



East Cambridgeshire  
District Council

## East Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2016 – 2036

### **Schedule of ECDC Suggested Modifications**

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## East Cambridgeshire Local Plan – Schedule of Suggested Modifications

The following table sets out draft suggested modifications which the Council consider could be made to the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan.

The table includes a brief explanation of the reason for the suggested modification. Suggested modifications to the Sustainability Appraisal Report can be found in a separate table at the end.

In terms of presentation, the deletion of text is denoted with a 'strike through' (~~strike through~~), with inserted new text as bold underlined (**new text**).

Page and paragraph numbers relate to the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan as submitted: Submission Document reference CD05A

**It is important to note that this draft suggested set of modifications has NO formal status. The suggested modifications have been placed on the website by the Council, as possible changes to the Local Plan, in the interests of openness, and to inform the Examination. The list should not be seen to prejudice the Inspector in her consideration of the soundness of the Submitted Local Plan, nor prejudice the Council from making alternative or additional suggested modifications as the examination progresses.**

**The modifications below do not differentiate between those which are considered as MAIN or ADDITIONAL modifications.**

**It is important to stress, any changes which go to the heart of soundness can only be recommended by the Inspector. Any such, proposed MAIN MODIFICATIONS will be the subject of formal consultation in line with statutory requirements.**

The reference code SgMod x/yyy/z for each suggested modification can be explained by:

SgMod = Suggested Modification    x = chapter number    yyy (if applicable) = code for the settlement    z = unique identifier

The Council intends to prepare a further version of this schedule at some point in the summer, and prior to any 'stage 2' hearing sessions. That further schedule will set out suggested modifications relating to matters to be discussed at 'stage 2'.

Suggested Modification number	Page no.	Policy/ paragraph in Submission Draft	Proposed Modification New text: <b><u>bold underlined</u></b> Deleted text <del>strike through</del>	Reason for modification including relevant test of soundness, if appropriate.
<b>Modifications</b>				
SgMod 3/1	16	LP3	Add a new paragraph to end of Policy LP3 as follows:  <b><u>“All other residential development outside of development envelopes will, by definition, be contrary to the vision, objectives, development strategy and policies of this Local Plan, and should be refused.”</u></b>	For effectiveness and for clarity for future decision makers. For a detailed explanation, see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 2, Q19
SgMod 4/1	26	LP8	Amend the ‘area available’ for site SUT.E1 from 34.7ha to <b><u>17ha</u></b>	To correct a typographical error, and to be consistent with Policy Sutton3 and the evidence in Table 8 of document PE08.  See also see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 4, Q34.
SgMod 5/1	45	LP21	Amend paragraph under Part B:Major Development Proposals, as follows:  <b><u>“Subject to any limitations set by legislation, for some major development proposals, and especially any such proposal within an assumed 8km zone of influence of Devil’s Dyke SAC and Breckland SPA (see indicative Diagram on page x),</u></b> it may be necessary to provide open space, outdoor sport and recreational facilities in excess of Part A requirements, with those instances being where it is	For effectiveness and legal compliance.  Wording agreed with Natural England (see applicable SoCG).  For a detailed explanation, see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 1, Q10

			<p>identified that such additional provision is needed to mitigate the effects of increased recreational pressure on nationally or internationally designated biodiversity sites. <b><u>This ‘in excess’, which would need to be agreed with the Council (potentially in consultation with Natural England), could be on-site, off-site and/or include a financial contribution to the delivery of a project as set out in the Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy (2011 or successor document.)</u></b></p>	
SgMod 6/1	63	Para 6.10.4	<p>Insert following text before current paragraph 6.10.4:</p> <p><b><u>“6.10.4 In addition to land specifically designated, land beyond the designated site boundary may also provide important functional habitat for qualifying bird species. This land requires appropriate consideration under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &amp;c.) Regulations 2010 (as amended). Natural England’s Goose and Swan Functional Land IRZ identifies land which is functionally linked to the Ouse Washes Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar site. Land within this IRZ area, identified through a British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) research project, has the potential of being regularly used by Ouse Washes qualifying species, particularly swans, for foraging and roosting. An indicative map of the area is shown on the following page. Since the IRZ area is considered to be potentially functionally linked to the European designated site, development in this area requires appropriate consideration under the Conservation (of Habitats and Species) Regulations 2010 (as amended). As such, any greenfield ‘major development’ (see glossary) within the IRZ must</u></b></p>	<p>For effectiveness and legal compliance.</p> <p>Wording agreed with Natural England (see applicable SoCG).</p> <p>For a detailed explanation, see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 1, Q9</p>

			<p><b><u>undertake a project-level HRA to demonstrate that proposed development will not have any adverse effect on Ouse Washes functional land in accordance with the requirements of the Habitats Regulations. Where this applies to specific allocations in this plan, a bullet point has been included to draw the need for such an HRA to the applicants (and decision maker's) attention.</u></b></p>	
SgMod 6/2	63	LP30	<p>Insert an indicative diagram near Policy LP30, to reflect the two modifications above.</p> <p>Latest version of indicative diagram can be found at Appendix 1 to this schedule.</p> <p>[As at 8 June 2018, the diagram is predominantly agreed with Natural England, subject to any final comments from NE]</p>	For effectiveness and clarity
SgMod 7/ELY/1	100	Ely3	<p>Insert an additional 'site specific requirement' bullet point for site ELY.M1 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b><u>Undertake a project level Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening to identify whether the land affected by the proposed development is regularly used by qualifying species (especially foraging and roosting swans) of the Ouse Washes SPA / Ramsar site and whether the proposal will have a likely significant effect. Where this identifies a likely significant effect, applicants will be required to submit sufficient information for a project level Appropriate Assessment to be undertaken by the District Council under the Habitats Regulation Assessment process to</u></b></p> </li> </ul>	<p>For effectiveness and legal compliance.</p> <p>Wording agreed with Natural England (see applicable SoCG).</p> <p>For a detailed explanation, see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 1, Q9</p>

			<b><u>ensure there will be no adverse impacts on European sites.</u></b>	
SgMod 7/ISL/1	112	Isleham4	<p>Amend criterion (a) of policy Isleham4 as follows:</p> <p>“(a) An area of approximately 1.0 - 1.5 ha to be gifted to the Parish Council for the purpose of recreational facilities (such as new football pitch(es)), located adjacent to the existing recreational facilities. <b><u>Subject to the outcome of a satisfactory project level Habitats Regulation Assessment, as prepared by the applicant, other</u></b> <del>Other</del> open space policy requirements are relaxed, except for on-site provision of toddler play areas and informal green spaces/landscaping, unless it is deemed necessary to provide additional open space to mitigate any adverse effects on any designated national or international site;”</p>	<p>For effectiveness and legal compliance.</p> <p>Wording agreed with Natural England (see applicable SoCG).</p> <p>For a detailed explanation, see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 1, Q10</p>
SgMod 7/LIT/1	122	Littleport3	<p>Insert an additional ‘site specific requirement’ bullet for site LIT.E2</p> <p>Wording as per SgMod 7/ELY/1</p>	<p>For effectiveness and legal compliance.</p> <p>Wording agreed with Natural England (see applicable SoCG).</p> <p>For a detailed explanation, see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 1, Q9</p>
SgMod 7/LIT/2	123	Littleport4	<p>Insert an additional criteria (g) within the policy for site LIT.H5.</p> <p>Wording as per SgMod 7/ELY/1</p>	<p>For effectiveness and legal compliance.</p> <p>Wording agreed with Natural England (see applicable SoCG).</p> <p>For a detailed explanation, see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 1, Q9</p>

SgMod 7/LIT/3	123	Littleport5	<p>Insert an additional criteria (g) within the policy for site LIT.M1.</p> <p>Wording as per SgMod 7/ELY/1</p>	<p>For effectiveness and legal compliance.</p> <p>Wording agreed with Natural England (see applicable SoCG).</p> <p>For a detailed explanation, see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 1, Q9</p>
SgMod 7/LIT/4	124	Littleport6	<p>Amend criteria (f) and (g) of policy Littleport6 as follows:</p> <p>“f. The requirement for ‘Informal Open Space’ (as set out by LP21) should be met predominantly in the southern portion of the site, including a new Country Park <b><u>of a scale and quality to attract residents from the whole of Littleport,</u></b> thereby creating a significant area of <b><u>strategic scale</u></b> landscaping and open space;</p> <p>g. A significant net biodiversity gain, together with a well connected Green Infrastructure Network (<b><u>i.e. internal connections, as well as connections to the wider network</u></b>);</p>	<p>For effectiveness and legal compliance.</p> <p>Wording agreed with Natural England (see applicable SoCG).</p> <p>For a detailed explanation, see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 1, Q10</p>
SgMod 7/LIT/5	124	Littleport6	<p>Insert an additional criteria (j) within the policy for site LIT.M2.</p> <p>Wording as per SgMod 7/ELY/1</p>	<p>For effectiveness and legal compliance.</p> <p>Wording agreed with Natural England (see applicable SoCG).</p> <p>For a detailed explanation, see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 1, Q9</p>
SgMod 7/LIT/6	124	Littleport 6	<p>Insert an additional criteria (k) within the policy for site LIT.M2</p> <p><b><u>“k. Evidence must be submitted to demonstrate that waste water can be appropriately dealt with, in accordance with due legislation and policy</u></b></p>	<p>For effectiveness and legal compliance.</p> <p>For a detailed explanation, see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 1, Q11</p>

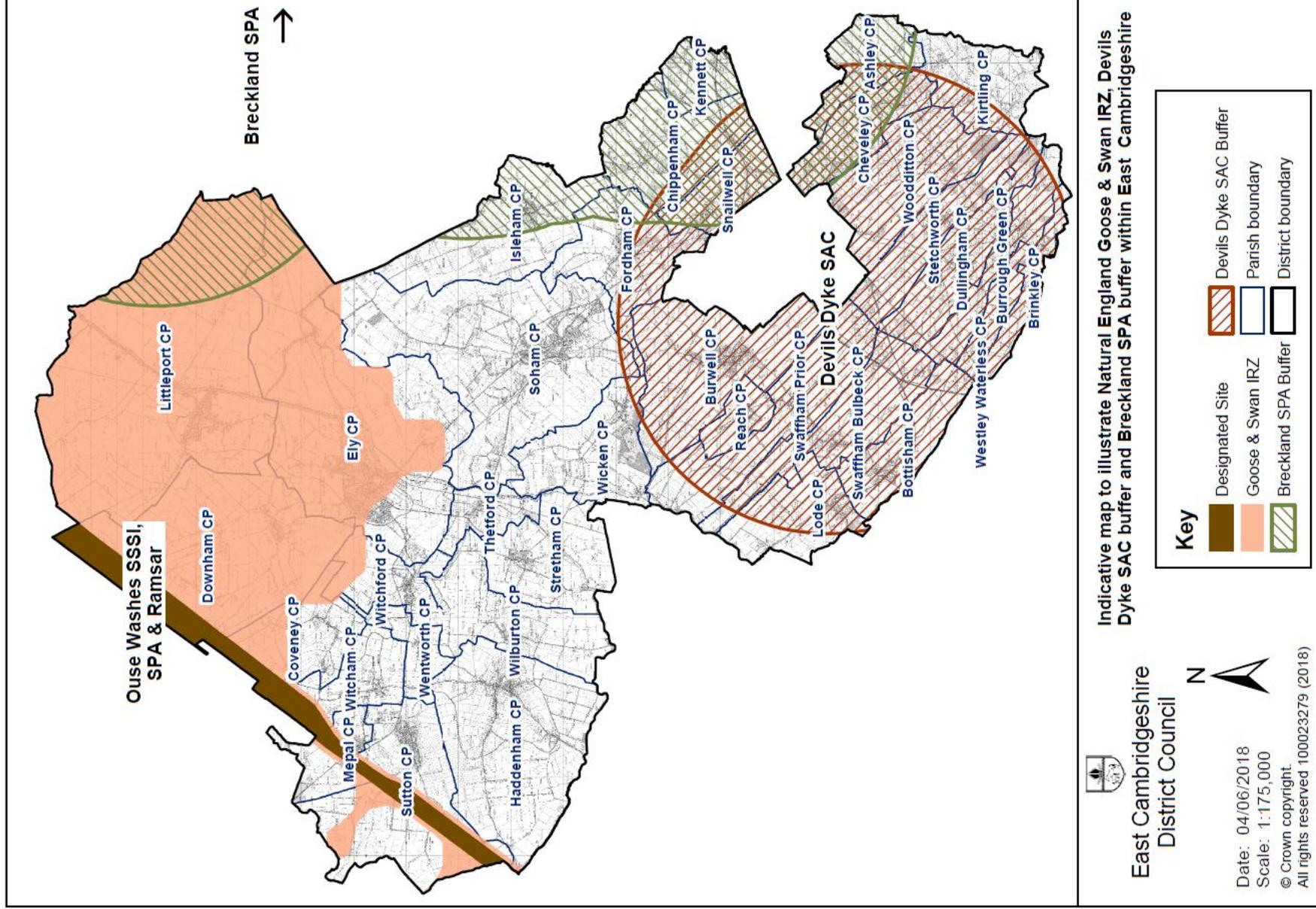
			<p><b><u>requirements, and that such measures to appropriately deal with waste water are viable and deliverable when taking into account the need to provide other necessary infrastructure (including affordable housing). If suitable, viable and deliverable mitigation measures are not available for the full 1,200 dwellings envisaged on this site, then the scale of development on this site may be limited to a point between 600-1,200 dwellings, that point being where viable and deliverable measures can be provided.”</u></b></p>	<p>[wording currently being agreed with AW and EA]</p>
SgMod 7/LIT/7	125	Littleport7	<p>Insert an additional criteria (f) within the policy for site LIT.E1.</p> <p>Wording as per SgMod 7/ELY/1</p>	<p>For effectiveness and legal compliance.</p> <p>Wording agreed with Natural England (see applicable SoCG).</p> <p>For a detailed explanation, see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 1, Q9</p>
SgMod 7/LIT/8	125	Littleport7	<p>Insert an additional criteria (g) within the policy for site LIT.E1:</p> <p><b><u>“g. Evidence must be submitted to demonstrate that waste water can be appropriately dealt with, in accordance with due legislation and policy requirements, and that such measures to appropriately deal with waste water are viable and deliverable when taking into account the need to provide other necessary infrastructure. If suitable, viable and deliverable mitigation measures are not available, then the type and scale of development on this site may be limited to those employment uses which have a lower</u></b></p>	<p>For effectiveness and legal compliance.</p> <p>For a detailed explanation, see ECDC hearing statement in respect of Matter 1, Q11</p> <p>[wording currently being agreed with AW and EA]</p>

			<b><u>demand for water/waste water than other types of employment uses.”</u></b>	
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## Suggested Modifications to the Sustainability Appraisal report

Suggested Modification number	Page no.	Policy/ paragraph in SA report	Proposed Modification (unless otherwise indicated) New text: <b><u>bold underlined</u></b> Deleted text <del>strike through</del>	Reason for modification
<b>Modifications</b>				
SgMod SA1	207	Row 3.1 / column SwaffhamPrior5	Amend '-' to a '+'	See ECDC response to Matter 1 Q5

Appendix 1 – Diagram as referenced under SgMod/6/2



Indicative map to illustrate Natural England Goose & Swan IRZ, Devils Dyke SAC buffer and Breckland SPA buffer within East Cambridgeshire