Greater Norwich Site Submission Form

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This form is to be filled out by any interested parties who want to promote a site for a specific use or development to be allocated in the Greater Norwich Local Plan.

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1b. I am	
Owner of the site	Parish/Town Council
	Community Group
Land Agent	Local Resident
Planning Consultant	Registered Social Landlord
Other (please specify):	

N/A

1c. Client/Landowner Details (if different from question 1a)			
Title			
First Name			
Last Name			
Job Title (where relevant)			
Organisation (where relevant)	Braydestone Farms Ltd.		
Address			
Post Code			
Telephone Number			
Email Address			

2. Site Details	
Site location / address and post code	
(please include as an attachment to this response form a location plan of the site on a scaled OS base with the boundaries of the site clearly shown)	Land at Pound Lane Blofield
Grid reference (if known)	

Site area (hectares)	<mark>6 hectares</mark>
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Site Ownership				
3a. I (or my client)	3a. I (or my client)			
Is the sole owner of the site	Is a part owner of the site	Do/Does not own (or hold any legal interest in) the site whatsoever		
\boxtimes				
3b. Please provide the name, address and contact details of the site's landowner(s) and attach copies of all relevant title plans and deeds (if available). See above and attached				
3c. If the site is in multiple landownerships do all	Yes	No		
landowners support your proposal for the site?				
3d. If you answered no to the above question please provide details of why not all of the sites owners support your proposals for the site.				

Current and Historic Land Uses
4a. Current Land Use (Please describe the site's current land use e.g. agriculture,
employment, unused/vacant etc.)

Agricultural/Greenfield		
4b. Has the site been previously	Yes	No
developed?		
4c. Describe any previous uses of the site. (please provide detain historic planning applications, including application numbers if k		elevant
None relevant		
Proposed Future Uses		

5a. Please provide a short description of the development or land use you proposed, including stating if it is for a settlement boundary revision (if you are proposing a site to be designated as local green space please go directly to question 6).

Residential	deve	lopment
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5b. Which of the following use or uses are you proposing?				
Market Housing	Business and offices	Recreation & Leisure 🗌		
Affordable Housing 🛛	General industrial	Community Use		
Residential Care Home	Storage and distribution	Public Open Space 🗌		
Gypsy and Traveller Pitches	Tourism	Other (Please Specify) 🗌		

5c. Please provide further details of your proposal, including details on number of houses and proposed floorspace of commercial buildings etc.

It is considered that the site could **potentially** be suitable for low density market housing with an element of affordable dwellings to be agreed. The family housing will be principally large dwellings on 0.5acre plots overlooking the valley to the south.

5d. Please describe any benefits to the Local Area that the development of the site could provide.

Housing is accepted to be a (societal) benefit, particularly in a location defined as a 'Key Service Centre' in the emerging settlement 'hierarchy', i.e. a relatively sustainable location for development.

There are other 'economic' benefits arising from construction, such as temporary employment and purchase of (local) materials. Residents will also provide a source of income for local services and amenities (a boost to the local economy).

The development would realise a 'policy compliant' provision of (among other) affordable housing and accessible open space in accordance with the Council's SPD for Recreation and Open Space.

Local Green Space

If you are proposed a site to be designated as Local Green Space please complete the following questions. These questions do not need to be completed if you are not proposing a site as Local Green Space. Please consult the guidance notes for an explanation of Local Green Space Designations.

6a. Which community would the site serve and how would the designation of the site benefit that community.

<mark>N/A</mark>

6b. Please describe why you consider the site to be of particular local significance e.g. recreational value, tranquillity or richness in wildlife.

<mark>N/A</mark>

Site Features and Constraints

Are there any features of the site or limitations that may constrain development on this site (please give details)?

No

7a. Site Access: Is there a current means of access to the site from the public highway, does this access need to be improved before development can take place and are there any public rights of way that cross or adjoin the site?

An appropriate access will be achievable, details to be agreed with the LPA and Highway Authority in due course.

7b. Topography: Are there any slopes or significant changes of in levels that could affect the development of the site?

No topographical features have been identified at this stage that will negatively impact on the development potential of the site.

7c. Ground Conditions: Are ground conditions on the site stable? Are there potential ground contamination issues?

There are not known to be any contamination issues pertaining to the site. Furthermore, ground conditions on the site are stable.

7d. Flood Risk: Is the site liable to river, ground water or surface water flooding and if so what is the nature, source and frequency of the flooding?

The site lies within Flood Zone 1 (According to the Environment Agency's mapping data) and as a consequence at a low risk/probability of flooding.

7e. Legal Issues: Is there land in third party ownership, or access rights, which must be acquired to develop the site, do any restrictive covenants exist, are there any existing tenancies?

No

7f. Environmental Issues: Is the site located next to a watercourse or mature woodland, are there any significant trees or hedgerows crossing or bordering the site are there any known features of ecological or geological importance on or adjacent to the site?

The site is does not lie within or adjacent to an area subject of any statutory ecological or geological designation. The site is not located next to a watercourse or mature woodland. The site is not subject to any constraints identified in the Broadland Policies Map (2015) Part 2.

7g. Heritage Issues: Are there any listed buildings, Conservation Areas, Historic Parklands or Schedules Monuments on the site or nearby? If so, how might the site's development affect them?

There are no listed buildings in close proximity to the site. The site does not lie within a conservation area. **7h. Neighbouring Uses:** What are the neighbouring uses and will either the proposed use or neighbouring uses have any implications?

Neighbouring land uses are residential in nature and therefore there will be no conflict in terms of land-use.

7i. Existing uses and Buildings: are there any existing buildings or uses that need to be relocated before the site can be developed.

No

7j. Other: (please specify):

N/A

Utilities					
8a. Which of the following are likely to be readily available to service the site and					
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enable its development? Please provide details where possible.					
	Yes	No	Unsure		
Mains water supply					
Mains sewerage					
Electricity supply					
Gas supply					
Public highway					
Broadband internet					
Other (please specify):					
8b. Please provide any further information on the utilities available on the site:					
Utilities are available now or will be made available on commencement of					
development.					

Availability	
9a. Please indicate when the site could be made available for the land us development proposed.	e or
Immediately	\boxtimes
1 to 5 years (by April 2021)	
5 - 10 years (between April 2021 and 2026)	
10 – 15 years (between April 2026 and 2031)	
15 - 20 years (between April 2031 and 2038)	
9b. Please give reasons for the answer given above.	
There are no legal or ownership impediments to development on site. The	land is
under the control of a single landowner/developer who is actively promo-	<mark>ting the</mark>
site through the Local Plan process. The site is available immediately for	
development, i.e. in a 0-5-year period. There are no unresolved multiple o	wnership
issues, ransom strips, tenancies or operational requirements of other lando	wners,
which may affect the availability of the site.	

Market Interest

10. Please choose the most appropriate category below to indicate what level of market interest there is/has been in the site. Please include relevant dates in the comments section.

	Yes	Comments
Site is owned by a	\square	
developer/promoter		
Site is under option to a		
developer/promoter		
Enquiries received		
Site is being marketed		
None		
Not known		

Delivery

11a. Please indicate when you anticipate the proposed development could	be
begun.	

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Up to 5 years (by April 2021)

5 - 10 years (between April 2021 and 2026)

10 - 15 years (between April 2026 and 2031)

15 - 20 years (between April 2031 and 2038)

11b. Once started, how many years do you think it would take to complete the proposed development (if known)?

1-2 years

Viability			-	
12a. You acknowledge that there are likely to be policy requirements and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) costs to be met which will be in addition to the other development costs of the site (depending on the type and scale of land use proposed). These requirements are likely to include but are not limited to: Affordable Housing; Sports Pitches & Children's Play Space and Community Infrastructure Levy			\boxtimes	
	Yes	No	Unsure	
12b. Do you know if there are there any abnormal costs that could affect the viability of the site e.g.Image: Content of the site e.g.infrastructure, demolition or ground conditions?				

12c. If there are abnormal costs associated with the site No abnormal costs	e please r	orovide de	etails:
12d. Do you consider that the site is currently viable for its proposed use taking into account any and all current planning policy and CIL considerations and other abnormal development costs associated with the site?			

12e. Please attach any viability assessment or development appraisal you have undertaken for the site, or any other evidence you consider helps demonstrate the viability of the site.

The development is economically viable and can be delivered immediately, i.e. 0 - 5 years. There are no abnormal costs associated with the proposal that might impact upon viability.

Other Relevant Information

13. Please use the space below to for additional information or further explanations on any of the topics covered in this form

This site is available, achievable and deliverable (and viable). Further information in respect of this site will be submitted to the GNDP in due course.

Check List	
Your Details	Υ
Site Details (including site location plan)	Υ
Site Ownership	Y
Current and Historic Land Uses	Υ
Proposed Future Uses	Υ
Local Green Space (Only to be completed for proposed Local Green	Y
Space Designations)	
Site Features and Constraints	Y

Utilities	Y
Availability	Y
Market Interest	Y
Delivery	Y
Viability	Y
Other Relevant Information	Y
Declaration	Y

14. Disclaimer

I understand that:

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- to contact you, if necessary, regarding the answers given in your form
- to evaluate the development potential of the submitted site for the uses proposed within the form

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Declaration

I agree that the details within this form can be held by Norfolk County Council and that those details can be made available for public viewing and shared with Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk Council for the purposes specified in the disclaimer above.

Name	Date
Magnus Magnusson	13/03/2020



March 2020

GNLP Site Submission

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Information

Client	Braydestone Farms Ltd.
Site Address	Land off Pound Lane, Blofield, NR13 4NB
Date	March 2020
Local Planning Authority	Broadland District Council

Author: Magnus Magnusson MRTPI Reviewed By: Jason Parker (Director)

Report Revision:1



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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) is being prepared by **Broadland District Council**, (hereafter BDC), Norwich City Council and South Norfolk District Council working together with Norfolk County Council through the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP).
- 1.2 The GNLP will cover the period to 2038 and will identify sites for new homes, jobs and infrastructure. As part of the (further) GNLP Regulation 18 stage consultation, the GNDP have issued a 'Call for Sites' that can potentially assist in delivering their growth aspirations.
- 1.3 The intention of this statement is to confirm the suitability, availability and achievability of the Pound Lane, Blofield site for inclusion as an allocation within the GNLP and the evidence base documents the that will inform its preparation. The consultation itself commenced on 29th January 2020 and will close on the 16th March 2020.
- 1.4 This statement has been prepared in order to satisfy the requirements of the joint Norfolk Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment Methodology (HELAA, 2016) in addition to the specific *Call for Sites* consultation guidance.

2.0 Site and Context

2.1 The site measures 6 hectares and is agricultural/greenfield in nature. The site lies immediately to the south of dwellings fronting Pound Lane. The site itself is accessible via Pound Lane. It is considered that the site could potentially be suitable for low density market housing with an element of affordable dwellings to be agreed. It is envisaged that the 'family' or general market housing will principally be comprised of larger dwellings on 0.5acre (approx.) plots overlooking the valley to the south. The area immediately to the south is low lying marshland, and would be retained as a wildlife habit and new woodland.

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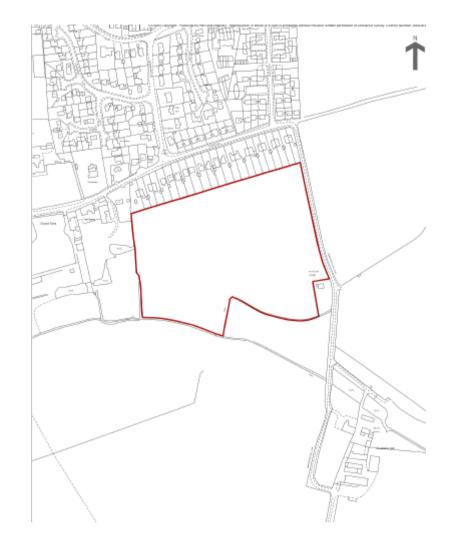


Fig.1 Our client's site lies to the rear of curtilages of dwellings fronting Pound Lane.

3.0 Designations & Constraints

- 3.1 The development site is identified by the Environment Agency as being within 'Flood Zone 1' in its entirety and as such is at low risk of flooding from surface water.
- 3.2 There are no listed buildings in close proximity of the site. The site does not lie within a conservation area. The LPA are likely to require an appropriate scheme of archaeological investigation prior to any development taking place.
- 3.3 The site does not lie within or adjacent to an area subject of any statutory ecological or geological designation. The site is not located next to a watercourse or mature woodland. The site is not subject to any constraints identified in the Broadland Development Management Policies Map (2015) Part 2.



3.4 The Blofield Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' in July 2016 and covers the period to 2036. The vision for the neighbourhood plan is for the nature and character of the rural village to be preserved and retained, in order to meet the various needs of residents, contribute to a high quality of life and provide opportunity and choice. This will be achieved in ways that make effective use of natural resources, enhance the environment, promote social inclusion and supports the local economy. The allocation of our client's site would contribute to achieving the vision of the Neighbourhood Plan for the reasons outlined within this statement.

4.0 Suitability including assessment of potential *constraints* & *impacts*

- 4.1 To assess the suitability of sites the HELAA methodology document (intended to accord with both local and national planning policy and guidance) prescribes a red, amber, green (RAG) approach to assessing various types of 'constraints' on a site's deliverability in addition to potential 'impacts' arising.
- 4.2 For a site to be 'taken forward' and included in the HELAA capacity assessment, sites are expected to achieve either an amber or green rating against all suitability criteria and furthermore, meet the availability and achievability 'tests'. Some sites will have constraints and impacts that are insurmountable and thus undermine their suitability for development.
- 4.3 Parker Planning have undertaken their own RAG assessment in accordance with the *Combined Authority Methodology Document* (2016) that demonstrates our site's suitability for inclusion within the HELAA housing capacity assessment in addition to an allocation within the GNLP.

Potential Site Constraints

- 4.4 <u>Access to site</u> The access site is accessible via Pound Lane immediately to the north and there is no evidence to suggest that securing an appropriate access point off Braydeston Hall Lane, that forms the eastern boundary of the site, will be problematic. Furthermore, there is adequate space (under our client's ownership/control) to provide the requisite visibility splays to the north and south of this road. **RAG assessment = Green.**
- 4.5 <u>Access to Local Services and facilities</u> Blofield is identified as a 'Key Service Centre' within the context of the GNLP's emerging settlement 'hierarchy', i.e. this is a relatively sustainable



location for development. Services available to current and future residents include a primary school, shop, doctor's surgery, village hall, library and public house.

- 4.6 The 'Towards a Strategy' document identifies that 400-600 dwellings in total should be provided between all the Key Service Centres over the lifetime of the plan.
- 4.7 Blofield is also well related to higher order settlements including the City of Norwich, which lies some 4 miles to the west, where there is a full range of services and facilities available for current and future residents of the settlement. Blofield is also well served by bus services including 5A (Blofield Heath -Norwich) and 15 (Wymondham Acle via Norwich City Centre). RAG assessment = Green.
- 4.8 <u>Utilities Capacity</u> Although 'greenfield', the site relates well to the existing form of Blofield.
 There is no evidence to suggest that utilities capacity will be a constraint. RAG assessment
 = Green.
- 4.9 <u>Utilities infrastructure</u> Again, although 'greenfield', the site relates well to the existing form of Blofield and there is no evidence to suggest that lack of utilities infrastructure will be a constraint on delivery. RAG assessment = Green.
- 4.10 <u>Contamination</u> There is no indication that this (greenfield) site has contamination issues or has been subject to any (previous) contaminating land-uses. There are unlikely to be any potential ground stability issues either. **RAG assessment = Green.**
- 4.11 <u>Flood Risk</u> The site lies within Flood Zone 1 (According to the Environment Agency's mapping data) and consequently at a low risk/probability of flooding. **RAG assessment =** Green.
- 4.12 <u>Coastal Change</u> This site is located some distance from the coast and is not associated with any Coastal Hazard Zone(s) or similar. **RAG assessment = Green.**
- 4.13 <u>Market Attractiveness</u> This is an extremely popular place to live with a demonstrable need for both market and affordable homes. We can confirm that development is viable. The site lies within CIL Charging *Zone A* which in itself would suggest that in general terms development in this location is extremely viable. RAG assessment = Green.

Potential Site Impacts

4.14 Landscape/townscape – Any development would be sympathetic to existing development in



the locality. Consequently, there is unlikely to be a detrimental impact on the townscape. Development is unlikely to have a detrimental impact on sensitive landscapes or their setting either. The site does not lie within an area subject of any landscape designation as defined/identified in the Development Management Policies DPD Policies Map (2015). **RAG** assessment = Green.

- 4.15 <u>Biodiversity and geodiversity</u> An arboricultural assessment is likely to be required (on submission of any planning application) to establish (among other) the value of the trees on the site's boundaries. **RAG assessment = Green.**
- 4.16 <u>Historic environment</u> As identified above, the site is not within a Conservation Area and does not lie in close-proximity to any listed buildings. The LPA, as a matter of course, are likely to insist on a scheme of archaeological investigation at some stage in the emerging GNLP's preparation. RAG assessment = Green.
- 4.17 <u>Open Space</u> The site is not the subject of any 'open space' designation(s). Appropriate and accessible open space will be provided, the quantum of which will go well beyond local planning policy and guidance compliance. RAG assessment = Green.
- 4.18 <u>Transport and Roads</u> A transport Assessment would be submitted at the appropriate stage if required to assess the impact of the proposed development on the wider road network. The site is extremely accessible via the existing road network. RAG assessment = Green.
- 4.19 <u>Compatibility with neighbouring uses</u> The proposed development will be entirely compatible with the neighbouring land uses to the north and west. **RAG assessment = Green.**
- 4.20 The above 'suitability' criteria are just one element of the assessment for the HELAA. In addition to establishing whether sites are potentially suitable for development, sites are also assessed in terms of whether they are 'available' for development and whether they are 'achievable'.

5.0 Assessment of Availability

5.1 A site will normally be considered available by the Council if it is in the ownership of a developer or landowner who has expressed and intention to develop or sell land for development. This site is known to be available immediately and is in the ownership of a



landowner who is actively promoting the site for residential development.

6.0 Assessment of Achievability (including viability)

- 6.1 A site will be considered achievable within the context of the HELAA where there is a reasonable prospect that development will occur on the site at a point in time. A key determinant of this will be economic viability of the site. This will be influenced by the market attractiveness of a site, its location in respect of property markets and any abnormal constraints on the site.
- 6.2 It is considered that development on this site is viable, being in an area with considerable demand for both market and affordable dwellings. Furthermore, there are no abnormal constraints pertaining to the site (i.e. 'reds' in the context of the RAG assessment see section 4 above). This is a site within CIL charging *Zone A* and this alone would indicate that, in general terms, development is extremely viable in this location.

7.0 Summary

- 7.1 It is trusted that this report has affirmed, in line with both national and local planning considerations, that our site in Blofield is available, achievable and suitable for inclusion within the context of the next HELAA capacity assessment and as a future allocation within the context of the emerging GNLP.
- 7.2 Parker Planning consider that the site would make a valuable contribution to meeting GNDP's growth aspirations for this *Key Service Centre* and the wider sub-region in the plan period to 2038 and in a sustainable manner.



Appendix A – Site Assessment Proforma

Site Address: Land at Pound Lane, Blofield	
Current Planning Status	N/A
Site Size (Ha.)	6 ha.
Greenfield/PDL	Greenfield /Agricultural
Ownership	Private
Absolute Constraints Check	
SPA, SAC, SSSI or Ramsar	N/A
National Nature Reserve	N/A
Ancient Woodland	N/A
Flood Risk Zone	N/A
Scheduled Ancient Monument	N/A
Statutory Allotments	N/A
Locally Designated Green Space	N/A
At risk from Coastal Erosion	N/A



Development Potential (No. units): The site has a theoretical capacity of 180 dwellings at 30dph. However, at this				
stage our client considers that the site could potentially be suitable for low density market housing with an element				
of affordable dwellings to be agreed. T	he family housing w	ould be principally l	arge dwellings on 0.5acre plots	
(approx.) overlooking the valley to the	south. The ultimate	scheme, including r	no. of units to be delivered, is	
negotiable with the GNDP in due cours	e.			
Density Calculator		Theoretical capacit	ty of 180 dwellings at 30dph (see	
		notes above).	notes above).	
Suitability Assessment				
Constraint	Score (RAG)		Comments	
Access	Green		See Above	
Accessibility	Green		See Above	
Utilities Capacity	Green		See Above	
Utilities Infrastructure	Green		See Above	
Contamination/Stability	Green		See Above	
Flood Risk	Green		See Above	
Coastal Change	Green		See Above	



Market Attractiveness	Green		See Above	
Impact	Score (RAG)		Comments	
Landscapes	Green		See Above	
Townscape	Green		See Above	
Biodiversity/Geodiversity	Green		See Above	
Historic Environment	Green		See Above	
Open Space	Green		See Above	
Transport & Roads	Green		See Above	
Compatibility	Green		See Above	
Local Plan Designations				
Designation	Policy Reference		Comments	
GNLP Consultation New Site	N/A		We support the allocation of this site within the context of the GNLP.	
Submission				
Availability				
Is the site being marketed?		Yes.		



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When might the site be available?	Immediately
Estimated annual build-out rate	Site can be delivered in years 1-2
Achievability (including viability)	See above
Overcoming Constraints	See above
Trajectory of development	Within year 1-2 years
Barriers to delivery	None
Theoretical Capacity	Theoretical capacity of 180 dwellings at 30dph.
	However, our client considers a lower density scheme
	comprising both market and affordable dwellings to be
	comprising both market and anordable dwenings to be
	appropriate. Our client seeks dialogue with the LPA in
	respect of precise dwelling numbers to meet the LPA's
	development needs for Blofield in due course and as
	part of the emerging GNLP process.