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**Re. East Suffolk Council (Suffolk Coastal) Local Plan – Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications
Consultation Response by Waldringfield Parish Council**

Dear Annette Feeney,

These are the comments that Waldringfield Parish Council wishes to make in response to the consultation.

MM73: Delete Policy SCLP12.35: Land at Innocence Farm, supporting text and cross references from the Final Draft Local Plan.

"I find that the Innocence Farm allocation is not adequately justified and it has not been shown that the proposal can be delivered over the plan period... I consider that the Innocence Farm allocation (SCLP12.35) should be removed from the Plan. Given the provision of employment land otherwise being made, there is no need to provide an alternative site to Innocence Farm" (*Letter from Planning Inspector, Jan. 2020*)

Waldringfield Parish Council agrees wholeheartedly with this modification.

MM49: Delete Policy SCLP11.9: Areas to be Protected from Development and supporting text.

"... there is little or no evidence to justify why each of the areas should continue to be designated, how the boundaries have been defined or what is considered to be of such significance that development should be severely restricted, which is high planning test" (*Letter from Planning Inspector, Jan. 2020*)

The reasons the Council gives for designating these areas are that they:

- make an important contribution to the setting or character of a Town, Village or surrounding countryside
- are necessary to resist infilling development that could be detrimental to the character, spacing or density of a particular area
- maintain settlement separation.

Waldringfield Parish Council agrees with the Council and the original SCLP11.9 – the removal of this protection is not justified or reasonable. This policy is used, for example, to protect the separate characters of nearby villages Trimley St Mary and Trimley St Martin. It may be the case that more work is needed to justify the inclusion of specific areas, and how their boundaries are decided, but that doesn't necessitate a blanket removal of this policy.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Todd, Parish Clerk