



Breckland Local Service Centre

Topic Paper



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 It is important for a rural district such as Breckland that the sustainability of rural services is supported by appropriately located development whilst at the same time ensuring that the environment and landscape of the wider rural area is protected and issues around rural isolation, inaccessibility to services and reliance on the private car are not exacerbated. Local Service Centre villages were previously designated through the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD and supported sustainable development within Rural Areas.
- 1.2 The significant majority of new development is currently directed to the market towns to maintain and enhance their function. However, changes to National policy, in particular the National Planning Policy Framework, now assists Local Planning Authorities who wish to support the service role of their larger villages. This is not without qualification and there are criteria to ensure that the focus remains on identifying those larger villages where there is already a good level of service provision.
- 1.3 The Issues and Options consultation of the new Breckland Local Plan consulted on the principle of Local Service Centres within Breckland and also how they should be designated... This topic paper reviews the findings of the Issues and Options consultation and also provides an analysis and recommendation on the potential of Local Service Centre villages within Breckland.

2. CONTEXT FOR LOCAL SERVICE CENTRES

- 2.1 With the adoption of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) there remains an acknowledgement that larger villages with a good level of services can accommodate further development, especially where it would support the sustainability of local services and meet local housing and employment needs. This is set out at paragraph 55 of the NPPF. In a predominantly rural District like Breckland it is important to address issues such as access to services and significant local housing need that would promote sustainable development in rural areas. Such proposals can enhance and maintain the vitality of rural communities, which genuinely function as immediate service centres for the surrounding rural areas.
- 2.2 The NPPF highlights the need to support economic growth in rural areas by taking a positive approach to sustainable new development through promoting the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages. It also reinforces the need for promoting housing in locations where it would enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities.
- 2.3 Previously Local Service Centres within the adopted Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD were designated having regard to the requirements of the Regional Spatial Strategy. Regional Spatial Strategy (Regional Plan) was formally revoked in January 2013. Local Service Centre Villages are considered to be those that contain adequate services and facilities to meet the day-to-day requirements of their existing residents and might include the following:
- A primary school within the settlement and a secondary school within the settlement or easily accessible by public transport;
 - Community facility;
 - A range of retail and service provision capable of meeting day-to-day needs, in particular convenience shopping;
 - Local employment opportunities; and
 - Frequent public transport to higher order settlements.

- 2.4 Additional factors which should be taken into account in determining the number and policy response to Local Service Centres are:
- Community views (including Neighbourhood Plans/Parish Plans/Appraisals);
 - Environmental factors;
 - Infrastructure capacity; and
 - Existing levels of committed development.
- 2.5 The adopted Core Strategy states that the strategy for all Local Service Centre villages will be primarily around service protection and enhancement and development to meet local needs. The then methodology adopted a population threshold of 1000 and saw 14 villages designated as Local Service Centres within the Core Strategy. The four villages of Harling, Narborough, Swanton Morley and Shipdham saw positive housing allocations, whilst the villages of Banham, Great Ellingham, Litcham, Mattishall, Mundford, Necton, North Elmham, Old Buckenham, Saham Toney and Weeting were designated for service protection and enhancement.
- 2.6 The Issues and Options consultation (November 2014) included three options for the definition of local service centres. These were:
- Retain the definition from the Core Strategy
 - Define Local Service Centres around facilities regardless of the population threshold
 - Define Local Service Centres based around schooling and health provision.
- 2.7 These three options within the Local Plan received a good level of response, particularly from town and parish councils. The most supported option was the second option to define Local Service Centres based around services and facilities regardless of the population of the village. Support for this option came from parish councils, Norfolk County Council, residents and developers, with comments including:
- The Local Plan should support thriving villages which support the wider area
 - Norfolk County Council supported the option however they state that only services that are available at peak times should be considered.
- 2.8 Other comments received in response to this question include a number of representations from parish councils which highlight the need for appropriate infrastructure to be delivered to support any new development and consideration to be given to the wider area that a Local Service Centre may support. The issue of village identity was also highlighted through the representations, particularly in regard to the expansion of villages. A number of parish councils also used the opportunity to highlight the services and facilities which they have remaining within their villages.
- 2.9 Whilst Planning cannot overcome market forces and personal behaviour, it can help to ensure that rural communities and settlements do not stagnate and decline but instead meet the needs of all generations of their communities, particularly the needs of younger households and those on lower wages. It can also assist in improving the appropriate provision of services, facilities, as well as helping to strengthen community cohesion, parish and family ties.
- 2.10 Responses in the context of a local definition of sustainable development also support the review of service centres in order to help balance development across the district and develop a spatial hierarchy that not only contributes towards the economy and jobs in the rural areas and support rural activities but one that finds the right balance, directing the largest developments towards the most sustainable locations.

3 ANALYSIS OF THE IDENTIFIED LOCAL SERVICE CENTRE VILLAGES

- 3.1 A full review of all parishes considered for designation as a Local Service Centre can be seen at Appendix A.
- 3.2 Following the Issues and Options consultation, work has been undertaken to assess the potential of individual villages to meet the criteria for Local Service Centres regardless of the population threshold. The Issues and Options consultation included information around the services and facilities within the existing Local Service Centre villages. This initial work has been considered by Councillors at a meeting of Local Plan Working Group on 20th March. At the meeting it was requested that the analysis should also consider health provision and services and facilities within neighbouring villages on Breckland's borders. Particular reference to this request is made below.
- 3.3 In relation to health provision this has looked at access to GP surgeries. Overall very few villages within Breckland support a surgery within an individual village. The villages which do have a GP's surgery are: Mattishall, Harling, Kenninghall, Litcham, North Elmham, Swanton Morley, Necton, Narborough and Shipdham. This in itself is not surprising given the nature/population size of the villages and the rural nature of the district. NHS England generally adopt a optimum size of 1,800 patients per whole time equivalent GP. Surgeries outside the main market towns therefore provide a service for a wide rural catchment, and it is not considered appropriate to identify local service centres through the existence of GP surgery with in a village. Never the less emerging polices should take into account the realistic availability of access to such facilities . As part of the Local Plan issues and options consultation NHS England provided information around number of GPs, patient list size and also floorspace requirements. The information, based on a simple mathematical matrix highlights where surgeries have capacity for more patients and also where they are currently over capacity and where investment would have to be made in order to provide for positive growth. Finally the representation highlighted anticipated costs to fund the infrastructure requirements to meet capacity requirements.
- 3.4 It is NHS Englands statutory role to fund future development requirements in the context of impacts arising from planned developments and growth and it is therefore necessary to develop a suitable strategic network and local plan framework in order to provide appropriate guidance and certainty to inform subsequent health care strategies at NHS England level and Clinical Care Group level.
- 3.5 In terms of the services and facilities available within adjoining villages which are located outside of Breckland's boundary, there are two key issues which need to be considered:
- Distance between the services and facilities and the service centre village. This is a key issue in regards to clustering, services and facilities should be easily accessible which often makes the option prohibitive. The Institute for Highways and Transport has published Guidance for Journeys by Foot, which includes suggested acceptable walking distances. This suggests that the acceptable walking distance for the majority of people is 800m with a preferred maximum of 1200m. Beyond that distance people will use other forms of transport. Breckland through the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD has previously taken a distance of 1200m as an acceptable walking. When a 1200m buffer is placed around Breckland's existing settlements, it is possible to observe that there is a lack of villages outside of Breckland's boundary which are located within the acceptable walking distances of 1200m. Furthermore, public transport between villages is often limited.
 - Within Breckland's Local Plan it is possible to include a policy around the protection of services and facilities. This could seek the retention of the last services and facilities within a village. This approach was taken within the Core Strategy with the

inclusion of Policy DC18 Community Facilities, Recreation and Leisure. For services and facilities located outside of Breckland's boundary it would not be possible to protect that service or facility.

- 3.6 A summary of services and facilities in existing local service centres (as designated through the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies) is detailed below:

Village	School	Shop/Post Office	Community Facility	Employment	Public Transport	Recommendation
Banham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Great Ellingham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Harling	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Litcham	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Mattishall	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mundford	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Narborough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Necton	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
North Elmham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Old Buckenham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Saham Toney	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Shipdham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Swanton Morley	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Weeting	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Table 1: Services and Facilities within existing designated Local Service Centre villages

- 3.7 Since the villages were designated as Local Service Centres through the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD, there have been changes to the provision of services and facilities within these villages. Saham Toney has seen the closure of the shop and post office and it is also lacking in employment opportunities within the village. Never the less given its close proximity to the market town of Watton it is considered that its designation as a local service centre should continue.
- 3.8 In order to review which other villages could be considered as local service centres the population threshold was removed and in the first instance the review focused around villages with a primary school. This resulted in 39 villages being identified within Breckland (this includes all villages which were previously identified through the Core Strategy). Mileham was excluded at this stage due to the current consultation from Norfolk County Council to close the school. Research then focused on these villages abilities to meet the remaining four criteria. The information around public transport has focussed on whether there is a service available daily in peak hours, (on the recommendation of Norfolk County Council). The information on employment has looked at both the number of businesses within the parish and also the number of people employed by those businesses. The most recent information currently available is from 2013.
- 3.9 The information at Appendix A also records the parish council's responses to the Issues and Options consultation, and their opinions on the role of Local Service Centre villages and new growth allocations. The only village which is not currently a Local Service Centre which actively sought growth was Great Hockham. The parish council acknowledge that the village is small and does not have a shop or post office. However, the village does other services and

facilities to support growth. The village is also well related between Thetford and Attleborough, and it is also in close proximity to the general employment areas at Snetterton Heath.

3.10 It should be noted that in a number of instances a settlement has expanded beyond its parish boundary. This is predominantly the case for the market towns. For instance the settlement boundary for Dereham includes estates which are technically located within Scarning parish. The main (historical) village of Scarning is located approximately 2.5km from the edge of the Dereham settlement boundary. The Scarning estate which is part of the Dereham settlement boundary, has a number of services and facilities including a small parade of shops and a co-op. However, these are located beyond the acceptable walking distance as set out within paragraph 3.5 above. The services and facilities identified within Table 2, reflect the services available within the historic village. A similar incident has occurred with Attleborough in relation to Besthorpe parish, Thetford with Croxton and Kilverstone parishes and Watton with Carbrooke, Griston and Little Cressingham parishes.

3.11 A summary of the analysis on potential new Local Service Centres can be seen in the following table:

Village	School	Shop/Post Office	Community Facility	Employment	Public Transport	Recommendation
Ashill	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Bawdeswell	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Beeston	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
Beetley	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brisley	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
Carbrooke	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Caston	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Colkirk	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
Garboldisham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Garvestone	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
Gooderstone	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
Great Dunham	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
Hockering	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hockham	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Kenninghall	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lyng	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
North Lopham	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
North Pickenham	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Rocklands	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Scarning	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Sporle	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thompson	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Weasenham	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Yaxham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Table 2: Services and Facilities within villages with a Primary School in Breckland

4 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The analysis showed that that Bawdeswell, Garboldisham, Hockering, Kenninghall, Sporle and Yaxham all contain the five criteria for the designation of a Local Service Centre village. These villages weren't designated previously; however they did retain a settlement boundary through the LDF. The majority of these villages also have a population of close to 1,000. It is recommended that these villages are designated as Local Service Centre villages.
- 4.2 In addition to the villages listed within the above paragraph, it is also recommended that Beetley is designated as a Local Service Centre village. Beetley contains 4 of the 5 criteria for a Local Service Centre village. The village does not contain a shop or post office; however these facilities are available within the adjacent village of Gressenhall. Furthermore Beetley is located in close proximity to the market town of Dereham which has these facilities.
- 4.3 It is also recommended that Great Hockham is designated as a Local Service Centre village, Whilst the village does not fully meet the criteria for a designation, the parish council has requested further growth.

Appendix A: Local Service Centre Analysis

Ashill

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	1426
Population (2011 Census)	1411
Number of houses built 2001/2014	40
Number of houses currently with planning permission	39
Primary School	Yes – Ashill Voluntary Controlled School Currently 108 on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The Inter-Departmental Business Register (2013) shows 22 businesses within the parish.
Public Transport	Konnectbus 1 -Ashill to Watton hourly service -Ashill to Swaffham hourly service
Local Shopping Facilities	No
Other Facilities	McTaggarts Public House and Restaurant
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	There are no areas of flood risk within the village
Local Road Network	The village is accessed via a c class road network.
Biodiversity	County Wildlife Site located to the west of the village off Swaffham Road
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows that Ashill is located on the Central Breckland Plateau and is characterised with open skylines and horizons. It is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study. Peddars Way forms part of the western boundary of the parish
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	The parish council responded to the consultation supporting the role of settlement boundaries to be used to prevent over development within villages.
Recommendation	Ashill contains four of the five essential services and facilities for the designation of a Local Service Centre village. The village does not contain a shop or post office. The village is well located between the market towns of Swaffham and Watton and there is public transport available to them both. These towns represent the closest local shopping opportunities. The village also has employment options available within it. Despite having a good range of services and facilities, it is recommended that Ashill is not designated as a Local Service Centre village.

Banham

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	1,443
Population (2011 Census)	1,481
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	65
Number of houses with planning permission	10
Primary School	Banham Community Primary School: capacity is limited and school has no room to expand 104 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	None, nearest Doctor's Surgery is in Kenninghall
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008) there are 49 registered businesses in Banham, across 13 classifications
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.10A, H Semmence & Co <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Harling - Banham – Norwich: Mon-Fri 2 AM services, and no service Saturday/Sunday - Norwich - Banham – East Harling: Mon-Fri 3 PM services, and no service Saturday/Sunday - No.1, Turner & Butcher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quidenham - Banham – Diss: Saturday 1 AM service. - Diss – Banham – Quidenham: Saturday 1 midday service.
Local Shopping Facilities	Shop Post Office
Other Facilities	Public House Community Centre/Social Club
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	Ordinary watercourse to west and north west of village (Wash Farm and Church Farm stream). Small area of 1 in 100 year flood risk area adjacent ordinary watercourses to west and north west of village
Local Road Network	Village is accessed from the B1113
Biodiversity	No European sites, SSSIs or CWS in vicinity of Banham
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment identifies the area to have moderate-high character area sensitivity. Sensitivity is highest on the meadow landscape west of the church. However, elsewhere opportunities for development are also limited, with sensitivities noted both to further linear expansion along the rural road and to infilling and consolidation of settlement between roads
Status in the Local Development Framework	Within the adopted Core Strategy Banham is identified as a Local Service Centre Village but will not see a positive housing allocation for the remainder of the plan period
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No response received
Recommendation	Banham contains all the services and facilities required to be designated as a Local Service Centre village. It is recommended that it should be designated as such.

Bawdeswell

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	766
Population (2011 Census)	828
Number of houses built 2001/2014	38
Number of houses currently with planning permission	2
Primary School	Yes – Bawdeswell Community Primary School 110 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The Inter-Departmental Business Register (2013) shows 24 businesses within the parish. Larger employers within the parish include Bawdeswell Garden Centre, including the Bluebell Square Shopping Centre.
Public Transport	Norfolk Green X29 -Norwich to Fakenham via Bawdeswell hourly service -Fakenham to Norwich via Bawdeswell hourly service
Local Shopping Facilities	Shop and Post Office
Other Facilities	The Old Workhouse – Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	Areas of flood risk are located to the north east of the parish, however they do not directly adjoin the village.
Local Road Network	Village is accessed by the A1067
Biodiversity	There is a County Wildlife Site to the southwest of the village known as Gibbet Hill Plantation and Bawdeswell Heath
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows that Bawdeswell is located within the River Wensum and Tud Tributary Farmland. Views in the landscape are relatively contained by the landform and field boundaries. Bawdeswell is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	The parish Council responded stating that they would not wish to see any major housing development within the village. Small, sympathetic development would only be supported if it bought infrastructure improvements.
Recommendation	Bawdeswell meets the five criteria set to designate Local Service Centre villages which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School • Shop/Post Office • Community Facility • Employment • Public Transport <p>The village was not previously considered as a</p>

	<p>Local Service Centre as it has a population of less than 1000. It should also be noted that in response to the issues and options consultation the parish council stated that they would not wish to see any major development within the village.</p> <p>Having regard to the response from the parish council, it is considered that as the village meets the five key criteria, and there are no major environmental designations or flood risk areas within close proximity of the village, it should be designated as a Local Service Centre village.</p>
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Beeston

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	505
Population (2011 Census)	566
Number of houses built 2001/2014	32
Number of houses currently with planning permission	9
Primary School	Yes – Beeston Primary School 64 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	There is an employment area at Beeston on Herne Lane. The Inter-Departmental Business Register (2013) shows 25 businesses within the parish. A number of the businesses employ between 10 and 50 people.
Public Transport	None
Local Shopping Facilities	No
Other Facilities	The Ploughshare Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	There is an area of land within flood zone 2 to the west of the parish, however it does not directly adjoin the village.
Local Road Network	The village is accessed from the A47 via a c class road network
Biodiversity	There are no designated sites within the village
Landscape Assessment	Beeston is located on the Beeston plateau, the landscape has a relatively enclosed character. It is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	The parish council responded stating that they supported the use of settlement boundaries, as long as Breckland used them for that role.
Recommendation	<p>Beeston contains a school, public house and an employment area. The employment provision within the parish represents one of the better ranges of employment within the rural settlements. The village is not however served by public transport and the shop and post office has closed.</p> <p>As the village does not meet the full criteria set out for Local Service Centre villages, it is recommended that it should not be designated as such.</p>

Beetley

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	1385
Population (2011 Census)	1396
Number of houses built 2001/2014	41
Number of houses currently with planning permission	4
Primary School	Yes – St Mary’s Community Primary School 176 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The Inter-Departmental Business Register (2013) shows 44 businesses within the parish. Larger employers within the parish include East Bilney Coachworks, Healthcare Homes Ltd and Freestones Coaches.
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.1, Carters Coaches of Litcham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mileham – Beetley – Dereham: 1 AM service on Fridays. - Dereham – Beetley – Mileham – 1 PM service on Fridays. - No.8, Carters Coaches of Litcham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Norwich – Beetley – Litcham: 1 PM service on Wednesdays. - Litcham – Beetley – Norwich: 1 AM service on Wednesdays. - No.13C, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swaffham – Beetley – Easton College: 1 AM service on College days. - Easton College – Beetley – Swaffham: 1 PM service on College days. - No.18, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dereham – Beetley – Dereham: 1 AM and 1 PM service on Fridays. - No.21, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dereham – Beetley – Fakenham: Mon-Sat services throughout the day, and no service on Sunday. - Fakenham – Beetley – Dereham: Mon-Sat services throughout the day, and no service on Sunday. - No.25, Sanders Coaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dereham – Beetley – Fakenham: 1 PM service on Fridays. -Fakenham – Beetley- Dereham: 1 AM service on Fridays.
Local Shopping Facilities	No - shop and post office located within Gressenhall village
Other Facilities	The New Inn Thai Restaurant
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	The river Wensum flows to the south of the

	village and there is areas of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3a.
Local Road Network	Village is located on the B1146.
Biodiversity	<p>A county wildlife site is located to the south of the village called Beetley and Hoe meadows. Also in this area there is a SSSI.</p> <p>There is a woodland tree preservation order (2007 No. 42) to the north of the village between Fakenham Road and Elmham Road</p>
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows that Beetley is located across three character types: River Wensum River Valley, Settled Tributary Farmland and Plateau Farmland. It is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	The parish council considered that settlement boundaries should be maintained to define rural character.
Recommendation	<p>Beetley is one of the larger villages within Breckland which was not previously designated as a Local Service Centre village through the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD.</p> <p>The village is located to the north of Dereham and is served by a regular bus service to both Dereham and Fakenham. The village is able to meet all the criteria set out for a local service centre with the exception of a shop or post office. These facilities are available within the nearest village of Gressenhall, which is located within 600m of Beetley.</p> <p>Overall it is recommended that Beetley should be designated as a Local Service Centre village through the Local Plan.</p> <p>Any designation should reflect that this refers to Beetley village only and does not incorporate Old Beetley or East Bilney which form part of the wider parish.</p>

Brisley

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	276
Population (2011 Census)	281
Number of houses built 2001/2014	9
Number of houses currently with planning permission	2
Primary School	Yes – Brisley CE VA Primary School 79 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The Inter-Departmental Business Register (2013) shows 10 businesses within the parish.
Public Transport	Konectbus 21 -Fakenham – Brisley - Dereham. Services between 10am and 2pm Monday to Saturday
Local Shopping Facilities	No
Other Facilities	The Brisley Bell Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	There is no flood risk in close proximity to the village.
Local Road Network	The village is accessed via the B1146.
Biodiversity	Brisley Green is located to the south and Eats of the village, directly adjoining the residential properties. The green is designated as a County Wildlife Site. There is a County Wildlife Site to the west of School Road at Pond Farm.
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows that Brisley is located across two landscape types Plateau Farmland and Settled Tributary Farmland. Not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	The settlement boundary should remain to ensure the correct growth for the village.
Recommendation	<p>Brisley contains both a school and a public house in the form of the Brisley Bell. The village is one of the smaller parishes within Breckland to have a school, with the 2011 census showing 281 people living there.</p> <p>There is limited employment within the village, no public transport and no shop or post office. The existing settlement boundary is small and only includes properties located on School Road.</p> <p>The village has a number of environmental designations including open space and county wildlife sites. These restrict the land which would be available for further development.</p> <p>As the village does not meet the criteria for Local</p>

	Service Centre it is recommended that it should not be designated as such.
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Carbrooke

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	1176
Population (2011 Census)	2073
Number of houses built 2001/2014	494
Number of houses currently with planning permission	217
Primary School	Yes – St Peter and St Paul CE VC Primary School 188 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	There are 26 businesses listed on the inter-departmental business register in Carbrooke parish. This includes business both within Carbrooke village and also within the built extent of Watton.
Public Transport	No.3, Konectbus - Norwich – Carbrooke – Watton: Mon-Sat hourly service throughout day, and 4 services on a Sunday. - Watton – Carbrooke – Norwich: Mon-Sat hourly service throughout day, and 4 services on a Sunday.
Local Shopping Facilities	Yes – Shopping facilities are available on the Bleinheim Grange estate. However, there are no shopping facilities within the main village of Carbrooke.
Other Facilities	The Flying Fish Public House – This is located within the Watton settlement boundary.
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	Watton Brooke runs through the centre of the village, which is designated as flood zone 2.
Local Road Network	Carbrooke can be accessed from the B1108 via either Watton Green or Summer Lane. Both are single track roads.
Biodiversity	Carbrooke Fen a County Wildlife Site is located to the west of the village.
Landscape Assessment	The landscape Character Assessment shows that Carbrooke village is located within the River Wissey Tributary Farmland character type, whilst the parts of the village which are located within the built extent of Watton is on Plateau Farmland. Carbrooke village is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No comments received
Recommendation	The parish population figures and high level of housing completions reflect that Carbrooke parish incorporates land which falls within the built up extent of Watton. The population has risen significantly since 2001, which is due to the number of new dwellings completed within the

	<p>parts of Carbrooke included within Watton' s settlement boundary.</p> <p>Aside from the school, the village has limited other services and facilities. Whilst the parish does contain a public house, this is not located within the main village of Carbrooke. Access to the village is also via a minor road network. Having regard to the above information, it is recommended that Carbrooke is not designated as a Local Service Centre village.</p>
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Caston

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	459
Population (2011 Census)	443
Number of houses built 2001/2014	15
Number of houses currently with planning permission	10
Primary School	Yes – Caston CE VA Primary School 48 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	There are 12 businesses in Caston included on the Inter-Departmental Business Register 2013
Public Transport	Coach Services Bus 81 - Thetford –Caston – Watton – Services every 2 hours, with two services in peak AM time Monday to Friday. - Watton – Caston – Thetford – services every two hours Monday to Friday
Local Shopping Facilities	No
Other Facilities	The Red Lion Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	The River Thet flows through the village and there are areas of land are contained within flood zone 2.
Local Road Network	Caston village is accessed via the B1077
Biodiversity	No designated biodiversity sites directly adjoining the village.
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows that Caston is located across two landscape types: Plateau Farmland and Settle Tributary Farmland. The village is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No comments received
Recommendation	<p>Caston has both a school and public house. The village population is significantly below the 1000 people previously used to consider Local Service Centres, and the school is relatively small in size with only 48 pupils currently on the roll.</p> <p>There is no shop or post office within the village and only a very limited employment offering. There is however public transport available to both Thetford and Watton.</p> <p>There are significant areas of flood risk within the village due to the proximity of the River Thet.</p> <p>Having regard to all of the information presented above, it is recommended that Caston should not be designated as a local Service Centre village.</p>

Colkirk

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	547
Population (2011 Census)	588
Number of houses built 2001/2014	27
Number of houses currently with planning permission	3
Primary School	Yes – Colkirk CE VA Primary School 44 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The Inter-Departmental Business Register (2013) shows 16 businesses within the parish.
Public Transport	None
Local Shopping Facilities	No
Other Facilities	The Crown Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	There are no areas of flood risk in close proximity to the village
Local Road Network	The village is accessed via the B1146.
Biodiversity	There are no designated biodiversity sites within close proximity of the village
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows that Colkirk is located across two landscape types Settled Tributary Farmland and Plateau Farmland. The village is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	Colkirk parish council supported the role of settlement boundaries.
Recommendation	<p>Colkirk has a school and public house, however it is lacking other facilities which would be required to designate it as a Local Service Centre village. Importantly the village is not on a public transport route.</p> <p>In their response to the issues and options consultation the village support the role of settlement boundaries, however they did not respond regarding further development.</p> <p>As Colkirk does not fulfil the requirements for a Local Service Centre village it is recommended that it should not be designated as such.</p>

Garboldisham

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	721
Population (2011 Census)	969
Number of houses built 2001/2014	17
Number of houses currently with planning permission	2
Primary School	Yes – Garboldisham CE VC Primary School 103 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	There are 18 businesses on the Inter-Department Business Register 2013. The largest employer within the village is Mervyn Lambert Plant Hire.
Public Transport	Simonds 304 and 337 - 5 services Monday to Saturday Garboldisham – Bury St Edmunds
Local Shopping Facilities	Shop and post office
Other Facilities	Village hall
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	The River Thet runs through the centre of the village along the B1111 and also to the south of Smallworth road. This area is located within flood zone 2.
Local Road Network	The village is located on the B1111 and is dissected by the A1066 which is a key corridor of movement within the District. There are local issues around HGVs within the village.
Biodiversity	Bromscott Common is a County Wildlife Site located to the south west of the village..
Landscape Assessment	Garboldisham is located across three landscape character types. Land to the east of the B1111 is classified as Settled Tributary Farmland, whilst land to the west is classified as both Brecks Heathland and Plateau farmland. GHarboldisham is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	The parish council considers some small scale development would be appropriate, potentially along Back Street. If Garboldisham takes larger development, the eastern side of the B1111 would be preferable. Infrastructure also needs to be taken into consideration.
Recommendation	Garboldisham meets the five criteria required to be designated as a Local Service Centre village. The village was not previously considered through the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD as it did not have a population over 1000. The 2011 census figures show an increase in the population since 2001 and the population is now nearly 1000.

	<p>In response to the issues and options consultation Garboldisham responded stating that they would like to see some small scale growth within the parish. It should be noted that a Local Service Centre designation is likely to be greater than small scale growth.</p> <p>Overall it is recommended that Garboldisham should be designated as a Local Service Centre village.</p>
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Garvestone

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	606
Population (2011 Census)	660
Number of houses built 2001/2014	27
Number of houses currently with planning permission	16
Primary School	Yes – Garvestone Primary School 48 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	There are 16 businesses included on the Inter-Departmental Business Register for 2013.
Public Transport	Konectbus 17 -One services on Tuesdays and Fridays
Local Shopping Facilities	No
Other Facilities	Kings Arms Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	The River Blackwater flow north and east of the village. This incorporates areas of land within flood zone 2.
Local Road Network	The village is located on the B1135
Biodiversity	There are no designated biodiversity sites within close proximity of the village
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows Garvestone as being included within three landscape character types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plateau Farmland • Settled tributary Farmland • River Blackwater River Valley Not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	Garvestone parish council support the role of settlement boundaries as an essential tool for planning, and as a way for local residents to have their say in determining the future of their village.
Recommendation	<p>Garvestone parish includes the villages and hamlets of Garvestone, Reymerstone and Thuxton. Across the parish there is a school, public house and shop and post office.</p> <p>Within Garvestone there is limited employment opportunities and there is no public transport. It should also be noted that the school is one of the smaller ones in the District with 48 pupils currently on the roll.</p> <p>Due to the lack of employment opportunities and public transport, it is recommended that Garvestone should not be considered for a designation as a Local Service Centre.</p>

Gooderstone

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	360
Population (2011 Census)	363
Number of houses built 2001/2014	48
Number of houses currently with planning permission	2
Primary School	Yes – Gooderstone CE VA Primary School 78 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	There are 15 bussinees within the parish included on the 2013 IDBR.
Public Transport	Eagles 18 - Swaffham – Gooderstone – Kings Lynn 1 AM journey on a Tuesday only. 1 return PM journey.
Local Shopping Facilities	No
Other Facilities	The Swan Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	Land to the north of the village is located within flood zone 2.
Local Road Network	The local road network is class roads.
Biodiversity	The Breckland Farmland SPA is located to the south east of the village. The village is entirely within the Stone Curlew buffer zone. The Cockley Cley Meadow and Stream runs to the north of the village and is a designated County Wildlife Site.
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows Gooderstone as being located within Oxborough Tributary Farmland. Gooderstone is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No comments received
Recommendation	Whilst Gooderstone does have both a public house and a school, the village has limited other services and facilities to support growth or a designation as a Local Service Centre village. This includes a very limited public transport service. The proximity of the village to the Breckland Farmland SPA to the south and the extensive areas of flood risk to the north restrict the availability of suitable land for development. It is therefore recommended that Gooderstone should not be considered as a Local Service Centre

Great Dunham

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	325
Population (2011 Census)	344
Number of houses built 2001/2014	12
Number of houses currently with planning permission	2
Primary School	Yes – Great Dunham Primary School 85 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The Inter-Departmental Business Register (2013) shows 9 businesses within the parish.
Public Transport	Konectbus 13c and 13d -One service Mondays to Fridays
Local Shopping Facilities	No
Other Facilities	Village Hall
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	A tributary of the River Nar runs to the west of the parish, however it is not within close proximity of the village.
Local Road Network	The local road network is made up of c class roads
Biodiversity	There are no designated biodiversity sites within the parish.
Landscape Assessment	Great Dunham is located on Plateau Farmland It is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	The parish council supported the approach to designate service centres based on their services and facilities without having regard to population size. Development should not be restricted to the (previous) 14 local Service Centres but could also accommodate rural villages and settlements within close proximity of such centres.
Recommendation	Great Dunham has both a school and community facility within the village. Whilst there are 9 businesses shown within the parish, the records show that they employ limited numbers of people. Due to the lack of other services and facilities within the village, it is recommended that the village should not be designated as a Local Service Centre village.

Great Ellingham

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	1,108
Population (2011 Census)	1,132
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	44
Number of houses with planning permission	17
Primary School	Great Ellingham Primary School: school has been expanded and has capacity for growth 166 Pupils currently on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	None, Doctor's surgery and Dentist in nearby Attleborough
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008) there are 40 registered businesses in Great Ellingham, across 13 classifications
Public Transport	- No.X6/6A, Konectbus (Attleborough – Norwich) - Norwich – Great Ellingham - Watton: Mon-Sat 2PM services (1 to Great Ellingham and 1 to Watton), and no service on Sunday. - Great Ellingham – Norwich: Mon-Fri 3AM services, Saturday 2 AM services, and no service on Sunday.
Local Shopping Facilities	Post Office & store
Other Facilities	Public House Recreation Centre/Village Hall
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	1 in 100 year flood risk area to the east of the village. Localised flooding events have regularly been recorded on Long Street
Local Road Network	The village is on the B1077 Attleborough to Watton road and has good links to the A11. Hingham Road to the north of the village is a busy local link from Attleborough to Dereham.
Biodiversity	No European Sites, SSSIs or CWS in vicinity of Great Ellingham
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment identifies the Attleborough Hills Tributary Farmland and Woodland to the south and east of Great Ellingham as having high character area sensitivity. The Bow Street enclosed arable plateau immediately surrounding the village and to the north-west is identified as having a moderate landscape character area sensitivity
Status in the Local Development Framework	Great Ellingham is identified within the adopted Core Strategy as a Local Service Centre Village but does not have a positive housing allocation
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	Great Ellingham parish council responded to the consultation and recognised the need for some expansion to the village settlement boundary. However, they have raised concern regarding the public transport service and employment opportunities within the village. Additional concerns were raised about the loss of identity.
Recommendation	Great Ellingham was previously designated as a Local Service Centre village for the protection and enhancement of services and facilities only. It meets the five criteria for re-designation as a Local Service Centre.

Harling

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	2,201
Population (2011 Census)	2,142
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	121
Number of houses with planning permission	68
Primary School	East Harling Primary School and Nursery 220 pupils currently on roll. This is a 210 place school, however it sits on a large site and could be expanded to a 420 place school subject to building design.
Primary Health Care Facilities	Dentist Doctor's surgery
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008) there are 41 registered businesses in Harling, across 12 classifications. Additionally there is significant employment at Roudham (less than 2km from East Harling village)
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.10A, H Semmence & Co <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Harling – Norwich: Mon-Fri 2 AM services, and no service Saturday and Sunday. - Norwich – East Harling: mon-Fri 3 PM services, and no service Saturday and Sunday - No.66, Coach Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Harling – Norwich: 1 AM service on a Thursday. - Norwich – East Harling: 1 PM service on a Thursday. - No.1, Turner & Butcher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quidenham – East Harling – Diss: 1 AM service only on a Saturday - Diss – East Harling – Quidenham: 1 AM service only on a Saturday - Harling Road rail station, which provides daily services to Norwich, Cambridge and beyond.
Local Shopping Facilities	Shop Post Office Chemist
Other Facilities	Fast food Restaurant 2 Public Houses Fire Station
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	River Thet flows to the West of East Harling, areas of 1 in 100 year flood risk to south and west of village
Local Road Network	Village is accessed by the B1111 which provides a good access onto the A11. Local issue about HGVs through the village have been raised.
Biodiversity	There is a SSSI, CWS and SPA to the south of East Harling and CWS to the north.
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment identifies East Harling Fen to the north of the village has a high landscape character area sensitivity, in view of the intactness of the landscape elements and the intimate, small scale

	<p>character of the landscape, which includes a number of historic features such as Harling Common and the local parkland adjacent to the church.</p> <p>The Middle Harling Open Valley Floor has moderate-high landscape sensitivity, in the view of the relatively wide, open views and the comparatively sparse landcover.</p> <p>East Harling Heathlands that immediately surrounds most of the village and extends to the east has moderate landscape character area sensitivity.</p>
Status in the Local Development Framework	<p>Within the adopted Core Strategy Harling is identified as a Local Service Centre Village which will see a positive housing allocation for the plan period. Land will be allocated for 50 homes. In addition to this strategic allocation, at least 70 homes from existing commitments will be built between the Local Service Centre villages which will see a positive housing allocation</p>
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	<p>No response received</p>
Recommendation	<p>Harling was previously designated as a Local Service Centre for Growth and has seen 44 dwellings built within the parish since 2001., and there are a significant number remaining to be completed. The village meets the five criteria to be designated as a Local Service Centre and it is recommended that it should be.</p>

Hockering

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	628
Population (2011 Census)	711
Number of houses built 2001/2014	37
Number of houses currently with planning permission	3
Primary School	Yes – Hockering CE VA Primary School 37 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The Inter-Departmental Business Register (2013) shows 22 businesses within the parish.
Public Transport	First Group X1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday to Saturday half hourly service to Norwich - Monday to Saturday half hourly service to Dereham
Local Shopping Facilities	Yes – shop and post office
Other Facilities	The Victoria Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	The River Wensum forms the southern boundary of the parish, however there are no areas of flood risk in close proximity to the village.
Local Road Network	The village is accessed via the A47
Biodiversity	Hockering Wood is located to the north west of the village. The site is designated both as ancient woodland and a SSSI. There is a further area of ancient woodland to the north of the village known as Days Grove.
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows Hockering as being located within the River Tud River Valley. The village is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No comments received
Recommendation	<p>Hockering meets the five criteria to be designated as a Local Service Centre. Due to the village's location on the A47, it has one of the better accesses to public transport within the District.</p> <p>There are no significant environmental designations within the village which would restrict the availability of land for development. However it should be noted that the February Planning Committee approved two new sites for residential development for a combined total of 28 dwellings.</p> <p>Consideration should also be given to the size of the school, which currently has 37 pupils on its</p>

	<p>roll.</p> <p>Overall it is recommended that Hockering should be considered for a designation as a Local Service Centre.</p>
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Hockham

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	620
Population (2011 Census)	603
Number of houses built 2001/2014	20
Number of houses currently with planning permission	6
Primary School	Yes – Great Hockham Primary School and Nursery 94 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The Inter-Departmental Business Register (2013) shows 13 businesses within the parish.
Public Transport	Coach Services No.81 - Thetford –Great Hockham – Watton – Services every 2 hours, with two services in peak AM time Monday to Friday. - Watton – Great Hockham – Thetford – services every two hours Monday to Friday
Local Shopping Facilities	No
Other Facilities	The Eagle Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	There are no areas of flood risk directly adjoining the parish.
Local Road Network	The village is accessed via the A1075.
Biodiversity	Breckland Forest SPA and SSSI is located to the west and north west of the village, the site is designated for the protection of Woodlark and Nightjars. The Green at the centre of the village includes a Regionally Important Geological Site.
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows that Hockham is located on the Breckland Heathland Plantation character type. It is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	Whilst the village is small it has a school, employment opportunities, public house and community facilities and public transport. Hockham would like to see some residential growth. The village is also well related to Thetford, Snetterton and Attleborough. In addition affordable housing should be encouraged and promoted
Recommendation	Through the issues and options consultation Hockham parish council requested growth within their village. Having reviewed the services and facilities within the village, Hockham does not meet the five criteria for a local Service Centre village. There are limited employment opportunities and no shop or post office within

	the village. However, due to the parishes wish to see development within the village, it is recommended that it is designated as a Local Service Centre village.
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Kenninghall

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	878
Population (2011 Census)	941
Number of houses built 2001/2014	74
Number of houses currently with planning permission	15
Primary School	Yes – Kenninghall Primary School 106 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	Yes – Kenninghall Surgery, Quidenham Road
Employment	The Inter-Departmental Business Register (2013) shows 43 businesses within the parish. Larger businesses within the parish include Crown Chicken and Ryan poultry Services.
Public Transport	H Semmence & Co 10A - Kenninghall – Norwich 2AM services Monday to Friday and no service Saturday and Sunday. 3 PM services Monday to Friday
Local Shopping Facilities	Yes – shop and post office
Other Facilities	The Red Lion Public House The White lion Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	There is an area of flood risk (zone 2) which is located centrally within the village.
Local Road Network	The village is accessed via a network of c class roads.
Biodiversity	Kenninghall and Banham Fen is a SSSI which is located to the north of the village.
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows that Kenninghall is located across three landscape character types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Brecks Heathland plantation is located to the north west. • The NorthLopham Plateau is located to the South West • The east of the village is located within the Buckenhams Settled Tributary Farmland Kenninghall is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	Though windfall development a number of dwellings have been permitted within Kenninghall. This has led to undue pressure on the school and doctors surgery. Therefore the parish council is of the view that any further development should be inside the settlement boundary and the boundary should not be expanded further.
Recommendation	Kenninghall has a good range of services and facilities. This includes a doctors, school, shop and post office and community facilities including two public houses. No known capacity issues.

	<p>Public transport is available within the village, however it is acknowledged that the service is limited.</p> <p>Since 2001 Kenninghall has seen further development on the site of the former egg packing factory and also on the site of the former village hall. In light of these developments and others within the village, the parish council responded to the issues and options consultation stating that they would not like to see further growth. However having reviewed the above information it is considered that Kenninghall would represent an appropriate village to be designated as a Local Service centre village through the Local Plan.</p>
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Litcham

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	592
Population (2011 Census)	618
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	9
Number of houses with planning permission	3
Primary School	Litcham School (Primary) Litcham High School 614 pupils on roll (Year R –Year 12) The primary school could be expanded to a 210 place school. A wider review of primary schools in the area is currently occurring.
Primary Health Care Facilities	Litcham Health Centre
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008) there are 14 businesses across 11 classifications in Litcham
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.32, Freestone Coaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kings Lynn – Swaffham - Litcham – Longham: Mon-Sat 1 PM service to Longham, and no service on Sunday - Longham - Litcham – Swaffham - Kings Lynn: Mon-Fri 1 Am service to Swaffham and 2 AM services to Kings Lynn, Saturday 2 AM services to Kings Lynn, and no service on Sunday. - No.4, Peelings Coaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harpley - Litcham – Fakenham: Only 1 AM service on a Thursday. - Fakenham – Litcham - Harpley: Only 1 PM service on a Thursday - No.1, Peelings Coaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kings Lynn – Litcham – Fakenham: 1 PM service on a Tuesday and Thursday. - Hempton – Litcham – Kings Lynn: 1 AM service on a Tuesday and Thursday. - No.1, Carters Coaches of Litcham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mileham –Litcham – Dereham: 1 AM service on a Friday. - Dereham – Litcham – Mileham – 1 PM service on a Friday. - No.2, Carters Coaches of Litcham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mileham – Litcham – Dereham: 1 AM service on a Tuesday. - Dereham – Litcham – Mileham: 1 AM service on a Tuesday. - No.8, Carters Coaches of Litcham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Norwich – Litcham: 1 PM service on a Wednesday - Litcham – Norwich: 1 AM service on a Wednesday. - No.13C, Freestone Coaches

	- Swaffham – Litcham – Easton College – 1 AM service only on college days.
Local Shopping Facilities	Post Office and General Store
Other Facilities	Takeaway
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	Area of Flood Risk identified to the south of the village (River Nar)
Local Road Network	Village is accessed by the B1145 which provides access to the A1065 to the west and the B1146 to the east
Biodiversity	Litcham Common and Nar Valley identified as a SSSI and CWS site identified south of River Nar
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment identifies Litcham as being within the Chalk Rivers (Nar) landscape type, with the northern extent of the village being identified as Nar Tributary Farmland. Litcham was not included within the settlement fringe assessment
Status in the Local Development Framework	Within the adopted Core Strategy Litcham is identified as a Local Service Centre Village but will not see a positive housing allocation
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	The parish council responded that There should be a vision to link villages. Villages with employment but no services should be linked with villages with services i.e. Beeston with Litcham.
Recommendation	Litcham has limited employment opportunities; however it meets the four other services and facilities to support a designation as a Local Service Centre village. The village is well related to Beeston which does contain an employment area.

Lyng

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	806
Population (2011 Census)	807
Number of houses built 2001/2014	24
Number of houses currently with planning permission	4
Primary School	Yes – Lyng CE VC Primary School 101 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The IDBR shows that there are 20 businesses within the parish; however they all employ limited numbers of people.
Public Transport	Sanders Coaches No.80 - Aylsham – Lyng –Dereham 1 AM service and 1 PM return service on a Friday.
Local Shopping Facilities	Lyng stores – village shop
Other Facilities	The Fox Public House Garage
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	The River Wensum flows to the north of the village to the rear of properties. . The flood risk includes land within flood zones 2,3a and 3b
Local Road Network	Village is accessed via c class roads from the A1067.
Biodiversity	The River Wensum is a SAC and SSSI. There are a number of County Wildlife Sites located to the north of the village along the route of the Wensum.
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows that Lyng is located across two landscape character types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The River Wensum River Valley • Settled Tributary Farmland Lyng is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	Considers settlement boundaries to be essential to protect small villages including Lyng from over development
Recommendation	Lyng does not meet the criteria for a Local Service Centre village as it lacks both employment opportunities and access to public transport. Furthermore, land to the north of the village is subject to flood risk from the River Wensum. Overall it is recommended that Lyng should not be designated as a Local Service Centre.

Mattishall

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	2631
Population (2011 Census)	2617
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	66
Number of houses with planning permission	12
Primary School	Mattishall primary school 204 pupils currently on roll. The school currently has capacity for 210 pupils, however an initial review suggest the school could be expanded to 2 form entry.
Primary Health Care Facilities	Mattishall surgery
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008) there are 32 registered businesses in Mattishall, across 12 classifications
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.4/4A, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swanton Morley – Mattishall – Norwich: hourly service throughout Mon-Sat, and service every two hours on Sunday. - Norwich – Mattishall – Swanton Morley: hourly service throughout Mon-Sat, and service every two hours on Sunday. - No.13A, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dereham – Mattishall – Easton College: 1 AM service on College days - Easton College – Mattishall – Dereham: 1 PM service on College days
Local Shopping Facilities	Post Office Shops x2 Butchers Pharmacy
Other Facilities	Fast food
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	Small area of 1 in 100 year flood risk east of Daffodil Way, area to north-west in and around Castleton Farm and to the north adjacent to the Occupation Road Drain
Local Road Network	Access onto the A47 has improved with a roundabout being installed at the Mattishall Road junction.
Biodiversity	There is a SSSI to the north of Mattishall
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment identifies Clippings Green Small Scale Tributary Farmland in a 1.5km radius from the northern edge of Mattishall. The overall sensitivity in this area is moderate, although this would be locally higher in the more intact and small scale pastoral landscape at Mill Road. It also identifies Mattishall Hall Small Scale Tributary Farmland in a radius of 1.5km extending from the south western settlement edge of Mattishall. Sensitivity in this area is moderate-high, in the view of the intactness of the landcover and field boundary pattern and presence of elements such as Mattishall Hall. There is also the Mattishall Burgh Large Scale Plateau Farmland in a 1.5km radius extending from the northern and eastern edges of Mattishall and Matishall Burgh. Sensitivity in this area is judged to be moderate

Status in the Local Development Framework	Within the adopted Core Strategy Mattishall is identified as a Local Service Centre, which will not see a positive housing allocation in the remainder of the plan period
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	The parish accepts that some growth may be required within the village. Any new growth should be proportionate to the size of the village, proportionately this would see 120 new dwellings for the village. Any new housing should be as near the village services as possible. The parish council believe there is a demand for affordable housing and would like to see this allocated.
Recommendation	Mattishall contains all of the five services and facilities required to be designated as a Local Service Centre village. It is recommended that the designation should be retained.

Mundford

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	1591
Population (2011 Census)	1526
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	38
Number of houses with planning permission	4
Primary School	Mundford Church of England Primary School 146 pupils on roll. The school sits on a relatively large site and could be easily expanded to 210 places.
Primary Health Care Facilities	Mundford Surgery
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008), Mundford has 10 businesses across 6 classifications
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.12, Coach Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kings Lynn – Mundford – Foulton – 1 PM service on a Tuesday. - Foulton – Mundford – Kings Lynn – 1 AM service on a Tuesday. - No.012, National Express Shuttle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - London – Cambridge – Dereham: 1 Pm service pre-booked through National Express. - Dereham – Cambridge – London: 1 AM service commencing 01/11/2013 pre-booked through National Express. - No.40, Coach Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kings Lynn – Mundford – Thetford: restricted service on college (AM & PM) and non-college days (PM), and Saturday 1 PM service. - Thetford – Mundford – Kings Lynn: restricted service on college (AM) and non-college days (AM), and 1 AM service on a Saturday.
Local Shopping Facilities	Post Office Shop Newsagents
Other Facilities	Crown Hotel Village Hall
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	Land North of the village is identified as being within Flood Risk Zones 2 and 3 (Wissey)
Local Road Network	Mundford is accessed from the A1065 and the A134.
Biodiversity	Breckland Forest SSSI, SPA and surrounding the village to the south, east and west. County Wildlife to north. SAC to east and west
Landscape Assessment	Mundford is located within the Brecks – plantations landscape type in the District-wide Landscape Character Assessment. The village was not examined in the settlement fringe analysis
Status in the Local Development Framework	Within the adopted Core Strategy Mundford is identified as a Local Service Centre, which will not see a positive housing allocation in the remainder of the plan period
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No Comments recieved

Recommendation	The village has four of the five criteria to support the designation as a Local Service Centre village. There is limited employment opportunities within the village. It is recommended that the village should be retained as a Local Service Centre, however there are concerns about its ability for further expansion due to environmental constraints.
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Narborough

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	1095
Population (2011 Census)	1094
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	38
Number of houses with planning permission	57
Primary School	Narborough Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School 108 pupils currently on roll. The current capacity is 105 pupils. Due to the relatively small size of the school site it is only likely to be able to be expanded to 150 capacity.
Primary Health Care Facilities	Narborough Surgery
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008) there are 45 registered businesses in Narborough, across 11 classifications
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.13D, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Narborough – Swaffham: 1 AM service on college days only. - Swaffham – Narborough: 1 PM service on college days only. - No.32, Freestone Coaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kings Lynn – Narborough – Litcham/Longham: Mon-Fri 1 AM & PM from Kings Lynn and 1 PM from Swaffham, 2 services (1 AM & 1 PM) on Saturday, and no Sunday service. - Longham/Litcham – Narborough – Kings Lynn: Mon-Fri 3 AM services, Saturday 2 AM services, and no Sunday service. - No.X1, First in Suffolk & Norfolk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lowestoft – Great Yarmouth – Norwich – Narborough – Kings Lynn – Peterborough: Mon-Sat half hourly services throughout day and PM hourly services to Kings Lynn, and hourly service on a Sunday throughout day. - Peterborough – Kings Lynn – Narborough – Norwich – Great Yarmouth – Lowestoft: Mon-Sat half hourly services throughout day and PM hourly services, and Sunday hourly services throughout day.
Local Shopping Facilities	Post Office
Other Facilities	The Ship Inn Chinese restaurant Community Centre
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	River Nar flows to the north of the village and is surrounded by an area of 1 in 100 year flood risk. Further small areas of flood risk to the west of the village adjacent to the Allotment and Butlers Drain
Local Road Network	A47 provides good access to Swaffham and beyond, and Kings Lynn
Biodiversity	A SSSI is located to the immediate north of Narborough and there is a second SSSI further to the south of the village
Landscape Assessment	Narborough Farmland and Plantation forms a section of

	Swaffham Heath surrounding the nucleated village of Narborough. The character of this area is judged to have moderate sensitivity to built development. Narborough Estate Valley Floor forms part of the River Nar District character area. The overall sensitivity of this character area is considered to be high, although locally lower (moderate) where affected by urban edge recreational development, such as at the trout lakes
Status in the Local Development Framework	Within the adopted Core Strategy Narborough is identified as a Local Service Centre village, which will see a positive housing allocation for the remainder of the plan period. Land will be allocated for 50 homes. In addition to this strategic allocation, at least 70 homes from existing commitments will be built between the Local Service Centre villages which will see a positive housing allocation
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No comments received
Recommendation	Narborough meets the five criteria for the designation of a Local Service Centre village, it is recommended that the designation should be retained.

Necton

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	1,895
Population (2011 Census)	1,923
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	114
Number of houses with planning permission	167
Primary School	Necton VA Primary School 197 pupils on roll. The current capacity is 210 pupils. Due to the large school site there would be the possibility of expanding it to a 2 form entry school.
Primary Health Care Facilities	Satellite surgery at Hale Road
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008) there are 17 registered businesses in Necton, across 12 classifications
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.1, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kings Lynn – Necton – Watton: Mon-Sat hourly throughout day, and no service on a Sunday. - Watton – Necton – Kings Lynn: Mon-Sat hourly throughout day, and no service on a Sunday. - No.16, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swaffham – Necton – Dereham: 1 AM service on school days. - Dereham – Necton – Swaffham: 1 PM service on school days. - No.20, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dereham – Necton: 2 PM services on school days. - Necton – Dereham: 1 AM service on school days. - No.51, Eagles Coaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Norwich – Necton – Downham Market: 1PM service on Wednesday. - Downham Market – Necton – Norwich: 1 AM service on Wednesday. - No.X1, First in Suffolk & Norfolk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lowestoft – Great Yarmouth – Norwich – Necton – Kings Lynn – Peterborough: Mon-Sat half hourly services throughout day and PM hourly services to Kings Lynn, and hourly service on a Sunday throughout day. - Peterborough – Kings Lynn – Necton – Norwich – Great Yarmouth – Lowestoft: Mon-Sat half hourly services throughout day and PM hourly services, and Sunday hourly services throughout day.
Local Shopping Facilities	Post Office Co-Op
Other Facilities	Windmill Inn Pub Village Hall
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	River Wissey flows to the south of Necton and southern edge of village is within flood risk as identified in SFRA. Small areas of flood risk adjacent to Necton Drains and

	Necton Brook to north, south and west of village. Additional small, localised flooding events within other parts of the village, caused by poor drainage, have been recorded and attended to by Breckland Council since 2001
Local Road Network	Access onto A47 is a significant local issue, particularly during peak hours when queues form to turn left from Tuns Road. Local campaign for a roundabout at the A47/Tuns Road junction
Biodiversity	No European sites, SSSIs or CWS in vicinity of Necton
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment identifies the Sparham Hall Open Tributary, which is an area extending 1.5km from the northern edge of the village. The local character area is defined by open, large scale arable farmland interspersed only occasionally with field boundary hedgerows. Overall sensitivity of this area is considered moderate, in spite of the relatively exposed visual character and primarily in light of the eroded structure and quality of the landscape. The Holme Hale Small Scale Tributary Farmland which is an area extending 1.5km from the edge of Necton, is considered to have a moderate-high sensitivity. This is in view of the relatively high quality and the range of landscape elements displayed within the area.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Within the adopted Core Strategy, Necton is identified as a Local Service Centre village, but will not see a positive housing allocation for the remainder of the plan period. Over the remainder of the plan period, 140 homes will be built in the village of Necton and these will be developed entirely from existing commitments.
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	Necton would be considered to be a LSC under all 3 options. Allocation of new development must coincide with infrastructure improvements. The school and Doctors are currently at capacity. PC recognises benefit of development on the sustainability of the village, but would welcome involvement in the process to ensure the development benefits current and future residents.
Recommendation	Necton meets the criteria to retain its designation as a local Service Centre village and it is recommended that the designation should be retained.

North Elmham

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	1,428
Population (2011 Census)	1,433
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	45
Number of houses with planning permission	24
Primary School	North Elmham Voluntary Controlled Primary School 114 pupils on roll. The current capacity of the school is 105 pupils. With capital funding the school could be expanded to a 210 place school.
Primary Health Care Facilities	Elmham Surgery and Swanton Morley Surgery
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008) there are 38 registered businesses in North Elmham, across 12 classifications
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.9, Carters Coaches of Litcham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Norwich – North Elmham – Tittleshall: 1 PM service on a Wednesday. - Tittleshall – North Elmham – Norwich: 1 AM service on a Wednesday. - No.21, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dereham – North Elmham – Fakenham: Mon-Fri services throughout day with certain PM services on non-school/school days, Saturday services throughout day, and no Sunday service. - Fakenham – North Elmham – Dereham: Mon-Fri services throughout day till early afternoon with certain AM services on non-school/school days, Saturday throughout day till early afternoon - No.22, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dereham – North Elmham – Broom Green: 1 PM service on school days
Local Shopping Facilities	Post Office and Cafe Shop
Other Facilities	2 x public houses Fish and Chips takeaway
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	River Wensum flows to the east of North Elmham and parts of the village are within flood risk as identified in SFRA. Small areas of flood risk lie adjacent to the street harm Drain and Town Beck along the north of the village
Local Road Network	North Elmham is at the junction of the B1110 and B1145, neither are principal roads but nonetheless provide a good road access to the village
Biodiversity	There is a SSSI to the immediate north and east of the village
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment identifies the County School Station Valley Floor which has a 1.5km radius from the eastern and southern edges of North Elmham. The overall sensitivity is considered to be moderate, whilst this would be locally higher (moderate-high) in areas such as around Worthing Mill. Elmham Park Tributary Farmland covers a 1.5km radius from the

	western edge of North Elmham and including the historic parkland of Elmham Park. Overall sensitivity is judged to be high, in view of the generally intact character of much of the settlement edge and landscape structure of the character area
Status in the Local Development Framework	Within the adopted Core Strategy North Elmham is identified as a Local Service Centre Village but will not see a positive housing allocation for the plan period
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No comments received
Recommendation	North Elmham contains all of the services and facilities to be designated as a local Service Centre village., it is recommended that the designation should be retained.

North Lopham

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	605
Population (2011 Census)	623
Number of houses built 2001/2014	28
Number of houses currently with planning permission	2
Primary School	Yes – St Andrew’s Lopham CS VA Primary School 64 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The IDBR shows that there are 21 businesses within the parish; however they all employ limited numbers of people.
Public Transport	Norfolk Coachways No.1 - Attleborough – North Lopham – Diss 1AM service on a Saturday and 1 return PM service
Local Shopping Facilities	Yes shop and post office
Other Facilities	The King’s Head Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	There is a small area of flood risk (zone 2) to the south east of the village., however it does not directly adjoin the village. There is a further ancient woodland, Hollands Grove, located to the south east of the parish. There are no designated biodiversity sites directly adjoining the village.
Local Road Network	Village is accessed via a local road network of c class roads.
Biodiversity	Lopham Grove is a designated Ancient Woodland at the eastern extent of the parish boundary.
Landscape Assessment	North Lopham village is located on the North Lopham Plateau. The land around the village is classified as settled tributary farmland. The village is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	The parish council is currently considering a neighbourhood plan, for the parish. If the council does take this approach this would also see consideration of the settlement boundary. The responses did not include reference to further growth.
Recommendation	North Lopham does not meet the criteria for a Local Service Centre village as it lacks both employment opportunities and access to public transport. It is therefore recommended that North Lopham should not be designated as a Local Service Centre village.

North Pickenham

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	500
Population (2011 Census)	472
Number of houses built 2001/2014	27
Number of houses currently with planning permission	3
Primary School	Yes – St Andrews CE VA Primary School 44 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The IDBR shows that there are 7 businesses within the parish.
Public Transport	West Norfolk Community Transport No.12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Pickenham to Swaffham Monday to Friday 2AM services and 3 return services to Swaffham tesco's. Last service returns at 14:40 - North Pickenham to Swaffham Saturday service 2 outbound journeys to tesco's and 1 return
Local Shopping Facilities	No
Other Facilities	The Blue Lion Public House (it is unclear if the pub is currently open. It has been listed as an asset of community value)
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	The River Wissey runs through the east of the village along Meadow Lane. The area is designated as flood zone 2.
Local Road Network	Village is accessed by a network of c class roads.
Biodiversity	The water meadows known as Camping Land are a designated County Wildlife Site is located to the north of Houghton Lane.
Landscape Assessment	The landscape character assessment shows that the village is located on River Wissey Settled Tributary Farmland. The village is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No comments received
Recommendation	<p>North Pickenham contains both a school and a shop and post office. The school is relatively small with just 44 pupils on its roll. There is a public house, however it is unclear if this remains open.</p> <p>Whilst the village is located close to the market town of Swaffham, there is a lack of public transport available to the town.</p> <p>There is limited employment opportunities available within the village, and therefore it is recommended that the village should not be</p>

	designated as a Local Service centre.
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Old Buckenham

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	1,294
Population (2011 Census)	1,270
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	32
Number of houses with planning permission	16
Primary School	Old Buckenham Community Primary School 215 pupils on roll. The school currently pulls pupils in from outside of its catchment and is full and under pressure. The size of the school site indicates that it could be expanded to 2 form entry. Old Buckenham High School is also in the parish
Primary Health Care Facilities	None, Doctors and Dentist in nearby Attleborough
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008) there are 15 registered businesses in Old Buckenham, across 11 classifications
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.1, Turner & Butcher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quidenham – Old Buckenham – Diss: 1 AM service on Saturdays. - Diss – Old Buckenham – Quidenham: 1 midday service on Saturdays. - No.10A, H Semmence & Co <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Harling – Old Buckenham – Norwich: Mon-Fri 2 AM services, and no service on Saturday and Sundays. - Norwich – Old Buckenham – East Harling: Mon-Fri 3 PM services, and no service on Saturdays and Sundays.
Local Shopping Facilities	Old Buckenham Stores and Post Office
Other Facilities	2 Public Houses
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	Area of flood risk derived from EA flood zone maps lies to the south and north west of the village
Local Road Network	Old Buckenham is on the B1077 Attleborough to Diss road. It is also close to the B1113 road to Norwich
Biodiversity	There is a SSSI and a SAC to the north west of the Old Buckenham
Landscape Assessment	Old Buckenham is a small village set around a large central green and is located in The Buckenhams Settle Tributary Farmland. Overall the sensitivity of the area is high based on the small scale of the settlement and its relationship with the central open green
Status in the Local Development Framework	Within the adopted Core Strategy Old Buckenham is identified as a Local Service Centre village but will not see a positive housing for the remainder of the plan period
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	Old Buckenham responded to the consultation supporting the existing approach for the designation of service centre villages.
Recommendation	The village meets the five criteria for the designation of a Local Service Centre village and as such it is recommended that the designation should be retained.

Rocklands

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	702
Population (2011 Census)	722
Number of houses built 2001/2014	27
Number of houses currently with planning permission	5
Primary School	Yes – Rocklands Community Primary School 67 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	There are 23 businesses included on the 2013 IDBR. The largest employer within the area is Ridgeons timber and builders merchants.
Public Transport	None
Local Shopping Facilities	Yes shop and post office
Other Facilities	The White Hart Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	There are areas of land in flood zone 2 to the north and south of the parish. These areas do not directly adjoin the village.
Local Road Network	Village is accessed via the B1077
Biodiversity	An area of grassland on low lane is a designated County Wildlife Site.
Landscape Assessment	The landscape character assessment shows that the majority of the village is located on the Watton Ridge Plateau Farmland. Land to the very south of the village is located on the River Thet Settled tributary Farmland. The parish is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No comments received
Recommendation	<p>Rocklands parish includes the villages of both Rockland All Saints and Rockland St Peters. The services and facilities are located between the two villages, however they are within close proximity of each other.</p> <p>Rocklands meets all the criteria for the designation as a Local Service Centre, with the exception of access to public transport. There is no public transport available within the village.</p> <p>There are no significant environmental designations which would affect land availability within the parish. However due to the lack of public transport, it is recommended that Rocklands should not be designated as a local Service Centre.</p>

Saham Toney

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	1,565
Population (2011 Census)	1,507
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	45
Number of houses with planning permission	36
Primary School	Parker's Church of England Primary School 101 pupils on roll. Current capacity is 105. The school site would lend itself to expansion to a 210 pupil school.
Primary Health Care Facilities	None, Doctors and Dentist in nearby Watton (less than 2km)
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008) there are 15 registered businesses in Saham Toney, across 7 classifications
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.1, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kings Lynn – Saham Toney – Watton: Mon-Sat hourly services throughout the day, and no services on Sunday - Watton – Saham Toney – Kings Lynn: Mon-Sat hourly services throughout the day, and no services on Sunday - No.6, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Norwich – Saham Toney – Ashill: Mon-Sat 1 PM service, and no Sunday service. - Ashill – Saham Toney – Norwich: Mon- Sat 1 AM service, and no Sunday service. - No.15, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Little Cressingham – Saham Toney – Watton: 1 AM service on school days. - Watton – Saham Toney – Little Cressingham: 1 PM service on school days.
Local Shopping Facilities	No
Other Facilities	Public House Community Centre
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	Watton Brook flows to the south of the village and is flanked by areas of flood risk as identified in the SFRA. There are other small areas of flood risk to the west, north and north east of the village adjacent to the Richmond Road Drain, Saham Toney Drain and Meadow Farm
Local Road Network	Village is not on any 'A' or 'B' road network. The former B1077 links the village to Watton and Swaffham
Biodiversity	Saham Mere (CWS) located within Saham Toney to the south. No other European Sites or SSSIs in vicinity of Saham Toney
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment identifies that Saham Toney lies within a tributary valley of the Wissey. The area identified as Saham Toney South West overall has been given an overall high sensitivity. This relates to the role of tributary valley and parkland/pasture and woodland setting, which create a strong rural character to this edge of the village. The area identified as Saham

	Toney North, West, East is considered to have a high sensitivity and relates to the role of tributary valley landscape and pasture in providing a distinct setting to the settlement
Status in the Local Development Framework	Within the adopted Core Strategy Saham Toney is identified as a Local Service Centre village, but will not see a positive housing allocation for the remainder of the plan period
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	Saham Toney has lost services since its designation as a LSC. This includes the shop, and the PO now only offers a limited service. Primary school is oversubscribed, the doctors surgery in Watton has de-registered patients and there is no significant employment.
Recommendation	It is recognised that Saham Toney is a dispersed settlement in its own right however given the close access to services located in Watton and the strong market signals it is considered that it should remain a LSC.

Scarning

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	2932
Population (2011 Census)	2906
Number of houses built 2001/2014	59
Number of houses currently with planning permission	8
Primary School	Yes – Scarning VC Primary School 287 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The IDBR shows that there are 48 businesses within the parish; however it should be noted that the majority of these are located within the part of Scarning included in Dereham's settlement boundary.
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.16, Konectbus - Swaffham – Scarning – Dereham: 1 AM service on schooldays. - No.20, Konectbus - Dereham – Scarning – Necton: Mon-Fri Service approximately every two hours with some restricted to school days only, 2 services (1 AM & 1 PM) on Saturday, and 1 AM service on Sundays to Wendling. - Necton – Scarning – Dereham: Mon-Fri Service approximately every two hours with some restricted to school days only, 3 services (1 AM & 1 PM) on Saturday, and no service on Sundays.
Local Shopping Facilities	No
Other Facilities	None
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	There are areas of flood risk located within the areas of Scarning which form the built extent of Dereham. There is no flood risk on land adjoining the village part of Scarning.
Local Road Network	The village is accessed from the A47.
Biodiversity	There are no designated biodiversity sites within the village of Scarning. Scarning Fen is a SAC and SSSI located directly adjoining Dereham.
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows that Scarning village is located within the landscape type of settled tributary farmland. The village is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No comments received
Recommendation	The population statistics for Scarning reflect that part of the parish is contained within the built extent of Dereham. Whilst the parish does contain a primary school it isn't located directly within the village and is instead located between

	<p>the village and Dereham. The village does not have any local shopping facilities or community facilities. It is therefore recommended that Scarning should not be included as a Local Service Centre Village.</p>
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Shipdham

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	2,145
Population (2011 Census)	2,057
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	94
Number of houses with planning permission	141
Primary School	Thomas Bullock Primary School. Currently 160 pupils on roll. The school has capacity for 210 pupils, however due to the size of the school site it could be expanded to 2 form entry.
Primary Health Care Facilities	Doctors Surgery
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008) there are 69 registered businesses in Shipdham, across 14 classifications. This includes the nearby Shipdham Airfield Industrial Area (in Cranworth Parish)
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.3, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Norwich – Shipdham – Watton: Mon-Sat 2 PM services to Shipdham, and no service on Sunday. - Shipdham – Watton – Norwich: Mon-Fri 2 AM services, Saturday 1 AM service, and no Sunday service. - No.6, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norwich – Shipdham – Ashill: Mon-Sat 2 PM services to Shipdham, and no service on Sunday. - Shipdham – Watton – Norwich: 1 AM service on Saturday and no Sunday service. - No.11, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watton – Shipdham – Dereham: Mon-Sat hourly service throughout day, and Sundays slightly reduced schedule. - Dereham – Shipdham – Watton :Mon-Sat hourly service throughout day, and Sundays slightly reduced schedule. - No.15, H Semmence & Co <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Norwich – Shipdham – 1 PM service on Wednesdays. - Shipdham – Norwich – 1 AM service on Wednesdays. - No.17, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - West Bradenham – Shipdham – Dereham: 1 AM service on Tuesday and Friday. - Dereham – Shipdham – West Bradenham: 1 PM service on Tuesday and Friday.
Local Shopping Facilities	Post Office Shop
Other Facilities	Fish and Chips takeaway 2 Public Houses
Water and Utilities	There are no known capacity issues

Flood Risk	The Blackwater River flows to the south west of the village and is flanked by areas of flood risk as identified in the SFRA. There are other small areas of flood risk adjacent to the Parkland Stream and Watery Lane Drain
Local Road Network	A1075 provides links to Dereham and Watton
Biodiversity	There are no European sites, SSSIs or CWS in vicinity of Shipdham
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment identifies the Crows Hill and Thorpe Row Arable Plateau that predominantly surrounds the village as having moderate/high landscape character area sensitivity. This is in view of the elevated plateau landscape which is relatively exposed in character. It also identifies Letton Hall Arable Farmland with Parkland and Woodland, which is located to the south western edge of the village. This is considered to have a moderate sensitivity in view of the containment provided by landform and field boundary/settlement edge vegetation
Status in the Local Development Framework	Within the Core Strategy Shipdham is identified as a Local Service Centre village, which will see a positive housing allocation for the remainder of the plan period. Land will be allocated for 100 homes in Shipdham. In addition to this strategic allocation, at least 70 homes from existing commitments will be built between the positive housing allocation Local Service Centre villages
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No response received
Recommendation	Shipdham was previously designated as a Local Service Centre village for growth through the LDF. The village still has the same services and facilities and as such it is considered that the designation should be retained.

Sporle

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	1038
Population (2011 Census)	1011
Number of houses built 2001/2014	35
Number of houses currently with planning permission	18
Primary School	Yes – Sporle CE VC Primary School 71 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The IDBR shows that there are 24 businesses within the parish.
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No.32, Freestone Coaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kings Lynn - Sporle – Longham: Mon-Fri 2 service (1 AM and 1 PM) to Litcham and 1 PM to Longham, on Saturday one midday service to Litcham, and no Sunday service. - Longham - Sporle – Kings Lynn: Mon-Fri 3 AM services, Saturday 2 AM services, and no Sunday service. - No.1, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kings Lynn - Sporle – Watton: Mon-Fri regular hourly services until 15.28 with slightly less regular services on a Saturday and no service on Sunday. - Watton - Sporle – Kings Lynn: Mon-Fri regular hourly services until 13.12 , with service every 2 hours on a Saturday, and no service on a Sunday. - No.10, Carters Coaches of Litcham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sporle – Dereham: 1 AM service on Friday. - Dereham – Sporle: 1 PM service on Friday. - No.13C, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swaffham – Sporle – Easton College: 1 AM service on College days. - Easton College – Sporle – Swaffham: 1 PM service on College days. - No.16, Konectbus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swaffham – Sporle – Dereham: 1 AM service on school days. - Dereham – Sporle – Swaffham: 1 PM service on school days.
Local Shopping Facilities	Yes – Village shop and post office
Other Facilities	Peddars Inn Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	There is a area of flood zone 2 located to the south of the village.

Local Road Network	Village is accessed via a c class road directly from the A47
Biodiversity	Sporle Wood is a designated ancient woodland to the east of the parish. It is approximately 900m from the closest residential development,
Landscape Assessment	The village is shown within the landscape Character Assessment as being located on settled tributary farmland. The village is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No comments received
Recommendation	Sporle scores well against the requirements for a local service centre village. The village has a school, local shopping facilities, post office and is also served by public transport. The village has limited biodiversity designations which would restrict development and it is considered that there would be suitable land available to further growth. The village also has good access onto the A47. Overall it is considered that Sporle meets the criteria required to be designated as a Local Service Centre.

Swanton Morley

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	2,415
Population (2011 Census)	2,100
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	48
Number of houses with planning permission	58
Primary School	Swanton Morley Primary School 155 pupils on roll. The school capacity is currently 210, however it is being expanded to 315 places to accommodate forces families relocating from Germany. In the future the school could be expanded to initially 420 places.
Primary Health Care Facilities	Swanton Morley Surgery Swanton Morley Medical Centre (Robertson Barracks)
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008) there are 22 registered businesses in Swanton Morley, across 10 classifications
Public Transport	- No.4/4A, Konectbus - Swanton Morley – Norwich: Mon-Sat hourly service throughout day, and no service on Sunday. - Norwich – Swanton Morley: Mon-Sat hourly service throughout the day, and no service on Sunday.
Local Shopping Facilities	Post Office Swanton Morley stores
Other Facilities	2 Public Houses
Water and Utilities	There are no known capacity issues
Flood Risk	The River Wensum flows to the north east of the village and is flanked by an area of flood risk as identified in the SFRA. Another area of flood risk lies to the east of the village beyond Park Farm and Frog's Hall. There are two small areas of flood risk surrounding Woodgate Stream and Church Stream
Local Road Network	Village accessed by B1147
Biodiversity	Swanton Morley Meadow to the north is designated a CWS. There is also a SSSI and SAC to the north east.
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment identifies Northall Green Enclosed Arable Farmland, which lies to the west and extending 1.5km from the settlement edge. It is considered to have moderate sensitivity, due to the filtered character of views and the relative lack of visibility to much of the settlement edge. Woodgate Enclosed Tributary Farmland lies to the east and north as is considered to have moderate-high landscape sensitivity. This is due to the intact landscape structure which has also survived to much of the settlement edge. Castle Farm Valley Floor lies to the north and is considered to have a high sensitivity. This is in view of the local character area's role in forming the setting of the historically important parish church, and the quality of the valley floor landscape.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Within the adopted Core Strategy Swanton Morley is identified as a Local Service Centre village, which will see a positive housing allocation for the remainder of the plan period. Land will also be allocated for 50 homes.

Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	The parish councils responded to the consultation and supported the option to designate Local Service Centres based on the services and facilities within the village regardless of the population threshold.
Recommendation	Swanton Morley contains the five key services and facilities to designate a Local Service Centre village. It is recommended that this designation is retained through the Local Plan.

Thompson

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	341
Population (2011 Census)	343
Number of houses built 2001/2014	11
Number of houses currently with planning permission	3
Primary School	Yes – Thompson Primary School 83 Pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The IDBR shows that there is only 5 registered businesses within the parish as at 2013.
Public Transport	None
Local Shopping Facilities	Yes shop and post office
Other Facilities	Chequers Inn Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	There are areas of land within flood zone 2 to the east of the village.
Local Road Network	The village is accessed via c class roads from the B1111
Biodiversity	There are a number of designated biodiversity sites within close proximity of the village: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Breckland Farmland SPA is located to the west of the parish and the village is contained within the Stone Curlew buffer zone. • There is a SSSI and SAC to the east of the village along Church Road, which forms part of Norfolk Valley Fens SAC. • There is a County Wildlife Site known at Sparrow Hill Meadows which extends to the west of Pockthorpe Lane.
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows that Thompson is located within two landscape character types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land to the west of Griston Road is located within the Brecks Heathland Plantation • Land to the east of Griston Road is located within the River Thet Settled Tributary Farmland The village is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	Thompson is currently defined as a Rural Settlement with a settlement boundary and has low growth/low growth potential. Thompson Parish Council would like to see this status maintained. Concern that if the settlement boundary is removed, this could see an increase in development. There is a lack of capacity in village services.
Recommendation	Thompson does not meet the criteria for a Local

	<p>Service Centre village as it lacks both employment opportunities and access to public transport. It is therefore recommended that Thompn should not be designated as a Local Service Centre village.</p>
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Weasenham

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	344
Population (2011 Census)	392
Number of houses built 2001/2014	9
Number of houses currently with planning permission	0
Primary School	Yes – Weasenham VC Primary School 36 pupils on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The Inter-Departmental Business Register shows that there are 12 registered businesses across the two parishes as at 2013.
Public Transport	Sanders Coaches No.26 - Fakenham – Weasenham – Kings Lynn Tuesday service 1 AM service and 1 return PM service Peelings Coaches No.4 - Harpley – Weasenham – Fakenham Thursday service 1 AM service and 1 return PM service
Local Shopping Facilities	Yes shop and post office
Other Facilities	Fox and Hounds Public House
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	There is no areas of flood risk directly adjoining the village.
Local Road Network	The village is accessed via the A1065
Biodiversity	There are no designated biodiversity sites directly adjoining the village. Weasenham Plantation is a County Wildlife Site located of Rougham End
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows that the village is predominantly located within the River Nar Settled Tributary Farmland. Land to the south of the village falls within the Whissonsett Plateau. The village is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No comments received
Recommendation	Weasenham village incorporates land within both Weasenham All Saints and Weasenham St Peter. The services and facilities are shared between the two parishes, however the village is served by two parish councils. The village contains a level of services and facilities including a public house, school and post office. These services are spread across the two parishes. The public transport is restricted to market days to Kings Lynn and Fakenham.

Weeting

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	1,751
Population (2011 Census)	1,839
Number of houses built 1 st April 2001 – 31 st March 2014	56
Number of houses with planning permission	81
Primary School	Weeting Voluntary Controlled Primary School 159 pupils on roll. The school site lends itself to a 210 place school.
Primary Health Care Facilities	None
Employment	From NNDR Data (2008) there are 32 registered businesses in Weeting, across 17 classifications
Public Transport	- No.40, Coach Services - Kings Lynn – Weeting – Thetford: Mon-Fri services throughout day but restricted to college/non-college and school days, 1 PM service on Saturday, and no service on Sunday. - Thetford – Weeting – Kings Lynn: Mon-Fri services throughout day but restricted to college/non-college and school days, 1 AM service on Saturday, and no service on Sunday. - Suffolk Links Brecks The Voluntary Network: bookable service.
Local Shopping Facilities	Post Office
Other Facilities	Fish and Chips takeaway Public House Garage
Water and Utilities	There are no known capacity issues
Flood Risk	A linear area of flood risk lies to the east of the village running from north to south and covering the eastern most tip of Peppers Close and South Park
Local Road Network	A1065 skirts to the east of the village. Former B1106 links village to Brandon
Biodiversity	Within SPA Stone Curlew Buffer Zone. Breckland SAC to West. Breckland SPA to West. SSSI to West and East. Concerns over impact of future development on the integrity of European Habitats and Species
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment identifies all of the land surrounding Weeting as having high landscape character area sensitivity. Weeting Castle Plantation and Farmland has a 1.5km radius from the edge of Weeting and is considered to have moderate-high sensitivity. This is in view of the proximity of the settlement to the SSSI's to the west and the sensitive historic elements of the village. Fengate Woodland and Wetland lies to the south of the village and is considered to have a moderate-high sensitivity. This is particularly in the western part of the area, and in the areas of more intact wetland meadow and floodplain pasture associated within the course of the Ouse in the southern part of the character area
Status in the Local Development Framework	Within the adopted Core Strategy Weeting is identified as a Local Service Centre Village, but will not see a positive

	housing allocation for the remainder of the plan period
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	No comments recieved
Recommendation	Weeting was previously designated as a Local Service Centre village through the Core Strategy. The village still has all the services and facilities require to be designated so it is recommended that it should retain the designation. The existing environmental restrictions within the village may restrict the development which is possible within the parish.

Yaxham

Key Service Indicators	Information as at February 2015
Population (2001 Census)	677
Population (2011 Census)	772
Number of houses built 2001/2014	73
Number of houses currently with planning permission	7
Primary School	Yes – Yaxham CE VA Primary School 91 on roll
Primary Health Care Facilities	No
Employment	The village is located less than 1.5km from Dereham, which has a range of employment opportunities. There are also employment opportunities available within the village, with the IDBR showing 25 registered businesses as at 2013.
Public Transport	Konectbus No.4 -Swanton Morley – Dereham – Yaxham – Norwich Hourly service to Norwich Monday to Saturday -Norwich – Yaxham - Dereham Hourly service to Norwich Monday to Saturday Konectbus 17 -Tuesday and Friday one service Bradenham to Dereham
Local Shopping Facilities	Yes shop and post office
Other Facilities	Yaxham Mill Public House Yaxham Waters Cafe and Garden Centre
Water and Utilities	No known capacity issues
Flood Risk	The River Tudd flows to the north of the parish, however it does not directly adjoin the village. It incorporates land in flood zones 2, 3a and 3b
Local Road Network	The village is accessed via the B1135 from Dereham
Biodiversity	There is a County Wildlife Site located on Dereham road to the north of the property known as Look East. A County Wildlife Site is located to the north of Manor Farm.
Landscape Assessment	The Landscape Character Assessment shows that Yaxham is located on the River Blackwater Settled Tributary Farmland. Land to the south of the village is included within the Shipdham Plateau. The village is not included within the Landscape Character Assessment Settlement Fringe study.
Status in the Local Development Framework	Village classified as a rural settlement with a settlement boundary within the LDF
Parish Council Comments on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	The parish council responded stating that they supported the approach to the definition of Local Service Centre villages as set out within the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD. They also stated that they supported the role

	settlement boundaries to retain village character and avoid inappropriate development outside of villages.
Recommendation	<p>Yaxham parish includes both Yaxham village and the Clint Green. The parish has a number of services and facilities required to support the designation as a Local Service Centre village. The village has both a school and public house. There is also a garden centre and café within the village.</p> <p>The village is located within a mile of Dereham and there is a regular bus service to both Dereham and Norwich. This provides options to access employment opportunities outside the parish.</p> <p>The parish council responded to the issues and options consultation stating that they supported the previously used classification for service centres.</p> <p>Overall it is considered that Yaxham has the appropriate level of services and facilities to support a designation as a Local Service Centre village through the Local Plan.</p>