

## Minor Amendments to Core Strategy B

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### Part 2 Minor Amendments to Core Strategy

**B.0.1** The Core Strategy was adopted in July 2011 and has formed part of the Development Plan for the area since then, informing planning decisions. The role of this Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan is to implement the broad policies in the Core Strategy and not to rewrite or review it. However in the course of using the Core Strategy it has become apparent that the small amendments detailed below would aid its ease of use, and clarify the original intentions.

#### Core Strategy Policy CS02 – Settlement Hierarchy

**B.0.2** This adopted policy establishes a hierarchy of settlements, based to a large extent on the existing pattern of growth and the availability of services and facilities, in order to ensure new growth is appropriately distributed and the best opportunities of supporting existing and new businesses and community facilities is realised. There are aspects of Core Strategy Policy CS02 the Council considers require adjustment.

- a. The settlement of Emneth was identified (with Walsoken) by the Core Strategy as a 'settlement adjacent to (the town of) Wisbech'. At that time it was envisaged that the major housing allocation(s) for the Wisbech Fringe could well be, at least in part, within the Parish of Emneth. If that happened, it was considered, it would not be appropriate for the parish to receive further development on top of this. However, the work done subsequently has concluded that the Wisbech fringe allocation should be wholly outside Emneth Parish (see Wisbech Fringe section F.3 below). It is therefore considered more appropriate to categorise the village of Emneth as a 'Key Rural Service Centre' based on its continuing separation from Wisbech and its size and range of services and facilities.
- b. There is a typographical error under 'Key Rural Service Centres, which prematurely ends and then restarts as a new sentence. A correction would clarify the text.
- c. The settlement of Blackborough End was inadvertently omitted from the original hierarchy. It is proposed to rectify this by designation of Blackborough End as one of the 'Smaller Villages and Hamlets', this being commensurate with the size of the settlement and its modest facilities.

**B.0.3** The relevant text of the existing policy and the intended changes are shown below in italic script. Omitted but unchanged text from the original Core Strategy Policy is shown as ellipses . . . .; proposed changes in **bold** ; added text underlined ; and deleted text ~~struck through~~ .

#### ***CS02 The Settlement Hierarchy***

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#### ***Settlements adjacent to King's Lynn and the main towns***

- ***Emneth (adjacent Wisbech)***
- North Wootton
- South Wootton

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- Walsoken (adjacent Wisbech)
- West Winch

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### **Key Rural Service Centres**

- Brancaster with Brancaster Staithe/Burnham Deepdale
- Burnham Market
- Castle Acre
- Dersingham
- Docking
- East Rudham
- Feltwell and Hockwold cum Wilton
- **Emneth**
- Great Massingham
- Gayton, Grimston and Pott Row
- Heacham
- Marham
- Methwold with Northwold
- Snettisham
- Stoke Ferry
- Terrington St. Clement
- Terrington St. John with St. John's Highway/Tilney St. Lawrence
- Upwell/Outwell
- Watlington
- West Walton/Walton Highway

*Limited growth of a scale and nature appropriate to secure the sustainability of each settlement, will be supported within the Development Limits of the Key Rural Service Centres, in ~~in~~ accordance with Policy CS06 Development in rural areas.*

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### **Smaller Villages and Hamlets**

- Anmer
- Bagthorpe with Barmer
- Barroway Drove
- Barton Bendish
- Barwick
- Bawsey
- Bircham Newton
- **Blackborough End**
- Boughton

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- *Brookville*
- *Burnham Norton*
- *Burnham Overy Town*
- *Burnham Thorpe*
- *Choseley*
- *Congham*
- *Crimplesham*
- *East Walton*
- *Fordham*
- *Fring*
- *Gayton Thorpe*
- *Hay Green*
- *Holme next the Sea*
- *Lakesend*
- *Leziate*
- *Little Massingham*
- *Methwold Hythe*
- *New Houghton*
- *Nordelph*
- *North Creake*
- *North Runcton*
- *Pentney*
- *Ringstead*
- *Roydon*
- *Ryston*
- *Saddlebow*
- *Salters Lode*
- *Setchey*
- *Shernborne*
- *Shouldham Thorpe*
- *South Creake*
- *Stanhoe*
- *Stow Bardolph*
- *Stow Bridge*
- *Tilney cum Islington*
- *Titchwell*
- *Tottenhill*
- *Tottenhill Row*
- *West Acre*
- *West Bilney*
- *West Dereham*
- *West Rudham*
- *Whittington*

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- *Wiggenhall St Mary the Virgin*
- *Wolferton*
- *Wretton*

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### CS 06 Amendment

#### Rural Areas - Policy CS06

**B.0.4** The Council will continue to encourage a strong hierarchy of rural settlements by developing competitive, diverse and thriving rural enterprise that supports a range of jobs. Rural settlements provide essential services and facilities to serve visitors to the Borough as well as the local communities. This includes the retention of rural employment opportunities.

**B.0.5** The fourth paragraph of the adopted policy has the word 'not' omitted in error. It is considered that the Policy intention is not in doubt, but the wording should be clearer to avoid confusion and aid effectiveness, and this should be changed as indicated below. The sense is retained but it clarifies that evidence should be provided as to why a potential mixed use could not be instigated to continue to offer local employment.

**B.0.6** The relevant text of the existing policy and the intended changes are shown below. Omitted text is shown as ellipses . . . . ; proposed changes in **b old** ; with added text underlined ; and deleted text ~~struck through~~ .

#### Core Strategy Policy CS06 - Development in Rural Areas

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Within all centres and villages, priority will be given to retaining local business sites unless it can be clearly demonstrated that continued use for employment (including tourism or leisure) of the site is economically unviable, or cannot overcome an overriding environmental objection, or a mixed use ~~can~~ could not continue to provide local employment opportunities and also meet other local needs.

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