Leavenheath Neighbourhood Plan steering group response to Regulation 16 representations, November 2022

(1) Suffolk County Council	 Policy LEAV2: Local Green Spaces Suggest Design Code is amended to add in reference to documents or amend LEAV9 Amend para 1.2 Add in para to section 5.2 Amend para 5.1.3 Amend policy LEAV10 Amend policy LEAV4 Amend policy LEAV7 Not sure about amending LEAV2 and 12 All others
(2) Babergh District Council	Go through
(3) Natural England	No changes suggested
(4) Historic England	No changes suggested
(5) National Highways	No changes suggested
(6) Anglian Water	 LEAV2? LEAV4 – reference SuDS Design code?
(7) Water Management Alliance	No changes suggested
(8) Marine Management Organisation	No changes suggested
(9) Defence Infrastructure Orga	No changes suggested
(10) Resident – McConnell, K	The concerned individuals have had the opportunity to engage throughout the Neighbourhood Plan process and with the Parish
(11) Resident – McConnell, M	Council who have extensively listened to their viewpoints. This is perhaps best evidenced within the 5 th January 2022 Leavenheath Parish Council meeting. Within the public forum the landowners raised concerns to the Parish Council in respect of the lack of engagement by the Neighbourhood Plan group and concerns with the decision to include the piece of land in question. The landowners were able to provide the Parish Council with a bundle of all papers they wished them to consider before voting on whether

to submit the Neighbourhood Plan to Babergh District Council. In order to properly consider all the papers submitted by the landowners, the Parish Council agreed to conduct a vote on the Plan at the February meeting. The Councillors were able to reflect on the documents and thoroughly review them between meetings.

At the 2nd February 2022 Parish Council meeting within the public forum the landowners (who have consistently attended Parish Council meetings and able to utilise the public forum) urged the Parish Council not to approve the Neighbourhood Plan unless the piece of land was removed. They were concerned that the two members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group who are also Parish Councillors had a conflict of interest. The Parish Council minutes reflect that the two Parish Councillors/Neighbourhood Plan members abstained from the vote out of an abundance of caution, not because they considered there to be any conflict of interest but wanted the landowners to feel the vote was not procedurally unfair/bias in anyway. The vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan as submitted carried 4-1.