

## Assington Neighbourhood Plan

Parish Council's response to comments received at Regulation 16 Consultation stage

<b>Body</b>	<b>Parish Council response</b>
1) Suffolk County Council	<p><u>Health and Wellbeing</u> The Government introduced national technical standards for housing in 2015. A Written Ministerial Statement (2015) explains that neighbourhood plans should not set out any additional local technical standards or requirements relating to the construction, internal layout or performance of new dwellings. We believe that the requirement for new dwellings to be built to optional M4(2) standards falls into these standards.</p> <p><u>Highways and Transport</u> A major concern in the village is the narrowness of the public highways, as noted in the Plan. As such, it is not considered that any additional allowance for on-street parking should be made on the existing highways, particularly if such provision were to result in additional on-street parking on The Street.</p>
2) Natural England	Nothing further to add
3) Historic England	The comments are noted and, in relation to the previous comments referred to in the letter, it is confirmed that the Historic England guidance concerning Local Heritage Listing (Advice Note 7) has been used as a guide to identifying the Locally Significant Buildings.
4) Anglian Water	<p><u>Policy ASSN 1</u> The form and content of this Policy was drafted to be consistent with recently examined Plans across Mid Suffolk and Babergh in order to maintain a level of consistency for practitioners using the Plans. We feel that the proposed amendment does not help the local community understand what is allowed within or outside the Settlement Boundary and consider that the Policy, as submitted and incorporated into Made Plans does not require amendment.</p> <p><u>Policies ASSN 3 to ASSN 8</u> Nothing further to add.</p> <p><u>Policy ASSN 19</u> The wording of this policy reflects that requested by the County Council, the lead local flood authority, and is consistent with policies in recently examined neighbourhood plans across Babergh and Mid Suffolk.</p> <p><u>Policy ASSN 20</u> Nothing further to add.</p>
5) Highways England	Nothing further to add
6) National Grid	Nothing further to add
7) West Suffolk CCG	<p>The CCG were consulted but did not respond to the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation</p> <p><u>Policy ASSN 22</u> Nothing further to add</p>

	<p><u>Policy ASSN 23</u> Nothing further to add.</p> <p><u>Final paragraph of letter</u> Nothing further to add,</p>
7) Suffolk Wildlife Trust	<p>Suffolk Wildlife Trust did not respond to the Regulation 14 consultation despite being consulted.</p> <p><u>Policy ASSN 16</u> The policy seeks to provide a level of consistency across the District. We are aware that a similarly worded policy is included in examined neighbourhood plans across Babergh and Mid Suffolk, including at Drinkstone and Thorndon. Such changes as those suggested by SWT are not considered necessary in order for the policy to meet the Basic Conditions.</p> <p>Without having details of the location and extent of the County Wildlife Site, which are not publicly available, it is not considered possible to refer to the Roadside Nature Reserve as requested.</p> <p>Reference to a future Environment Act is not appropriate given that circumstances and timescales in Parliament frequently change, particularly in these difficult times.</p>