

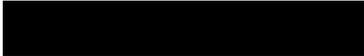
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Dear Planning Policy Manager

Tendring District Local Plan Publication Draft (2017)

Thank you for consulting the Parish Council about the latest version of the Tendring District Local Plan. Wrabness Parish Council has participated in every public consultation stage of the Local Plan process. On viewing the proposals for Wrabness included in the Tendring District Local Plan Publication Draft (2017) the Parish Council is disappointed that our previous concerns raised about policies relating to Wrabness as delineated on Map B31 are largely unmet.

We would ask the Inspector to consider the Parish Council unresolved representations concerning Local Plan policy relating to Wrabness. We are saddened that the mapped policy does not create the right planning context for the village for the period to 2033 and beyond.

The Parish Council has asked me to make the following representations relating to policies as shown on **Local Map B.31 Wrabness:**

New Safeguarded Local Green Space: Request that 0.2 acres of land immediately to the west of Wrabness Village Hall is mapped as proposed Safeguarded Local Green Space, to help address the existing acknowledged shortfall of public open space at Wrabness village. The Parish Council has previously supplied a map of the area concerned, alternatively the area could be shown by a symbol similarly to that on page 213 of the Local Plan.

Settlement Development Boundary: Object to the mapping. The boundary of the extended Wrabness settlement development area reflects the decision of TDC Planning Committee to grant outline planning permission (15/01737/OUT) subject to legal agreement for 18 dwellings and a 0.2 acre village green adjacent to the Wrabness Village Hall. As such the Map should seek to safeguard a site of 0.2 ha immediately to west of Village Hall as approved as local green space. Currently the policy Map promotes the prospect of residential development over the entire extended settlement area and excludes the open space element which is strategic location for our village.

Existing Safeguarded Local Green Space: Whilst we support the inclusion of the Rectory Road Playing Field within this policy as currently mapped, we have previously pointed out a mapping error that has been acknowledged by TDC but not corrected on the map.

We therefore repeat our objection to the proposed designation of the railway cutting to the north of Station Road, Wrabness as Safeguarded Local Green Space. This railway cutting is steeply sloping operational railway land, currently inaccessible to the public with no prospect of ever becoming available as public open space. This notation should be deleted and the Station Masters Garden area at Station Road, Wrabness should be mapped as Safeguarded Local Green Space. The Garden was provided by the Parish Council as a Millennium Project and has matured into a pleasant formal public garden adjacent to Wrabness Railway Station enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. A plan has already been supplied to TDC highlighting the area in question.

Local Wildlife Site: We strongly recommend the designation of the Wrabness Station Yard as a local wildlife site is reviewed – the station commuter car park has been extended into the former Station Yard and the adjacent fenced area is in regular use as an operational yard for track and network maintenance. Despite these operational changes by Network Rail Wrabness Siding, Wrabness is still listed in Section C Page 285 as a local wildlife site.

Mapping: The mapping included in the policy document should be improved to reduce ambiguity. It is recommended that the proposed Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty boundary is clearly delineated on the Wrabness Map B31 to accord with the North East Tendring on-line Local Plan map.

Yours sincerely

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