

Draft Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning Document

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Background

The Draft SPD contains guidance relating to the suitability of development in coastal locations, relocation of development away from coastal locations, and enabling development. This document has been prepared by a partnership of East Suffolk Council, Great Yarmouth Borough Council, North Norfolk District Council, the Broads Authority, and the Coastal Partnership East Team to support the implementation of Local Plan policies related to the coast. Following consultation a final version of the document will be published in summer this year.

Discussion

East Suffolk's Local Plan (ESLP) contains a policy about how to deal with development proposals in the light of receding and eroding coastlines. As a coastal community affected by a receding coastal zone it appears very relevant to our area. However, on further reading the guidance is less applicable to our specific geography (the actual built up area of the Walberswick is not immediately adjacent to the eroding coast as it is in Dunwich for example). The SPD provides detailed guidance on what / how uses could be relocated within or adjacent to the coastal management zone should they be likely to be lost through erosion. The existing policy in the adopted ESLP clearly sets out the circumstances where new or relocated development might be appropriate, and this is not being changed.

PAG opinion

It is suggested that Walberswick PC notes the preparation of the SPD.