

# **West Suffolk Local Plan Issues and Options October 2020**

## **Part 1 questionnaire**

### **West Suffolk’s vision, strategic objectives and planning issues**

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#### **Note**

**Please be aware that any representations made cannot be treated as confidential and will be made available for public inspection.**

## Landowner details

Please provide full contact details of the landowner, including name, address, telephone number and email address.

Name:
Address:
Telephone number:
Email address:

## Developer details

If there is a developer for the site please provide their full contact details, including organisation name, address, telephone number and email address.

Organisation:
Contact name:
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Email address:

## Agent details

If you are an agent please provide full contact details, including your name, organisation (if applicable), address, telephone number and email address.

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**Part one sets out a draft land use vision for West Suffolk, draft strategic objectives and the draft strategic issues that we need to plan for in the district. There are options for how we plan for these, and your responses to the questions in this section will help develop the policies that we will consult on at the next stage of plan preparation.**

## **Vision for West Suffolk question**

**Do you think (in the bold text above) we have captured how we bring the vision to life through the local plan - what we want to achieve for West Suffolk and the type of place we would like it to be by 2040?**

(Please click in the box to show your answer)

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Strongly agree             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Agree                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Neither agree nor disagree | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Disagree                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Strongly disagree          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Please set out any changes you think we need to make.

There is no mention of rural communities in how the vision will be brought to life. As these communities particularly are disadvantaged by poor infrastructure, access to services and transport links (specifically public transport as a focus on protecting the environment and limiting/mitigating factors which contribute to climate change, this is a key area which should be addressed as a priority.

They have failed to recognize employment opportunities (or lack of them) and this risks developing a dormitory village.

## Strategic objectives question

**Do you think the strategic objectives are appropriate to deliver the plan's vision?**

(Please click in the box to show your answer)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please set out any changes you think we need to make.

**Yes, provided these objectives are applied to rural communities as well as the towns.**

## Strategic issues for West Suffolk question

**Do you think that we have identified the right strategic issues?**

(Please click in the box to show your answer)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please set out any changes you think we need to make.

More emphasis on rural infrastructure, particularly maintenance of roads, cutting back of hedgerows and verges to ensure safe pedestrian access on smaller roads where no pavements.

## Strategic issue 1: question

Please tell us about any changes you think we should make to the **climate change section**

Reference support of Local Electricity Bill going through parliament, a Bill to enable electricity generators to become local electricity suppliers; and for connected purposes

## Strategic issue 2: question

Please tell us about any changes you think we should make to the **right homes for our communities section**.

Reference to housing available to enable local people to remain in their communities, whether young families, or more elderly residents looking to downsize and remain in their communities – possibly also supported living within the communities.

Reference to CIL (will this be introduced in West Suffolk) to support parishes to invest in additional infrastructure to support development.

Reference to combined business and homes in specific units.

### **Strategic issue 3: question 1**

Please tell us about any changes you think we should make to the **economic growth and provision of strategic infrastructure section**.

### **Strategic issue 3: question 2**

Are there any infrastructure improvements which would specifically help to encourage employment growth and opportunities across the district?

Improved bus services from local and key service centres so that residents can access key service centres and towns for employment, schooling and other services

## Types of place and settlement hierarchy question

**Do you think that the six types of place identified for West Suffolk are the right ones?**

(Please click in the box to show your answer)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please set out any changes you think we need to make.

However, the sites identified for Wickhambrook, if taken up fully, is not proportionate to the village as a local service centre, and growth on the scale identified if there was uptake on all the SHELAA sites would overwhelm the infrastructure and sustainability of the village and parish.



## Draft settlement hierarchy question 1

**Do you think that the positions of the settlements within the draft settlement hierarchy are correct?**

(Please click in the box to show your answer)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please set out any changes you think we need to make

## Draft settlement hierarchy question 2

**Are there any settlements you consider should be included within the draft settlement hierarchy, or removed from the hierarchy?**

If so please tell us which settlement this is and give your reasons with details of the services and facilities the settlement provides, or is provided by a nearby settlement to which it has good links.

## Draft settlement hierarchy question 3

**A matrix at appendix 2 of the issues and options consultation document sets out the services and facilities of each settlement included in the draft settlement hierarchy.**

Please let us know of any recent changes.

The convenience food store and post office are one premises, and should arguably be recorded as such which would reduce the score for Wickhambrook to 5.

There is only one pub in Wickhambrook.

The Doctor's surgery and School are already over-subscribed. There is no room for growth for the Doctors surgery and parking overflows onto single track lane. There is already inadequate parking for the school, and the issues with speeding on the B1063 outside the school are a safety issue which has been raised many times.

The matrix takes no account of the drainage or roads infrastructure in the parish. There is no A route access through the village, most of the roads are single track only with limited passing places.

The sewerage plant would be inadequate to sustain any further development.

## Broad options for distribution of growth question

Please rank the distribution options in the order of which you feel will be the most appropriate and sustainable to meet the district's housing needs to 2040 (with 1 being the most appropriate and 4 the least appropriate):

Select the most applicable option in each row.

Grid showing question statements vs. ration options	1	2	3	4
Option 1: focus growth on new settlement(s) which would be of a sufficient scale to support new community infrastructure and employment.			x	
Option 2: focus development in the towns and key service centres where infrastructure and environmental constraints allow.	x			
Option 3: focus growth on the towns, key service centres and local service centres through urban extensions and infilling.				x
Option 4: disperse development around the district allocating sites across the towns, service centres and villages to allow them to grow.		x		

Please tell us of any alternative housing distribution options you think the council should consider.

Focus development through dispersed development across the district allocating to brown field sites and infill only before considering any new development sites (other than exception sites for local needs).

Focus any new development sites, when allocated, to small sites where half housing allocated is affordable, and centered on new green spaces with foot and cycle links to existing housing and services in the villages and towns.