



Representation Form

Consultation on Schedule of Main Modifications Part 1, August 2024

Closing date for submitting representations: 11:59pm, Wednesday, 2nd October 2024

Part A

Section 1: Contact information

	Respondent details	Agent details (where applicable)
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Organisation (where relevant):		
Address:		
Postcode:		
Telephone:		
Email:		

Part B

Please fill in a separate form for each site and/ or policy

Section 2: Representations

Which Main Modification are you responding on?

Main Modification (MM) ref	Local Plan Paragraph ref	Local Plan Policy ref (if applicable)	Policy title (as applicable)
MM5		New Policy	Spatial Strategy

To which test of soundness does your representation relate?

The Local Plan 2021-2040 is currently under examination by Planning Inspectors, appointed by the Secretary of State). The Inspectors will assess the proposed Main Modifications against the soundness tests. Please indicate whether you consider the proposed Main Modification about which you are responding is:

	[Please tick appropriate box]	YES	NO
Legally compliant?			
Complies with the Duty to cooperate?			
Positively prepared (i.e. seeks to meet the area’s objectively assessed needs)?	X		
Justified (an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence)?	X		
Effective (i.e. deliverable over the plan period)?	X		
Consistent with national policy (National Planning Policy Framework: National Planning Policy Framework (publishing.service.gov.uk))?			

Summary of Comments:

Please give details of why you consider the proposed Main Modification that you are commenting on is sound (“Yes”) or unsound (“No”), with reference to the tests above. Please be as precise as possible.

The Introduction to the New Policy on Spatial Strategy does not include the Wisbech Fringe as one of the most sustainable locations for development. This is unsound given the location as part (in practical terms) of the larger market town of Wisbech. We consider the modification is unsound without this inclusion, given the rationale of the approach in para 2 of the introduction. The extension to Wisbech is based on the sustainability of the location and the plan wording should fully reflect this, and the fact that the allocation is 500 within a larger cross political border extension of 1550 to a very sustainable town.

This only clarifies what is set out within the paragraph on the settlement hierarchy Tier 2 which specifically mentions Wisbech fringe in its second paragraph.

Given this is a newly drafted policy it is the first opportunity consultees have had to comment on the wording and context.

We maintain our objection to the deletion of the Growth Key Rural Service Centre Tier within the Settlement Hierarchy, and consider that , particularly in relation to Watlington, which as the only settlement apart from Kings Lynn and Downham Market main towns within the district with a rail connection, an opportunity to make use of a sustainable transport link is being missed. We made significant reference in hearing statements to the fact that many from West Winch are likely to

drive to Watlington to catch a train and remain firmly of the view that an increased position in the Settlement Hierarchy and a commensurate greater allocation within the village would be a better sustainability outcome.

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.)

Please note you should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify your comments.

Section 4: Data Protection

The Main Modifications consultations form the final stage(s) of the plan-making process for the Local Plan 2021-2040. Do you wish to be notified further about the Local Plan, at either of the following stages?

Publication of Inspector's Report (anticipated January 2025)?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adoption of Local Plan (anticipated February 2025)?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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When you give consent for us to process data, you have the right to withdraw that consent at any time. If you wish to withdraw your consent, you must notify us at lpr@west-norfolk.gov.uk or 01553 616200.

Section 5: Signature and Date of Representation

Please sign and date below:	
Signature: (electronic signatures are acceptable)	

Date:	24/09/2024
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Please note the following:

To be considered, your representation will need to be received by 11:59pm on Wednesday, 2nd October 2024.

The Main Modifications are being consulted upon in two parts. The Part 1 consultation covers all aspects of the Local Plan except Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, which will be subject to a separate Main Modifications (Part 2) consultation during autumn 2024.