Dear Ms Salmons and Mr Squires

TAVERHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION – EXAMINER’S PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS

Following the submission of the Taverham Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) for examination, and further to section 4 of my procedural letter dated 4 February 2020, I now have two preliminary questions for the Qualifying Body and Broadland District Council seeking further clarification and information on matters contained in the submission Plan. These are set out below:

Question 1 - for the Qualifying Body and the District Council
Policy TAV5 (Non-designated Heritage Assets) and Appendix D and Figure 13

I am not yet satisfied that Appendix D to the Plan provides sufficiently robust evidence and justification to support the proposed designation of the 18 buildings and structures listed in Policy TAV5, together with the narrative at paragraphs 6.1.39-6.1.44.

I further note that paragraph 6.1.44 refers to “20 buildings/historic features ...” whereas Policy TAV5 and Figure 13 only identify 18 proposed assets. At present, I am assuming that the number 20 is an error for 18, but I seek confirmation of this.

I therefore invite the District Council and the Qualifying Body to provide me with a Note which provides a fuller justification for each of the 18 buildings and structures identified in Policy TAV5 and Appendix D of the Plan, using the criteria set out in the Appendix but with a fuller narrative rather than the ‘tick box’ approach presently shown.

Question 2 - for the Qualifying Body
Policy TAV9 (Local Green Spaces) and Appendix C and Figure 19

I am not yet satisfied that Appendix C to the Plan provides sufficiently robust evidence and justification to support the designation of a number of the proposed 37 Local Green Spaces shown on Figure 19 and the subject of Policy TAV9.

In particular, but not exclusively, I have potential concerns regarding the number of plantations, tree belts and woodland areas proposed for designation.

I invite the Qualifying Body to provide me with a Note indicating, in more detail, the nature of each of the specific Green Spaces, its current usage by the community, whether it is accessible to the
general public and its key attributes in terms of the justification for designation as a Local Green Space in particular explaining how it is “demonstrably special” to the local community. Please also provide information on the extent of each proposed site (in hectares) and I also seek confirmation that all owners of the sites proposed for designation have been consulted in accordance with the advice in Planning Practice Guidance Reference ID: 37-019-20140306.

I confirm that I shall visit/view each of the proposed Local Green Spaces during my forthcoming site visit.

I would be grateful if you can seek to provide a written response by **Friday, 13th March 2020**.

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure that a copy of this letter and any responses to the questions that I have raised are placed on the local authority’s website.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

*Derek Stebbing*

Examiner

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