Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Examination

Hearing Day 6

Matter 3

Note to supplement Statement of Common Ground on Policy SCLP12.33 Land at Woodbridge Town Football Club

1. This note is produced to supplement the Statement of Common Ground agreed between East Suffolk Council and Hopkins Homes in relation to Policy SCLP12.33 Land at Woodbridge Town Football Club. A draft Statement of Common Ground was submitted by Hopkins Homes as part of their Hearing Statement on Matter 3. This draft referred to East Suffolk Council, Hopkins Homes and Woodbridge Town Football Club as being signatories to the Statement of Common Ground.

2. At the hearing session covering Policy SCLP12.33 (Thursday 5th September, AM) the Inspector set out that he would anticipate receiving a final Statement of Common Ground as part of the actions following the hearing sessions.

3. A Statement of Common Ground agreed between East Suffolk Council and Hopkins Homes was submitted on 8th November 2019. This note clarifies the position of Woodbridge Town Football Club, as set out below.

4. Woodbridge Town Football Club have confirmed that they are supportive of the principle of agreeing a Statement of Common Ground. However the Football Club are not signatory to the Statement of Common Ground as they confirmed that they were supportive of the two proposed criteria supported by East Suffolk Council but which are not supported by Hopkins Homes, as set out in the ‘Matters not Agreed’ section of the Statement. The two criteria are:

   j) demonstration of how the football club will be replaced in a way which provides equivalent or better provision, and

   k) The replacement facility must be fully brought into use in advance of the loss of any existing facilities to ensure continuity of provision.

5. Due to timing, the position of Woodbridge Town Football Club was not able to be incorporated within the submitted Statement of Common Ground.