

## Correspondence for June 2022 PAE

### 12.1 From ESC: Adoption of affordable housing SPP

Dear Sir/Madam

#### **Adoption of Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document**

East Suffolk Council has adopted a new Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on 3rd May 2022. The Affordable Housing SPD provides guidance to support the implementation of planning policies relating to affordable housing.

The Affordable Housing SPD replaces the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (May 2012) that covers the former Waveney area and the Supplementary Planning Guidance 2 Affordable Housing (July 2004) for the former Suffolk Coastal area.

The SPD was subject to two rounds of consultation during its production. The Consultation Statement contains summaries of the responses received and how these have informed the preparation and finalisation of the SPD.

The Affordable Housing SPD, Consultation Statement, Adoption Statement and other supporting documents are available to view on the East Suffolk Council website at [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy-and-local-plans/supplementary-planning-documents/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy-and-local-plans/supplementary-planning-documents/)

Physical copies of documents are also available to view at the Council's Customer Service Centres (see [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/contact-us/customer-services/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/contact-us/customer-services/) for details) and in libraries across the district. Should you have any difficulties in accessing copies of the document you can contact us on 01394 444557 or email [planningpolicy@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@eastsuffolk.gov.uk) and we will aim to assist you.

The Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Opinion relating to the SPD can also be requested by email or in hard copy by emailing or phoning the Planning Policy and Delivery Team on the contact details above.

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Yours faithfully,

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## 12.2 From ESC: invitation to comment of air quality report

### Good Morning,

We would like to offer you the chance to view and comment on a new air quality report for the Woodbridge Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) which recommends that this AQMA should now be revoked. A summary of the Woodbridge AQMA Revocation Assessment is attached, and the full report can be viewed on the Council's website within Appendix G of our 2021 Annual Status Report [East-Suffolk-Council-ASR-2021.pdf \(eastsuffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

The Woodbridge AQMA was declared in 2006 for exceedance of the annual mean nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) air quality objective (set at 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>). The Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) published for the AQMA considered 79 options with 20 put forward for potential implementation.

NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations within the AQMA began to fall in 2006, and from 2014 have now been below the air quality objective for seven consecutive years. Following instruction from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), a revocation assessment was undertaken to confirm whether revocation is the correct course of action for the AQMA. This was sent to Defra within the 2021 Air Quality Annual Status Report for the district.

The assessment considers national, regional and local factors and predicts future NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations within the AQMA for a 5-year period using both 2019 and 2020 measurements. It concludes that there is confidence the Woodbridge AQMA can be revoked and recommends that this should happen in line with Defra requirements.

The findings of this assessment have received approval from Defra, who advised that East Suffolk Council should now proceed with the revocation. The revocation assessment was taken to the Council's Cabinet meeting on 3 May 2022 where they unanimously accepted the next steps – to proceed with a public Consultation and give delegated authority to the Head of Environmental Services and Port Health and Cllr James Mallinder (Cabinet Member for the Environment) to consider the consultation responses, liaise with Defra and, if appropriate, approve the revocation order.

**We are now seeking, and would welcome, comments on the Woodbridge AQMA Revocation Assessment report and the intention of the Council to revoke this AQMA.**

You can email your views and comments to [environmental.protection@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.protection@eastsoffolk.gov.uk) . Please include the words "Woodbridge AQMA" in the subject line of your email.

We may not be able to reply directly to every consultation response, but please be assured all comments received will be taken into account in the final decision. Responses will be anonymised and published (in summary format if necessary). **The final date for return of comments on the revocation is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

Yours sincerely,



Denise Lavender (Mrs)

Environmental Protection Officer

### **12.3 Thank you email from resident re Victoria Mill Road**

Dear Eileen,

Please pass on our thanks to the FTC Planning Committee for all their efforts and support with the Victoria Mill Road planning application. A great outcome yesterday & the right decision for Fram, our Neighbourhood Plan & our ACVs! Particular thanks to Cllrs Garrett & Higham for all their hard work - it really is much appreciated. Best wishes,