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I would like to comment on the development proposed for Swanton Morley Road in Dereham. This is adjacent to Neatherd Moor which is the principal Green Space and Network in Dereham. The proposal does nothing to enhance the Moor and will adversely affect recreation in the area. The development should be seeking to blend in more with the existing environment and enhance opportunities for recreation by creating all weather tracks away from the road, possibly incorporating existing footpaths. For instance, the path going North to Northall Green could be widened and trees added to provide a fuller Green Network. The development could also extend improvements East to Etling Green to provide recreation and Healthy cycling rather than create a cycle route into the Town Centre that will not be heavily used.

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A fully sustainable housing strategy and plan must include targets to produce better sustainable housing in line with the aspirations of the NPPF. There are no signs of this in the Local Plan which makes no reference to zero carbon targets or renewable energy. New housing is the best point at which to introduce sustainable renewable technology yet there is no mention of this in the plan. As such it fails to address a main aim of the NPPF.

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