Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Examination

Hearing Day 9

Matter 4 Policies

Community Facilities and Assets

1. This note responds to actions arising in the hearing session on Matter 4 in respect of Policy SCLP8.2 Open Space and Policy SCLP8.3 Allotments.

2. As part of the hearing session and discussion in respect of Policy SCLP8.2 Open Space, the wording of the policy was queried. To reflect the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework the Council agreed to reconsider the wording of the policy as outlined in the paragraphs below.

   Modifications to Policy SCLP8.2:

   1st paragraph of Policy text - “New residential development will be expected required to contribute to the provision of open space and recreational facilities in order to benefit community health, well-being and green infrastructure.”

   Criterion (c) of Policy - “The loss resulting from the proposed development will be replaced by equivalent or better improved provision in terms of quantity, quality and in a suitable location that is equally or more accessible to the community in a timely manner.”

3. Amendments to criterion (c) are to ensure consistency with the National Planning Policy Framework and also consistency of approach with other policy criteria in the Local Plan.

4. In respect of Policy SCLP8.3 Allotments, reference was made during the hearing session to Community Growing Spaces and whether these would be covered by the policy. The Council agreed that these have the same land use and therefore would be afforded the same protection as allotments.

5. To provide additional certainty the Council proposes to include reference to community growing spaces within the Glossary and Acronyms in Appendix I of the Final Draft Local Plan. The following wording is to be inserted: “....play space, allotments, community growing spaces, cemeteries and....”

6. The Council will include this revised wording in the schedule of modifications that is being collated as part of the Examination.