

**Examination into the Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South
Norfolk produced by the Greater Norwich Development Partnership
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STATEMENT – HOVETON PARISH COUNCIL

INTRODUCTION

(A) Hoveton (population 1,800) is a village in North Norfolk. Wroxham is on the south bank of The River Bure and Hoveton is on the north bank.

(B) Hoveton is registered as a Service Village in North Norfolk's Local Development Framework with the prospect of some 150 dwellings.

(C) Wroxham is registered as a Key Service Centre in GNDP Joint Core Strategy.

Members of Hoveton Parish Council are not expert in finding their way around the comprehensive documents produced by GNDP over the past five years in relation to this Joint Core Strategy consultation. The layman finds the jargon and acronyms are difficult to follow. However, Hoveton Parish Council has followed the process very carefully and analytically.

Hoveton Parish Council states the following was not considered by the Joint Core Strategy Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk Working Party and the decisions made are, therefore, **unsound**.

Reference Public Consultation Document published March 2009.

Policy 7 Key Service Centres: Wroxham Pages 31 and 33

Overriding constraints regarding HIGHWAYS have not been addressed. Does not meet Soundness Test.

a. Traffic Surveys on A1151 in Wroxham for GNDP Joint Core Strategy were done before the theme park BeWilderwood opened in Hoveton. Visitor numbers for 2010 will be 200,000. Visitors travel by car to BeWilderwood from the Norwich direction along the A1151 through Wroxham and Hoveton.

Further traffic surveys required.

b. The bridge over the River Bure between Hoveton and Wroxham on the A1151 is a very narrow bailey-type bridge constructed over a 15th century ancient monument bridge. 15 mile an hour speed limit in place. Not mentioned in any of the GNDP JCS consultation documents.

c. Consultation documents don't say that Wroxham has only one shop (a florist!), no school, no medical centre, no pub. Residents of Wroxham rely on the services in Hoveton.

d. Traffic congestion during the tourist season and during morning and evening rush hour is horrendous. The proposed site for the GNDP housing development is at that the south end of Wroxham, approximately 2 miles from services in Hoveton. Residents are not going to walk 4 miles for the services. A1151 too busy and too dangerous for cyclists.

e. During traffic surveys for the North Norfolk District Council's LDF Environmental Health expressed "Concerns over marginal air quality and pollution levels in the centre of Hoveton. Increased traffic will cause air quality to fall below minimum standards." Further environmental survey required.

Signed

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