattishall on the health infrastructure could be unsustainable including that of Primary care, Community care, Mental Health care, Acute care and the Ambulance service.

Yours faithfully,

NHS Norfolk & Waveney - Strategic Estates