

The Greater Norwich Local Plan draft Statement of Consultation

Recommendation

The Board recommends that the constituent authorities note the content of this report and its appendix which provides a detailed summary of responses made to the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) Regulation 18 Growth Options consultation in early 2018. The appendix is the first draft of the Statement of Consultation which will be submitted to the Secretary of State with the GNLP.

Report

1. In June 2018 the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP) considered high level feedback on the Regulation 18 consultation on the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP). The consultation was held between January and March 2018.
2. The high level feedback report covered the consultation process and key issues raised through it. It also stated that more detailed feedback would be reported in September / October 2018 when the draft Statement of Consultation would be produced. When complete, the Statement of Consultation will provide the main record of consultation on the GNLP for the Inspector to consider when the plan is examined.
3. Appendix 1 to this report is the first draft of the Statement of Consultation. This draft covers the Growth Options element of the consultation and provides an overview and summaries of the responses received to the questions in the Growth Options document. In some cases, the overviews repeat the high level issues reported in June. Organisations are named in relation to specific comments, but individuals are not. Appendix 1 is available from the September 2018 section at <http://www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/planning/greater-norwich-local-plan/>
4. The draft Statement of Consultation will be added to as consultation progresses to include information on further consultations undertaken and summaries of the comments made on:
 - a. The sites submitted for consideration. This will include both those consulted on early in 2018 and those to be consulted on shortly (see the Focussed Sites Consultation report on this agenda);
 - b. The Interim Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and evidence base;
 - c. The Regulation 18 draft plan, which will be consulted on in Autumn 2019.

5. Summaries of the consultation comments already received on the Site Proposals document, the Interim SA and the evidence base are available from the “Have Your Say” tab of the GNLP consultation website here. Members will be informed at the GNDP meeting when full consultation comments will be available on the website for all documents.
6. As this stage of the draft Statement of Consultation, no comments are made on behalf of the councils on the representations made. However, all comments have been noted and relevant actions will be considered through strategy and policy development and site selection. Overall, the draft Statement of Consultation document provides important feedback to enable the strategy and policies for the GNLP to be developed further.