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Dear landowners, agents, and developers

## **Greater Norwich Local Plan Update: Preparing a Site Allocation Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) for New and Reallocated Sites**

This is an update on a letter published on 19th May 2020 and provides the way forward for agreeing a site allocation Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). Available on the [www.gnlp.org.uk](http://www.gnlp.org.uk) website, is a template SoCG. Landowners, agents, and developers representing a preferred or reasonable site for allocation are requested to complete a template.

The SoCG template consists of seven questions, each of which should be answerable within approximately 100 words. This does not replace the substantial supporting information often gathered by a site promoter but seeks clarification on key points about timely delivery of development in accordance with local plan policies. The benefit being to give confidence to the inspector appointed to examine the GNLP that site allocations will come forward.

It is important that the information included in the SoCG is realistic, and so some flexibility exists over when a SoCG template is finally signed-off. So for the remainder of autumn 2020, and in to 2021 as the Regulation 19 submission draft of the GNLP is finalised, opportunity exists for agreeing a SoCG in a collaborative way. If required discussions about a SoCG can be done by telephone, or if necessary a short meeting by MS Teams or Zoom could be arranged.

However, in respect to one element of the SoCG template the GNLP Team would be grateful for a quicker response by the end of October 2020. Question 4 of the template concerns a site's start-on-site, annual rate of delivery, and the likely completion date of the development. This information is important for establishing the housing delivery trajectory that will be an appendix to the submission draft of the local plan. It is therefore asked that a reply to question 4 is provided by 30<sup>th</sup> October if possible.

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As stated previously, the importance of agreeing a SoCG should not be underestimated, and a site is unlikely to be allocated in the GNLP unless a SoCG is agreed. Any concerns or queries should be raised with the GNLP Team as soon as possible. Enquiries can be sent to the Team at [gnlp@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:gnlp@norfolk.gov.uk), or directly to Adam Banham (tel: 01603 223229, email: [adam.banham@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:adam.banham@norfolk.gov.uk)).

Yours faithfully,

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