

Hingham Neighbourhood Development Plan – Proposed Modifications to Policy HING9

Examiner's Clarification Note

This Note sets out my initial comments on the proposed modifications to Policy HING9 of the Plan. It also sets out areas where it would be helpful to have some further clarification. Matters of clarification are entirely normal at this early stage of the examination process.

Initial Comments

The proposed modifications to Policy HING9 are helpfully underpinned by the various technical studies.

Points for Clarification

I have read the submitted documents and the representations made to the Plan. I have also visited the neighbourhood area for a second time. I am now able to raise issues for clarification with the Town Council.

The comments made on the points in this Note will be used to assist in the preparation of the examination report and in recommending any changes that may be necessary to the proposed modifications to Policy HING9 to ensure that it meets the basic conditions.

The proposed modified policy

I note the relationship between the first three criteria in the policy and revised paragraphs 8.24 and 8.25 of the supporting text. Is there any update on the position as described in paragraph 8.25?

The policy comments about a mix of community use and that development on the site will be brought forward using a master-planning approach co-ordinated by Hingham Town Council. In this context does the Town Council have any further information about the extent to which the proposed package of uses on the site would be developed at the same time, or, if not, the order in which the uses listed in the policy would be brought forward should the Plan be made and planning permission be granted?

The Town Council's representation

The Town Council's representation on the proposed modifications to the policy comments that 'the provision of a car park would work in conjunction with parking restrictions (including timed parking and accessible parking) within the town centre, therefore reducing parking congestion and making for a safer highway environment.'

Are proposals for parking restrictions in the town centre currently being considered or programmed for consideration?

Representations

Does the Town Council wish to comment on any of the representations made to the Plan?

The examination provides an opportunity for the Town Council to supplement its own representation in response to the representation from Norfolk County Council should it wish to do so.

Protocol for responses

I would be grateful for responses to the questions raised by 28 July 2025. Please let me know if this timetable may be challenging to achieve. It is intended to maintain the momentum of the examination.

If certain responses are available before others, I would be happy to receive the information on a piecemeal basis. Irrespective of how the information is assembled, please could it come to me directly from South Norfolk Council. In addition, please can all responses make direct reference to the policy or the matter concerned.

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