

Report of Gordon Bambridge.

I have copied below the results of the cabinet approval for a protocol for Breckland to comply with the governments burden of increased housing across the district. (903 per annum for next 20 years). All parishes have been invited to pre consultation meetings to place their views - thank you for all who have given them - and below on the list of categories I have highlighted parishes in our ward who have been selected for some development and their categories. You will be able to read the full details on today's cabinet papers which will be online shortly and/or you can view the meeting on Breckland Youtube. I spoke in the meeting specifically regarding Bawdeswell and Lyng, and in follow up briefings later in the day on Hockering, Elmham and Brisley.

Hockering, is as you know the only village in this ward with a strategic site within its borders, but this will also directly affect North Tuddenham and indirectly Elsing and Lyng. I raised this matter in follow up meetings I had with both planners and cabinet members.

If you follow the discussions you will see that I have agreed with the decisions made as probably the least worst of options open to us as elected members following government directives. Breckland will probably no longer exist when these local plans come to fruition, but the plans will still be there and decisions made now will help to protect our communities into the future. I do hope that all parish councils will take every opportunity over the next several months - it is vital your communities views are heard. I commit to ensure that your views are heard at all levels for individual villages.

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Status of named communities in Breckland:-

Market Towns (5) Attleborough, Dereham, Swaffham, Thetford, Watton

Key Service Centres (5) Harling, Mattishall, Necton, Shipdham, Weeting *Weeting (Brecks SPA so likely to inhibit potential growth)*

Primary Parishes (10) Banham, Bawdeswell, Great Ellingham, Kenninghall, Litcham, Mundford, Narborough, North Elmham, Old Buckenham, Swanton Morley,

Secondary Parishes (18) Ashill, Beetley, Besthorpe, Carbrooke, Caston, Garboldisham, Gressenhall, Griston, Hockering, Hockham, Lyng, New Buckenham, North Lopham, Rocklands, Saham Toney, Scarning, Sporle, Yaxham

Tertiary Parishes (11) Brisley, Beeston & Bittering, Colkirk, Garvestone, Gt Dunham, Gooderstone, Quidenham (Eccles Road), Thompson, Shropham, South Lopham, Weasenham.

4.1 This hierarchy will help inform the allocation of development within the district seeking to ensure that development is directed to the most sustainable locations.

4.2 The numbers that will be required to be located within the rural areas have yet to be established. They will be dependent on existing commitments and completions of houses, the number and location of the Strategic Development Areas (SDAs) and the number of houses the SDAs will be able to deliver and the trajectory for that delivery.

5 Conclusion

5.1 The proposed methodology has taken into account the feedback from the public consultation in Spring/Summer 2024 and provides a more sophisticated and robust means of identifying a settlement hierarchy for sustainable growth.