

NORFOLK NON-STATUTORY STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

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Foreword

Foreword by chair of forum

Introduction

Why the Norfolk Strategic Framework (NSF) has been produced.

Area and authorities covered.

How it is used and period covered (2012 to 2036)

Each of the Authorities have agreed to the content of this framework and have collectively agreed to have regard to it in preparing their Local Plans.

Using this document

How to use the document

Spatial Portrait

Overview of the area that the framework covers, major settlements, hierarchy of settlements and any links to the neighbouring areas/ cross boundaries.

Overview of diverse natural environment within Norfolk – areas of particular importance e.g The Norfolk Broads and the Brecks plus AONB and internationally designated wildlife sites

Overview of the Norfolk economy and its key strengths

Summary of housing affordability areas within Norfolk

Summary of the current transport network and any key issues that need consideration to help sustainable development up until 2036 including road and rail improvements, mainline to London and local lines eg proposed rail-halt on Bittern Line

Key issues the area is likely to face by 2036 – population rise, climate change, coastal erosion, flooding, water supply, Population growth, household projections and jobs growth based on (EEFM)

Spatial Vision

What is the overall spatial vision for the area for 2036 (to include Norfolk, Suffolk and the wider region as necessary) and to identify and describe the key drivers and constraints in relation to growth. To include a spatial portrait and overall direction of travel addressing:

- *Quality of life - good quality jobs, homes, environment and essential services and community facilities*
- *Response to challenge of climate change*
- *Key headlines in terms of what is being aimed for in relation to role of settlements*
- *Key growth locations.*

Shared Vision for Norfolk

Shared vision of:

- *Environmental quality of Norfolk*
 - *Economy*
 - *Regeneration*
 - *Housing*
 - *Infrastructure*
 - *Social inclusion*
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Housing

Introduction.

Information about sufficient homes of the right type, are built in the right locations, and at the right time to address all existing and newly arising needs for homes.

Demand - Quantity of Homes

What is the Objectively Assessed Need?

Information about the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) for homes within defined Housing Market Areas (HMAs) – Central Norfolk, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, and Great Yarmouth

Table of OAN identified in published Strategic Housing Market Assessments.

Highlight that each authority where desirable will aim to deliver at least OAN as identified in the most up to date evidence. LPAS expect to be able to accommodate their OAN, except possibly for Norwich where sufficient development sites may not be able to be identified within the City boundary.

Information about the Norwich Policy Area GNDP process.

Supply and Delivery

Table of Housing Land Supply.

Distribution of homes

Distribution of housing growth between District Council administrative areas including constraints to growth and how could these be addressed. Can each Council address its needs in a sustainable way and if not what alternatives have been considered and agreed?

Types of Homes –Tenure, size and design

Information on types and tenures including possible shared approaches to meeting affordable needs.

Information on:

Aging population need,

Gypsies and travellers

Student accommodation.

Efficiency of homes

Information about where the homes will go - urban extension, new settlements.

Source

SHMAs and other evidence will be drawn together to derive an agreed Housing Growth Strategy.

HELAS completed to a consistent methodology and open to mutual scrutiny and challenge across the entire area covered by the Framework. Work to be undertaken by relevant LPA staff to an agreed timeframe.

Housing Delivery

Delivery to date

Numbers of houses built

Requirement for rolling five year supply of sufficient deliverable sites to meet identified housing targets, address any historical shortfalls and provide for a buffer of either 5% or 20% of additional deliverable supply.

Norfolk Authorities consider that the starting point for assessing housing delivery should be over the long term (the entirety of the remaining plan period).

Housing demand and need

Levels of housing each authority has agreed

Areas of expected growth

Is the development market in the area likely to be sufficiently strong to support delivery of the growth needs identified in a sustainable manner?

Is any further stimulus necessary to deliver?

High level market forces/viability assessment focussing on issues associated with strategic scale growth proposals as opposed to more dispersed/smaller scale development.

Infrastructure

Any key infrastructure constraints or opportunities (physical, social and/or environmental) which are likely to impede growth or influence its distribution at a strategic scale.

A coordinated approach will be taken to the timely provision and ongoing maintenance of infrastructure, services, facilities to support development.

Analysis of current evidence base to identify possible constraints and opportunities, and whether further work is necessary to inform high level strategy.

Information about having a coordinated approach to providing the infrastructure required to support the growth and development of Norfolk.

Health

Background

Information about the current position and duty of authorities to ensure the health and wellbeing of the population, and health infrastructure is considered in plan making and decision making.

Information about the evidence on GPs and beds

Objectives

Highlight that development should facilitate a healthy lifestyle, ensuring that there is access to Primary healthcare.

Commitment to work with health authorities .

Electricity

Background

Information about the current provision of Energy, particularly electricity is fundamental to Housing and Economic growth and energy consumers require access to reliable energy supplies.

Housing and employment growth will put a greater strain on the electricity network with many of the primary substations in Norfolk already reaching capacity.

Strategic issues

Identify locations where housing and employment growth will require strategic enhancement of the electricity supply network.

Detailed location and timetable of where investment required

Map of current Norfolk Infrastructure

Objectives

Highlight continued working with UK Power Networks and other partners to overcome current constraints

Promote new developments which minimise energy use.

Water

Background

Information about the current position - one of the driest parts of the UK, growth in housing and employment will significantly increase water demand. The area's large agricultural sector is also dependent on water availability in the summer. Water quality is crucial, due to the number of protected sites relying on high water quality, including the Broads

Anglian Water's Water resources management plan to 2040 demonstrates how sufficient water for future growth will be provided and therefore water supply not a strategic constraint to development.

Strategic issues

The disposal of waste water can be more challenging and impacts decisions on the location and phasing of growth.

Capacity of sewage works

Capacity of receiving water courses and quality of outputs.

Objectives

Co-ordinated approach to water through water cycle studies to address water supply, quality, waste water treatment and flood risk. High standards of water efficiency should be achieved in new development and flood risk assessments should be used effectively to ensure development is located appropriately.

Agreed distributions of growth that avoids cumulative detrimental impact on the most sensitive water courses (Wensum, Broads)

Flooding and surface water

Background

Information about the current position - Much of the Norfolk coastline is reliant on flood defences to minimise flood risk to existing development. This area is assessed as being at high risk of flooding from rivers or tidal sources

Strategic issues

MAP of Constraints

Key areas development is impacted by the risk.

Objectives

Take a co-ordinated approach to flood risk. Flood risk assessments should be used effectively to ensure development is located appropriately.

Developers will work with the relevant public authorities in minimising flood risk.

Green infrastructure and the Environment

Background

Information about the current position and how green infrastructure helps create high quality places where people want to live and work.

Strategic issues

Information about enhancing green infrastructure to facilitate and support growth.

Objectives

An agreed strategic GI network which aids in coordinating cross-boundary investment

Roads, rail and public transport

Background

Information about the current position covering

Norfolk's two trunk roads and largely rural, single carriageway network

Norfolk's limited rail network

Norwich International Airport

Great Yarmouth port

Walking and cycling

Public transport

Strategic issues

Information about poor transport connectivity and congestion areas

Objectives

How best to enhance transport provision and putting growth where the best transport utilities are.

Norwich in 90.

Qualitative improvements to rail network.

Commitment to pursue improvements to A47.

Education

Background

Information about the current position and that Norfolk's school population will grow considerably in the next 10-15 years.

Objectives

Ensuring a sufficient supply of school places and land for school expansion or new schools and working with strategic partners.

Telecommunication

Background

Information about the current position and how Improving broadband in Norfolk is considered key to the sustainable economic development of the County.

Objectives

Improve broadband reliability

Alleviate not spots

Introduce 5G

Delivering the objectives

Information about how to improve services which could require further base and booster stations to provide adequate coverage.

Economy

Background

The strengths and weaknesses of the local economy, likely growth areas, patterns of distribution and inter-relationships. Reference to the SEP and investment/economic strategies.

Overview of the past and current employment rates across the NSF area

Map of Key Growth Areas

Objectives

Objectives for Norfolk eg Promote Economic Development and encourage development that supports the growth and development initiatives, appropriate infrastructure to attract and retain businesses, raise the profile of Norfolk as a high quality place to do business and to work.

Strategic Issues

Strategic Employment Sites

Strategic employment sites have been agreed through joint activity on economic development and inward investment.

Table of Key Strategic Employment sites

Functional Economic Market Areas

Information about Travel To Work Areas, Retail catchments, Concentrations of economic activity

Key Issues

Information about key Norfolk strategic issues:

- *Lower skilled workforce and poor educational attainment*
- *Ageing population*
- *Rural and urban deprivation*
- *Market Viability*

Significant cross-boundary planning matters related to the economy

Information about key areas including Greater Norwich, A11 Corridor, A47 Route, Offshore Energy Sector / Ports of Great Yarmouth & Lowestoft, The Broads, Norfolk Coast – Tourism, Norfolk/Lincs/Cambs Boundary, Norwich Northern Distributor Road, Rural development

Objectives

An overarching spatial planning response to the economic issues identified above.

Future growth

Overview of key economic growth sectors

Availability of good supply employment land across the area

Enterprise zones

Identification of indicative job growth targets and land supply implications/spatial implications for planning policy.

Employment Growth/Needs Study.

Education establishments' role including further education and universities

Delivery challenges

Barriers to delivery of the objectives highlighted in this report and how they may be addressed.

Preferred spatial strategy and strategic priorities

Identify medium to long term spatially specific development that is needed to deliver the overarching objectives. Including any strategic infrastructure requirements.

Include identification of:

- Wide spatial strategy- urban concentration, expansion, dispersal etc.
- Strategic growth locations- including the need to consider planned new settlements
- Key interventions needs to delivery strategy (especially on economy/EZs and infrastructure)

Investigate and explain the other (non-infrastructure) barriers to growth and solutions to this.

Policy Lines to Support

Policies which all authorities can support to help the delivery of the objectives.