

Response to the Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan Consultation

With respect to the proposed Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan (VCHAP) published by South Norfolk Council Tacolneston Parish council would like to make the following submission. This submission is made following an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council which was well attended by parishioners.

Tacolneston Parish Council agree in principle to modest, well planned, development in the village. However, we have concerns on the soundness and appropriateness of these proposals. The proposals are unsound as the plans are inaccurate with anomalies in boundaries, size of plots and a general lack of clarity meaning that meaningful analysis and consultation is not possible.

Our first concern is over the proportion of social housing to be included in the development. We ask that any development includes social and market housing, and that housing be targeted at the needs of local people and families.

Secondly, we ask that the development should include a mix of building types, in keeping with existing housing in the area. This would conserve the contour and aspect of the village.

Thirdly, we ask that we be provided with accurate and informative plans and maps. These should give accurate indications of the size of the proposed areas for development and clearly show the proposed and existing settlement boundaries.

Fourthly, we require information on how issues resulting from problems of drainage and increased traffic flow will be managed. Finally, we request an extension of the consultation period to allow for consideration by the council and parishioners of the updated proposals and materials.