

Name of the DPD to which this representation relates:

Suffolk Coastal Final Draft Local Plan

PART A | Your Details

	1. Personal details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
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PART B | Your Representation

Please complete a separate form for each representation.

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph number	12.458 – 12.472	Policy Number	SCLP 12.44	Policies Map	6	Appendix	
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4. Do you consider that this part of the Plan meets the legal and procedural requirements?

(See [guidance note](#) for assistance with this question.)

Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Do you consider this part of the Plan has met the tests of soundness?

(See [guidance note](#) for assistance with this question.)

Yes ☐ No ☒

6. Do you consider this part of the Plan to be unsound because it is not:

(See [guidance note](#) for assistance with this question.)

Positively prepared ☐ Justified ☒

Effective ☐ Consistent with national policy ☐

7. Details of Representation:

Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Policy SCLP5.2: Housing Development in Small Villages permits ... 'a small group of dwellings of a scale appropriate to the size, location and character of the village.'

Paragraph 12.458 identifies Benhall as a small village. Like many villages it is dispersed, but the concentration of housing (225 dwellings) is Benhall Green, and the Parish Council accepts that this part of the village can accommodate growth, but only so far as the character is not unduly compromised. The existing housing stock is an amalgam of individual and small developments over time. The proposal for a single development of 50 dwellings is out of scale, and would have an adverse effect on existing character.

8. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound:
You will need to say why this change will make the Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for any policy or text and cover all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation.

The Parish Council suggests that to comply Policy SCLP5.2: Housing Development in Small Villages, Policy SCLP12.44: Land south of Forge Close between Main Road and Ayden Way, Benhall should be amended to permit no more than 25 dwellings. This reduced number would be of an appropriate scale, and would not unduly affect the character of the village.

Further, Table 3.5 states existing permissions etc. for Benhall sits at 11. We have previously challenged this figure, which we calculate to currently stand at 39. With this amended figure, the total contribution to growth from Benhall would be 64 dwellings – in excess of the 61 proposed, but a balance acceptable to the community.

9. If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate in the public examination?

Please note the Planning Inspector will make the final decision on who will be invited to participate in individual sessions at the public examination, although all members of the public may observe the proceedings.

Yes, I wish to participate
at the oral examination

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No, I do not wish to participate
at the oral examination

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10. If you wish to participate in the public examination, please outline why you consider it to be necessary:

To be able to clarify and / or respond to any issues raised during the examination

11. Being kept informed:

Yes, I would like to
be kept informed

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You will be notified of submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Public Examination, publication of the examination notice, of any person appointed to carry out the Examination of the Local Plan (the Inspector's Report), and adoption of the Local Plan.

No, I do not wish to be kept informed
of future progress of the plan

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12. Date of Representation and signature:

Date

18 February 2019

Signature

Hilary Graham