

Sent by e-mail

Dear Sir / Madam

- 1. The submission draft Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan 2022 – 2037**
- 2. Focused consultation on proposed amendment to the settlement boundary**

We are contacting you because you are a statutory consultee or because you have previously expressed an interest in the Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan [the '*Elmswell NP*' or '*the Plan*'].

**Summary:**

- The Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan is at the examination stage
- Elmswell Parish Council are proposing to amend the settlement boundary to now exclude an area of open land north of Church Road
- As this constitutes a significant change to the Plan, it requires consultation. This focused consultation period will end at 4:00pm on Friday 18 August 2023
- Links are provided to relevant documents at the end of this letter

**Background:**

Mid Suffolk District Council consulted on the submission draft Plan between 6 March and 26 April 2023. The Plan then advanced to examination. This commenced on 6 June 2023, and is ongoing.

Responding to a point raised in a representation from the Pegasus Group (on behalf of their client), the Examiner sought clarity from both the Parish and District Council on the current planning status of a parcel of land north of Church Road. This land had previously been identified as site LA064 in the emerging Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan (Nov.2020). It was established that:

1. the land does not benefit from a current planning permission(s),
2. the District Council own most of this land,
3. that the District Council had considered this as a potential site on which to build 'eco-homes,'
4. that the Parish Councils' long-term aspiration is to see this land developed for educational uses.

The discussion, which is set out in the Examination Correspondence Document, resulted in a proposal from the Parish Council to re-draw the settlement boundary to now exclude the land north of Church Road. It is this revised boundary that is the subject of this focused consultation exercise.

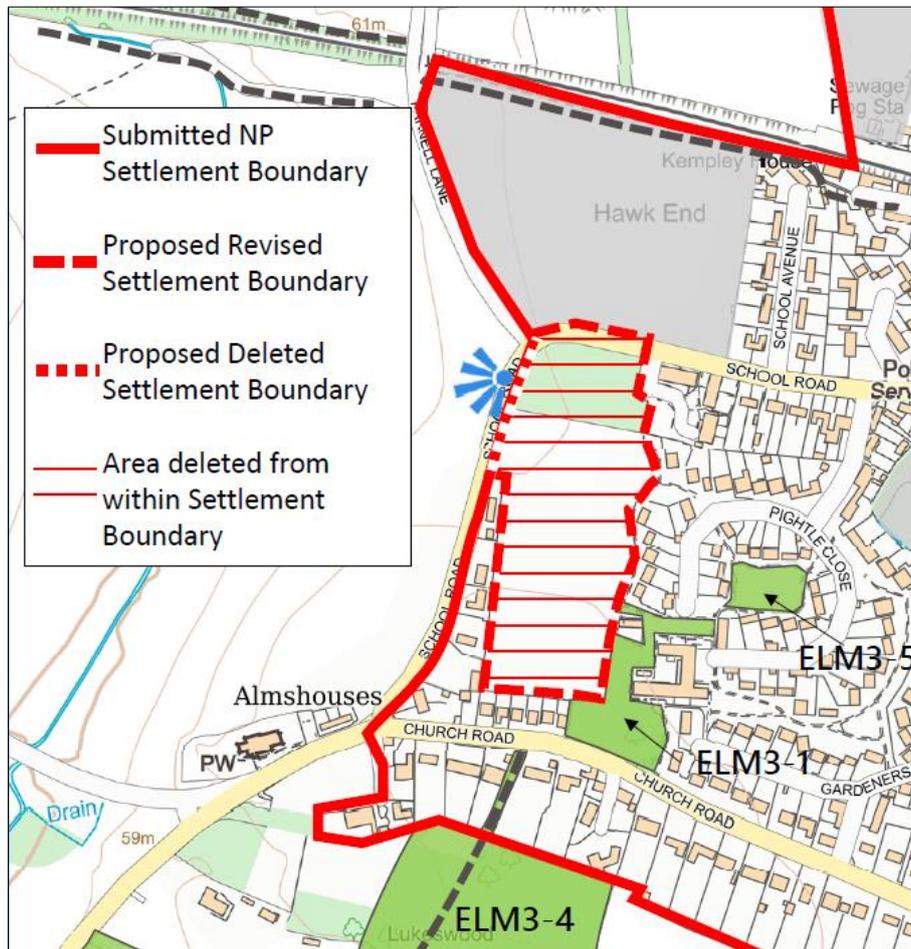
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An extract from the amended 'Inset Village Map (South)' is shown below. It shows how the settlement boundary is proposed to be amended.

The full-size 'Inset Map' is published separately and can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Elmswell-NP-Settlement-Boundary-Consultation-Map.pdf>



Extract from the amended 'Inset Village Map (South).'

**Focused Consultation question:**

**Do you support this proposed amendment to the settlement boundary in the Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan?**

Your written response should be as succinct as possible and should set out whether you support or object to this amendment. Your response must also be received by no later than 4:00pm on Friday 18 August 2023.

Before deciding, you may wish to remind yourself what the other policies in this Plan are. Some, not all, provide guidance on where future development is or is not acceptable in relation to the settlement boundary. We also remind you that we cannot accept comments on these other policies or on any other parts of this Plan that are not relevant to the question above.

You can e-mail your comments to: [communityplanning@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:communityplanning@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can post your comments to: 'Elmswell NP Focused Consultation,' c/o Spatial Planning Policy Team, Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Rd, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX

Please also note that:

- It will not be possible to accept late representations
- Valid representations cannot be treated as confidential. With the exception of personal details, they will be published on our Elmswell NP webpage at the end of the consultation period.
- Your representation will be shared with the Independent Examiner and with the Parish Council. The latter will also be given an opportunity to respond to any new points raised.
- You should not assume that the Examiner will allow a further opportunity to comment on this matter.

Yours faithfully

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**Links to relevant documents:**

The R16 submission draft Elmswell NP:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Elmswell-NP-Sub-Draft-Jan23.pdf>

The R16 Written Representations:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Elmswell-NP-R16-Reps.pdf>

The Parish Councils response to the above:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Elmswell-NP-R16-Reps-Response.pdf>

The Elmswell NP Examination Correspondence document:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Elmswell-NP-Exam-Correspondence.pdf>