Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Examination

Note on proposed modifications to SCLP12.1 Neighbourhood Plans

1. This note responds to the Inspector’s comments in relation to Policy SCLP12.1 Neighbourhood Plans within the review of the table of modifications that has been prepared by the Council to identify amendments to the plan.

2. Following the comments of the Inspector, the Council acknowledges that there is an inconsistency between the final paragraph of the policy and the table and second paragraph within the policy. The Council’s Matter 3 SCLP12.1 – SCLP12.33 Statement (August 2019) proposed modifications to Policy SCLP12.1 for consistency with the Planning Practice Guidance which following an update states that where housing numbers are set as indicative numbers, these will need to be re-tested at the Examination of Neighbourhood Plans. Whilst modifications were proposed to the second paragraph and the table within the policy, a modification to the final paragraph was omitted and is therefore put forward through this note.

3. Modifications are shown in strikethrough for deleted text and in underline for additional text. The Council will include these revisions in the schedule of modifications that has been collated as part of the Examination.

Modification to final paragraph of Policy SCLP12.1:

“Where new Neighbourhood Plan areas are designated, indicative minimum housing requirements will be based on a range of factors including the location of the settlement in relation to the strategy of the Local Plan, the position of the settlement in the settlement hierarchy and any known significant constraints to development.”