

NEWTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – REGULATION 16 VERSION

RESPONSE BY NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL TO REPRESENTATIONS MADE AT REGULATION 16 STAGE

12TH MAY 2021

Newton Parish Council (NPC) has reviewed the representations made at Regulation 16 stage and has the following responses where it considers this would assist the Examiner:

Representation	Response by Newton Parish Council
<p>Suffolk County Council Inclusion of wording in NEWT3 relating to adaptable and accessible homes.</p>	<p>NPC acknowledges that it would be appropriate to include reference to accessible homes and agrees that this would be most suitable in NEWT3. However, it would also observe that the emerging Joint Local Plan (now at Examination in Public Stage, starting on 21st June) has a policy (Policy LP06) requiring provision of Part M4(2) housing in its Regulation 19 Submission version. It is therefore questionable as to the value of including this in Policy NEWT3 when it is likely to be superseded by the expected adoption of the Joint Local Plan in due course.</p>
<p>Suffolk Wildlife Trust Policy NEWT7 should reference safeguarding protected species, as well as Priority Habitats and Species as listed within The Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 from future development.</p> <p>All future development proposals should apply the mitigation hierarchy to reduce, as far as possible, negative effects on biodiversity. This should therefore be referenced within Policy Newt 7 to ensure that future development will not have a negative effect on the area's biodiversity and will deliver a biodiversity net gain.</p>	<p>NPC is supportive of both suggested improvements to Policy NEWT7.</p>

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<p>Mr Baldwin Map 4 (Newton Character Areas) is incorrect.</p>	<p>The purpose of the Character Area Assessment is to consider the different areas across the parish in terms of their uses, architecture and feel. The boundaries between character areas are not intended to necessarily represent precise boundaries where specific types of land use (or ownership) change. The titles given to each character area are necessarily broad, the purpose being to distinguish between them. It is acknowledged that certain parts of the Recreational Open Space CA are not open to the public but that is not directly relevant to the exercise of establishing character.</p>