<u>Publication of the Final Draft Local Plan Part 2 (Regulation 19 Proposed</u> <u>Submission Version) - Representations Period: 28th February – 23rd April 2020</u>

I am writing to advise you that Great Yarmouth Borough Council have published the **Final Draft Local Plan Part 2** under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012. The Local Plan Part 2 builds upon and supplements the adopted Core Strategy which was adopted in 2015. The plan includes a suite of planning policies and a number of site allocations for development.

You are invited to make representations (comments) on the document between 28th February 2020 and 23rd April 2020 (inclusive). Following the representations period, the plan together with all duly-made representations will then be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination. A Planning Inspector, will then determine whether the Final Draft Plan Part 2 is 'sound' and legally compliant by holding a public examination. The Council will also be seeking to confirm a 'five year supply of housing' through the examination (as per Paragraph 74 of the National Planning Policy Framework).

Please note that representations on the Final Draft Local Plan Part 2 can only be accepted if they relate to 'soundness' and 'legal compliance', because this is what the Planning Inspector will be considering at the Examination in Public. These terms are explained in the attached Representation Guidance Note.

The proposed submission documents which have been published comprise:

- a) Final Draft Local Plan Part 2 (Regulation 19)
- **b)** Final Draft Policies Map (Regulation 19). This is in multiple sheets with one overall map for the Borough and additional
 - **a. Sustainability Appraisal Report,** showing how the different potential options and potential effects of the plan were evaluated.
 - **b.** Habitats Regulations Assessment Report, showing how, as part of the Draft Plan, the potential impact of the further focused changes on internationally protected habitats and species was evaluated and is addressed.
 - **c.** Consultation Statement, detailing how the Council have considered comments on the Local Plan during previous stages of consultation.
 - d. Other supporting documents accessible via the weblink provided below

The documents are all available on the Council's webpage via the following link: www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/planning-consultations. Inspection copies of the above documents are available to view at the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth. Inspection copies of the Final Draft Local Plan and Draft Policies Maps can also be viewed at local libraries as detailed in the enclosed Statement of Representations Procedure.

The quickest and easiest way to make your comments is online. However, if comments cannot be made online, they will also be accepted via email to localplan@great-<u>yarmouth.gov.uk</u> or by post to Strategic Planning, Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF. Comments by post or email should use the comments form provided (which is attached to this email and downloadable from the webpage). Please read the Guidance Notes (attached) before representation. Comments are also invited on the Sustainability Appraisal Report and Habitat Regulations Assessment. Comments on the Sustainability Appraisal and/or the Habitat Regulations Assessment do not need to be on the comments form and can be emailed or posted to us.

Please be aware that any representations you may submit cannot be treated in confidence as they form part of the 'Public Task' of planning for the purposes of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and Data Protection Act 2018. The Council will publish names and representations on its website, but will not publish personal information such as telephone numbers, emails or private addresses. However, all personal information in the representations will be sent to the Council's Programme Officer (an external contractor) and the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate have published a Privacy Statement on how thev manage personal information (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/examining-local-plans-proceduralpractice). By submitting a representation, you are accordingly confirming that you agree to this and accept responsibility for your comments. Please also see the enclosed Guidance Note for how your data will be used during the process of examination.

All representations (sent by whatever means) <u>must be received before **midnight on Thursday 23**rd **April 2020.** Any representations received after this date may not be considered. Only representations received within this period have a statutory right to be considered by the Inspector at the Examination. Should you have any queries about the Final Draft Local Plan Part 2 (Regulation 19) please contact the Strategic Planning team, using the contact details above.</u>

Yours faithfully,

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