

Position statement on behalf of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership

Illustration of northern distributor road on updated Broadland proposals map

During the discussion on matter 1 B, the inspectors raised concerns about the illustration of the proposed Norwich Northern Distributor Road on the proposals maps for Broadland.

The route is indicated on the Key Diagram of the submitted joint core strategy (JCS), and it is intended to show the route on the relevant Proposals Map. Under the LDF regime, the adopted Proposals Map should be revised at the same time as any DPD is adopted, so as to illustrate geographically the application of the policies in the DPD.

The maps accompanying the pre-submission publication document showed the addition of the NDR route superimposed on the adopted Broadland proposals maps. This route represents the County Council's preferred scheme.

The JCS includes in appendix 3 (Superseded Policies And Changes To Local Plan Proposals Maps) a note explaining where these could be seen. The documents accompanying the pre-submission publication document also indicated where these could be seen, and they were included in a DVD produced to accompany the document. Any reader of the submission document would have been aware that changes to the proposals maps were being proposed, and have been able to see what was proposed.

In light of the discussion under matter 1 B, the inspectors asked the GNDP and constituent authorities to clarify what is intended. Having considered the inspectors questions, the following is suggested :

1. In the supporting text to policy 6, a new paragraph could be inserted following paragraph 5.44, to read " The corridor currently being protected for the Norwich Northern Distributor Road is shown as a revision to the adopted Broadland proposals maps."
2. The changes to the adopted proposals maps previously published could be made less specific. The Inspectors could recommend that they are amended by replacing the detailed scheme with a corridor extending

100m each side of the centre line of the proposal which was illustrated in the pre-submission proposals changes. This represents the area the County Council currently protects, and declares in response to land searches. The notation in the legend to the adopted Proposals Map would be that this was "Corridor for the proposed Norwich Northern Distributor Road".

Given that this would, in effect, be similar to the proposed changes that were submitted, and that this would translate the diagrammatic alignment shown on the key diagram and other illustrative material within the JCS onto the Broadland proposals maps, it is considered that these are minor changes.