

MENDLESHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

REGULATION 14 STATEMENT

1. This statement is made by Mendlesham Parish Council (“the Qualifying Body”) pursuant to Regulation 14 (a)(v) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Management Procedure (Amendment) Regulations 2016 and 2017.

2. Regulation 14 (a)(v) applies to a proposal to modify an existing “made” neighbourhood development plan. Before submitting the modification proposal to the local planning authority it requires the qualifying body to publicise:

“a statement setting out whether or not the qualifying body consider that the modification contained in the modification proposal are so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the neighbourhood development plan which the modification proposal would modify, giving reasons why the qualifying body is of this opinion.”

3. The Mendlesham Neighbourhood Development Plan was made by Mid-Suffolk District Council on 23rd March 2017. The Plan contains policies in relation to housing, affordable housing, business, historic environment, building design, high speed broadband, green areas, local green spaces, open spaces and paths and bridleways. Policy MP1 of the made Plan provides for a minimum total of 75 new homes to be developed over the next 15 years (i.e. to 2031) and includes criteria against which proposals for new dwellings will be judged.

4. The Qualifying Body proposes to modify the existing made plan to include:

- an increase in the plan period from 15 to 20 years (i.e. to 2036),
- an increase in the minimum total of new homes to be developed over the next twenty years to 120 dwellings,
- a new policy (MP1A) identifying sites for development, the number of dwellings to be developed on each site and the types of dwellings to be provided
- amendments to the Proposals Map to identify the allocated sites

5. The Qualifying Body considers that because the modification proposal provides for an increased number of dwellings to be developed in the plan period and identifies sites for development both through a new policy and on the Proposals Map, the modification is so significant and substantial as to change the nature of the existing made Mendlesham Neighbourhood Development Plan.