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**Sent:** 12 August 2024 09:06  
**To:** Planning Policy Team  
**Subject:** RE: Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Submission Draft (Regulation 16) consultation

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan.

Government planning policy, within the **National Planning Policy Framework** (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.

Therefore, it is essential that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 102 and 103. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in **protecting playing fields** and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document.

[https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing\\_fields\\_policy](https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy)

Sport England provides guidance on **developing planning policy** for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.

[https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning\\_applications](https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_applications)

Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 103 of the NPPF, this takes the form of **assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities**. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.

Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.

<http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance>

If **new or improved sports facilities** are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

Any **new housing** developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.

In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how **any new development**, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.

Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.

NPPF Section 8: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities>

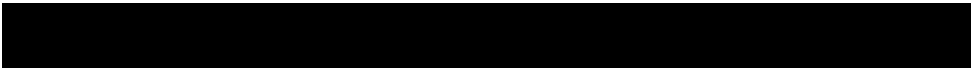
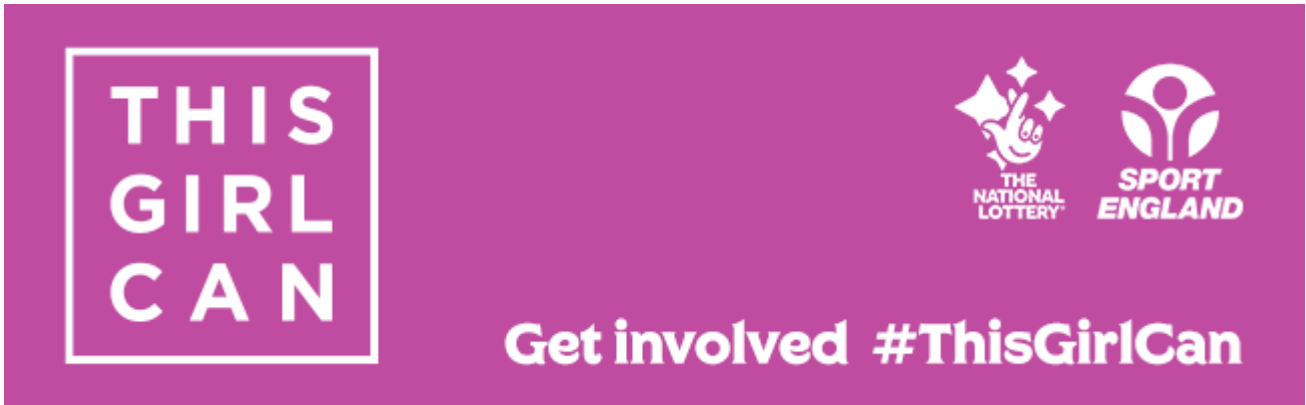
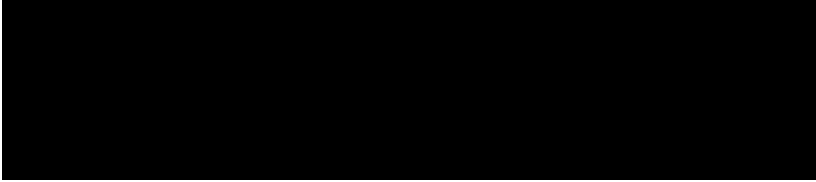
PPG Health and wellbeing section: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing>

Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign>

*(Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.)*

If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below.

Yours sincerely,



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**From:** Darcy, Andrew <Andrew.Darcy@breckland.gov.uk>

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Subject: Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Submission Draft (Regulation 16) consultation

## **Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Submission Draft (Regulation 16) consultation**

### **You've been invited to participate in the Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Submission Draft (Regulation 16) consultation by Breckland District Council**

**This consultation is open from 5 August 2024 to 15 September 2024 at 17:00.**

**Dear Sir or Madam**

### **Localism Act 2011 and Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)**

### **Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review consultation – 5 August 2024 to 15 September 2024 at 17:00..**

We are writing to you as you are currently registered on our consultation system and have selected 'neighbourhood planning' as an area of interest to be notified on, or you are a statutory consultee.

Mattishall Parish Council have submitted the final version of their neighbourhood plan review (Regulation 15 submission version) to Breckland District Council so that a public consultation on the document can take place. We are keen to hear the views of people who live, work and carry out business in the area and we are contacting you because you are a consultation body or because you live in, or have a business interest in, the parish of Mattishall.

Once 'made' (adopted) the neighbourhood plan will become part of the development plan and be used by Breckland Council when deciding planning applications in this area.

The submission neighbourhood plan review and supporting documents

- Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review submission version.

A number of evidence base documents support the neighbourhood plan and these can be viewed for information:

- Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Basic Conditions Statement.
- Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review New SEA Assessment
- Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review: New HRA Assessment.
- Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Open Spaces Assessment.
- 001 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group Request
- 002 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review: Questionnaire Dec 2022
- 003 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Miscellaneous Winter 2022
- 004 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Initial Questionnaire
- 005 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review: Findings of Initial Questionnaire
- 006 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Drop in Event Poster April 2023
- 007 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Questionnaire: Drop in Event April 2023
- 007a Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review: Local Green Spaces Drop in Event April 2023
- 008 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Summary Drop in Event April 2023
- 009 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Letter to Proposed NDHA owners
- 010 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review: Public Consultation Miscellaneous Leaflet Dec 23 – Jan 24

- 011 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Regulation 14 Miscellaneous Publicity
- 011a Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Regulation 14 Drop in Event Banner
- 011b Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Regulation 14 Drop in Event Banner
- 011c Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Regulation 14 Banner
- 012 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review: Regulation 14 Questionnaire
- 013 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Letters to Local Green Space Landowners Regulation 14
- 014 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Responses from Statutory Organisations Regulation 14
- 015 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review Responses from LGS Owners Reg 14
- 016 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review: Community Data Regulation 14
- 017 Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review: Responses from Community Reg 14

**Where the documents are available:**

The consultation documents are available for viewing online via the council’s website at:

<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning/mattishall>

A Paper copy of the Draft Plan can be viewed at:

- Breckland District Council Offices (Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1EE Dereham) (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday).

**What can be commented on?**

Comments are invited regarding whether the ‘plan proposal’ fulfils the “basic conditions” (Paragraph 8, Schedule 4B Town and Country Planning Act (as amended)).

The “basic conditions”

Representations received under Regulation 16 regarding the plan proposal will be forwarded to an independent examiner, who will assess the Mattishall Neighbourhood Plan Review and supporting documents against “basic conditions.” These require that the plan:

- Has regard to national policy and guidance from the Secretary of State.
- Contributes to sustainable development.
- Is in general conformity with the strategic policy of the development plan for the area or any part of that area.
- Does not breach or is otherwise compatible with EU obligations – this includes the SEA Directive of 2001/42/EC.
- The making of the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species regulations 2010(d), either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

**How you can comment:**

Responses must be submitted in writing and cannot be accepted if anonymous. All information received is public information (subject to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)T. Further information regarding GDPR and privacy can be found at

<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/planning/privacy>

**Comments submitted by:**

- Post to Planning Policy Team Breckland Council, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1EE
- Email to [planning.policyteam@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policyteam@breckland.gov.uk)

**Responses must be received before 5pm on Friday 15 September 2024**

### **What Happens Next**

Following the end of the consultation, Breckland Council will work with Mattishall Parish Council to appoint an independent examiner for the plan proposal. The consultation responses will be considered in determining whether the plan is ready for a public referendum on its adoption, or if further modifications are required.

If you would like to be notified of Breckland’s decision on the Mattishall Submission Neighbourhood Development Plan Review, please advise us in your response. The council’s decision on the plan proposal will be publicised on our website following the plan’s examination.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at [planning.policyteam@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policyteam@breckland.gov.uk)

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