

# PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Mr Jenrick

I am writing to you on behalf of Peasehall Parish Council in Suffolk with serious concerns about the national implications of the recently-adopted Suffolk Coastal Local Plan.

Peasehall is a small village in rural Suffolk, and is part of the East Suffolk district. East Suffolk Council recently adopted a Local Plan for the Suffolk Coastal area within the district. The Plan includes a list and description of sites approved for development.

Peasehall Parish Council is alarmed and angered about one site in particular which appears in the Plan, listed as Site SCLP12.59, Land adjacent to Farthings, Sibton Road, Peasehall. This site is a field, owned by a local charity, the Church Lands Trust. Despite this, this greenfield land was offered for development during the draft planning phase by persons unknown, whose names have been redacted in the district's files. Both the Church Lands Trust and Peasehall Parish Council oppose the development of this site, and both the charity which owns it and the parish council asked for its removal from the list of sites suitable for development.

However, Site SCLP12.59 still appeared as suitable for development in East Suffolk's adopted Plan.

I would be grateful for your confirmation that a site which is not available for development, and subsequently not deliverable, should not appear in an adopted Local Plan. If sites which the owners do not wish to develop appear similarly in other Local Plans, then the whole orderly nationwide structure of consultative processes leading to their adoption is a waste of everyone's time and the local planning system becomes a free-for-all.

Yours sincerely

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Copied to Dr Therese Coffey, MP for Suffolk Coastal.

