

South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan Examination

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Dear Mr Banham

SOUTH NORFOLK VILLAGE CLUSTERS HOUSING ALLOCATIONS PLAN EXAMINATION

In response to my Guidance Note and Matters, Issues and Questions issued on 10 October 2025, Annette Feeney the Programme Officer has now supplied me with details of those who wish to attend the examination hearings and electronic copies of all the hearing statements that have been prepared.

In the light of the response I have now drawn up the proposed programme for the hearings which is attached. There may need to be some minor adjustments in due course, but as you can see the bulk of the discussion should be completed in the first week between Tuesday and Thursday 13 to 15 January 2026. I propose a follow up session on Tuesday 27 January to discuss the remaining clusters without any other registered participants, for which the arrangements should be the same with the scope for interested parties to observe. It seems unlikely that the third week commencing 10 February will be needed.

Thank you for the latest Statement of Common Ground with Historic England. Should the allocations concerned be satisfactory in all other respects and progress to inclusion in the final plan I am minded to accept the various amendments that have been agreed. Should other hearing participants have contrary views it would be helpful if they could be raised at the hearings for consideration.

Thank you for the Council's statements which are very helpful. Can I just ask for some further detail for each prospective allocation in respect of the proximity of village services and facilities (the answer to Question d in each case). Please supply an accurate distance by road to each facility listed and show the location of each on suitable mapping. I suggest the inclusion of symbols on the VCHAP Digital Map (B.1MAP).

Can the proposed programme and hearing statements be put on the examination website for information together with a copy of this letter. I will ask the Programme Officer to circulate them to hearing participants.

I look forward to meeting you on Tuesday 13 January 2026.

Yours sincerely

David Reed

INSPECTOR