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Dear Mr Bryant

Consideration of responses to comments received to Mid Suffolk's Regulation 16) consultation on the Stowupland Neighbourhood Plan Submission version

Stowupland Parish Council have considered the representations received to the Regulation 16 consultation, and are satisfied that the Plan meets the Basic Conditions. The Parish Council have the following comments:

Suffolk County Council – the comment in fourth paragraph is noted – however, the fifth paragraph confirms that the desire for a 20mph limit “is currently” against SCC policy. This document is forward-looking, and policy may change. We note government guidance which says:

“traffic authorities are able to use their power to introduce 20mph speed limits or zones on.....Major streets where there are – or could be - significant numbers of journeys on foot, and/or where pedal cycle movements are an important consideration, and this outweighs the disadvantage of longer journey times for motorised traffic.”

Contained in this document

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/63975/circular-01-2013.pdf).

Natural England – noted.

Environment Agency – noted.

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Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group – the Parish Council notes the suggested addition in the third paragraph of the letter from the CCG, and support their position. The Parish Council would not object to the Examiner recommending such a change.

Gladman – the comments are noted. Many of the points raised are similar to those raised at the Reg.14 pre-submission stage, and the Parish Council's responses are set out in the Consultation Statement. These include, for example, the allocation of sites with planning permission, and the creation of settlement boundaries. The latter is a standard planning tool to acknowledge differences in the landscape and built environment and to clearly distinguish between the built-up areas and planned extensions to them and the countryside. It also provides certainty in a plan-led system by limiting opportunities for speculative, off-plan developments. Of the allocated sites building has commenced and is under way on one of them. The others will be the subject of reserved matters applications, or entirely new proposals from new developers that acquire these sites.

The Parish Council re-iterates the built-in commitment to review the Neighbourhood Plan following adoption of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Local Plan, but at this time, in the absence of the new local plan, the Neighbourhood Plan must be in general conformity with the policies of the adopted development plan for Mid Suffolk.

The Parish Council believe that sufficient evidence has been submitted to support designation of the meadow as Local Green Space to show that it is: reasonably close to the community it serves; is demonstrably special (providing a tranquil uncultivated space for recreation, with an abundance of wildlife, particularly trees and native grassland, and with a rich local history) and of particular local significance, and that it is not an extensive tract of land.

Friday 7th December we were made aware of a late response (by agreement with Mid Suffolk) from Historic England. This compliments the team for incorporating their suggestions and referred to their Reg 14 pre-submission comments. Therefore there is no need to comment on these.

Yours faithfully

On behalf of Stowupland Parish Council

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