

Peasehall Parish Council

Draft submission to Suffolk Coastal DC Local Plan

Peasehall Parish Council, having considered the final draft plan, are pleased that the Mill Road area of the village has, finally, been given a settlement boundary. This has been an issue for some time and it will enable, in the future, easier consideration of development proposals that come forward for that part of the village and, hopefully, more effective control.

The one policy in The Final Draft Local Plan that has caused considerable concern is the allocation for housing purposes of the land adjacent to Farthings, Sibton Road, Peasehall (reference: SCLP12.60).

Peasehall Parish Council has had a consistent policy of objecting to such an allocation on this area of land due mainly to the possibility of flooding and to the effect on the visual amenities of this important entrance to the village.

In the last draft of the plan a small portion of this site was included within the settlement boundary. In this final draft a much larger portion is now within the settlement boundary and to this an allocation of housing has been added.

The Final Draft Plan has now, therefore, proposed a very different scenario for this particular piece of land, a scenario which is totally contrary to the views of Peasehall Parish Council and one which has occurred without any specific public consultation. Proper and meaningful consultation on this proposed change was something very necessary bearing in mind the very long standing will of the community for it to remain as agricultural land. However, consultation was not carried out on the proposal prior to the final draft plan being published, which means that advocating change has been made much more difficult bearing in mind the set criteria for objections.

It is, therefore, on this specific, Sibton Road, allocation that Peasehall Parish Council wishes to formally object on the grounds that the allocation is not justified, primarily because of the lack of compliance with the District Council's own policy on public consultation. On this basis, it is requested that the site be excluded from the proposed settlement boundary and the designation for future housing be removed. These actions would be in accord with the wishes of Peasehall Parish Council and generally within the community.