



YARE VALLEY SOCIETY

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The objects of the society are to protect the natural landscape and wildlife habitats of the Yare Valley south and west of Norwich, principally between Harford and Bowthorpe. We oppose any development that would detract from its natural qualities and support projects which would preserve the valley for the benefit of all.

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Norwich local development framework Draft site allocations and site specific policies development plan document

Blue lettering is the submission from the Council.

Orange lettering is the proposed YVS reply

Earlham Hall Ref: OU003-16

Development should

“fully respect the setting

“should enhance Earlham Hall

“environmentally sensitive design would be particularly suitable in this parkland setting

There is no mention of additional car parking or of restricting car parking to those using the park

It is important that the use of the actual hall is clearly stated in any planning submission

The last comment should read

“Environmentally sensitive design is absolutely essential in this parkland setting

Former Blackdale site OU003-17

“creating a green edge fronting neighbouring residential development

“Existing features should be retained
“public access must be provided

No additional comment other than to agree with the Council submissions.

Land between Suffolk Walk and Bluebell Road UEA OU003-18

The university Masterplan has identified this site may be needed to meet growth needs up to 2030, most likely for residential uses. ... This site allocation plan runs to 2026.

“the visual setting of the southern elevations of the Prospect must be protected

“the sloping topography of the site, which presents an opportunity for the use of innovative, sustainable design to minimise the visual impact and maximise environmental performance

“respect the settings of adjacent listed buildings and the Broad

“protect existing planting where appropriate” public access.... Must be retained

“since the proposal involves the loss of existing open spaces, any development must include the opening up of new areas for public access to compensate. This could be the Strawberry Fields or land to the south of the river Yare

Most of the points made in your submission spell out clearly and unambiguously that this site should remain undeveloped.

It is an essential part of the parkland setting near the Broad and the visual setting of the southern aspects of the Prospect undoubtedly would be impaired.

Opening up the Strawberry Field or other land in the valley would not ‘compensate’ for the intrusion of development into the site south of Suffolk Walk because these areas are already open and integral elements of the valley. Improved access is already highly desirable.

Deal Ground near Whitlingham M006

No additional comment other than stressing the walk and cycle routes along the edges of the rivers Yare and Wensum.

Livestock market near Harford bridge

There is also a site allocation on the livestock market at Harford bridge. This, I think has little effect on the Yare Valley???

I wait a few responses and modifications and alterations

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