Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Examination

Hearing Day 9

Matter 4 Policies

Note on Policy SCLP 9.7 Holistic Water Management

1. This note responds to an action arising from the Matter 4 hearing session (Friday 20th September, AM) to provide clarity as to the phasing requirement in Policy SCLP 9.7 Holistic Water Management. This relates to the Inspector’s Question 4.30, the response to which can be found on page 36-37 of the Council’s Matter 4 hearing statement. Policy SCLP 9.7 can be viewed on page 150 of the Final Draft Local Plan (Document A1) and it’s supporting text on the preceding page.

2. A modification to paragraph 9.61, as set out below, is considered to better reflect the strategy and approach in the plan and to provide greater clarity as to the phasing requirement in Policy SCLP 9.7.

3. Modifications are shown in strikethrough for deleted text and in underline for additional text. The Council will include this revised wording in the schedule of modifications that is being collated as part of the Examination.

Modification to Paragraph 9.61:

4. “In recognition that water does not respect administrative boundaries, the Council will work with neighbouring authorities and other relevant stakeholders to devise a catchment-based approach to holistic water management. In respect of implementing holistic water management, and applying the conclusions of the Habitat Regulations Assessment that underpins the Local Plan, to assure the timely delivery of required infrastructure and treatment capabilities, new developments will be required to be phased to allow water and wastewater infrastructure to be in place when needed. There will however not always be a requirement for development to be phased, for example, where there are no identified water and/or wastewater improvement works required to serve the development, or where measures are or will be in place in a timely manner. The Council will work with the water companies, Natural England and the Environment Agency to ensure that water related matters and required infrastructure needs are continually reviewed and resolved to meet the needs arising from growth, as set out in the Monitoring Framework (Appendix C) of this Plan.”