



**GREAT YARMOUTH**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL



# Strategic Environmental Assessment Adoption Statement

## Rollesby Neighbourhood Plan

Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plan and Programmes  
Regulations 2004

### Introduction

This statement has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. This statement outlines how environmental considerations have been integrated into the Neighbourhood Plan, how the Strategic Environmental Assessment has been taken into account, how consultation responses have been taken into account, the reasons for choosing the adopted Neighbourhood Plan policies in light of alternative options and the measures that will be taken to monitor the effects of the Neighbourhood Plan. Great Yarmouth Borough Council adopted the Rollesby Neighbourhood Plan on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and the Broads Authority adopted it on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Further details on the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the Councils website at: <https://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/rollesby-neighbourhood-plan>

## How environmental and sustainability considerations have been integrated into the Rollesby Neighbourhood Plan

The Rollesby Neighbourhood Plan includes numerous policies designed to address environmental and sustainability considerations. These include:

- Policies on protecting and enhancing landscape, townscape and agricultural land (Policies HO3, E1, E2, E3, CA2, SSA01, SSA02, SSA05)
- Policies on protecting and enhancing biodiversity (Policies HO3, E1, E2, E4, CA2, SSA01, SSA02, SSA03, SSA04, SSA05)
- Policies to support mitigation and adaptation of climate change (Policies HO1, E1, E4, TR2)

- Policy to protect and enhance the historic environment (Policy HO3, SSA02)
- Policy on mitigating pollution in development (Policy E4)
- Policies to support the delivery of housing to meet need (Policies HO1, HO2, SSA01, SSA02, SSA03, SSA04, SSA05 )
- Policies to support economic development (Policies CA1 and SSA05)

All site allocations were assessed through the strategic environmental assessment process against reasonable alternative site allocation options. The outcome of this assessment helped inform which allocations to include in the plan.

Similarly, all topic-based policies were assessed against no policy alternatives.

## How the Strategic Environmental Assessment has been taken into account

Collective Community Planning on behalf of Rollesby Parish Council prepared an [‘Environmental Report’](#) (April 2020) to detail the Strategic Environmental Assessment process which had been undertaken during the preparation of the plan.

The draft Environmental Report for the Strategic Environmental Assessment on the Rollesby Neighbourhood Plan was used to inform development of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was an iterative process and the draft Environmental Report was consulted upon alongside the pre-submission draft as part of Regulation 14, with feedback received used to refine the plan and this report further.

The Environmental Report was subject to further consultation as part of the Regulation 16 stage post-submission consultation.

Following examination of the plan, the examiner concluded in their report that a number of modifications were necessary in order for the plan to meet the ‘Basic Conditions’. The Council and the Broads Authority accepted these modifications and consider they do not impact on the conclusions of the Environmental Report.

## How the results of consultation have been taken into account

The [Rollesby Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement](#) details how comments made on the Environmental Report were taken into account.

## The reasons for choosing the plan as adopted, in light of reasonable alternatives considered

The Strategic Environmental Assessment has provided an iterative and rational method for refining the options considered throughout the Neighbourhood Plan process. Section 3.3 of the Environmental Report assess the alternative options considered during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

## Measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan

Rollsby Parish Council will undertake periodic monitoring of its Neighbourhood Plan to ascertain how the policies are being applied to shape decisions, whether the allocations are being achieved and impacts on social, economic and environmental considerations. A formal planned review will also take place in 2029 in accordance with Policy PR1.

The Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the Great Yarmouth and Broads Authority development plan and therefore sits within the strategic context of the local plans for Great Yarmouth and the Broads Authority. These will be monitored regularly through Annual Monitoring Reports for their effectiveness and effects on social, economic and environmental elements as identified in the Local Plan Sustainability Appraisals. Significant effects of the Rollsby Neighbourhood Plan will be picked up through this monitoring.