Spixworth Neighbourhood Plan – Reg. 16 Publication Guidance Notes

Background

The Spixworth Neighbourhood Plan (Submission Draft) has been produced by a volunteer working group on behalf of Spixworth Parish Council, in consultation with residents, businesses, landowners, developers and other stakeholder organisations. The Spixworth Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led document for guiding the future development of the parish of Spixworth. It is about the use and development of land over a 20-year period, 2020-2039. The Neighbourhood Plan complements existing local and national planning policy, providing a valuable level of local detail attained through consultation with residents and businesses, as well as desk research. Should the plan become ‘made’ and adopted, Broadland District Council will use it, alongside existing Local Plans, to determine planning applications within the parish.


In accordance with the amended Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the local planning authority has made an initial assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan and the supporting documents and are satisfied that these comply with the specified criteria.

Consultation on the submitted Neighbourhood Plan

Broadland District Council has now published the submitted Neighbourhood Plan for public consultation, as required by Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). This consultation closes at 5.00pm on Friday 14th February 2020.

If you wish to view and make comments on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, please visit the Consultation Portal to submit your comments online.

Alternatively, you can view the document and supporting information at the following locations during office hours:

- **Broadland District Council’s website**: [www.broadland.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans](http://www.broadland.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans)
- **Broadland District Council offices**, Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Rd, Norwich, NR7 0DU
- **Sprowston Library**, Recreation Ground Road, Sprowston, Norwich, NR7 8EW

Copies of a consultation response form will be available at each of the above locations for use in submitting comments as part of this consultation.

As part of your consultation response, you can also state whether you wish to be notified if and when the Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted by both local planning authorities.
Response forms should be sent to the following postal or email address:

Spatial Planning Team  
Broadland District Council  
Thorpe Lodge  
1 Yarmouth Road  
Thorpe St. Andrew  
Norwich  
NR7 0DU  

Email: neighbourhoodplans@broadland.gov.uk

**Next steps**

Once this consultation period has closed, Broadland District Council will appoint a qualified, independent person to conduct an examination of the submitted Neighbourhood Plan. All comments received as part of this consultation will be forwarded, with the Neighbourhood Plan documents, to the examiner for their consideration.

The examiner will produce a report setting out their findings and recommendations. The report must recommend that either the Neighbourhood Plan is submitted to a referendum, that the Neighbourhood Plan is modified and then submitted to a referendum, or that the Neighbourhood Plan proposal is refused.

Broadland District Council will then consider the report and decide whether they are satisfied with the examiner’s recommendations. The authority will publicise their decision on whether or not the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to a referendum, with or without modifications.

If the Neighbourhood Plan is submitted to a referendum then 28 working days’ notice will be given of the referendum procedure and Neighbourhood Plan details. If the referendum results in more than half those voting (i.e. greater than 50%), voting in favour of the plan, then the District Council must adopt the Neighbourhood Plan as soon as possible, unless they consider it would breach or be incompatible with any EU obligation or the Human Rights Convention.