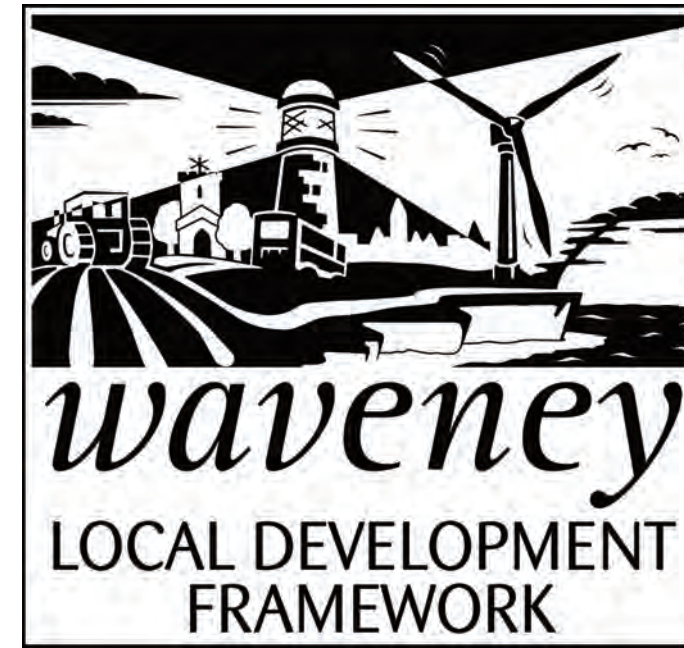


Help make decisions on planning applications

Give your views on the Development Management Policies Preferred Options



After considering comments from two earlier 'issues and options' consultations, we are now seeking your views on the preferred options.

How to give your views

Read the document then complete the response form, or visit the website www.consult.waveney.gov.uk. Consultation closes on 23rd October. Your views will help us to prepare a final draft document in January. Please note this exhibition contains only a selection of policy topics from the document.

A Planning Policy Officer will be attending this exhibition on Tuesday 15th & Saturday 19th September from 10am-12:30pm.

Provisional Timetable

Issues and Options - December 2006 / July 2007

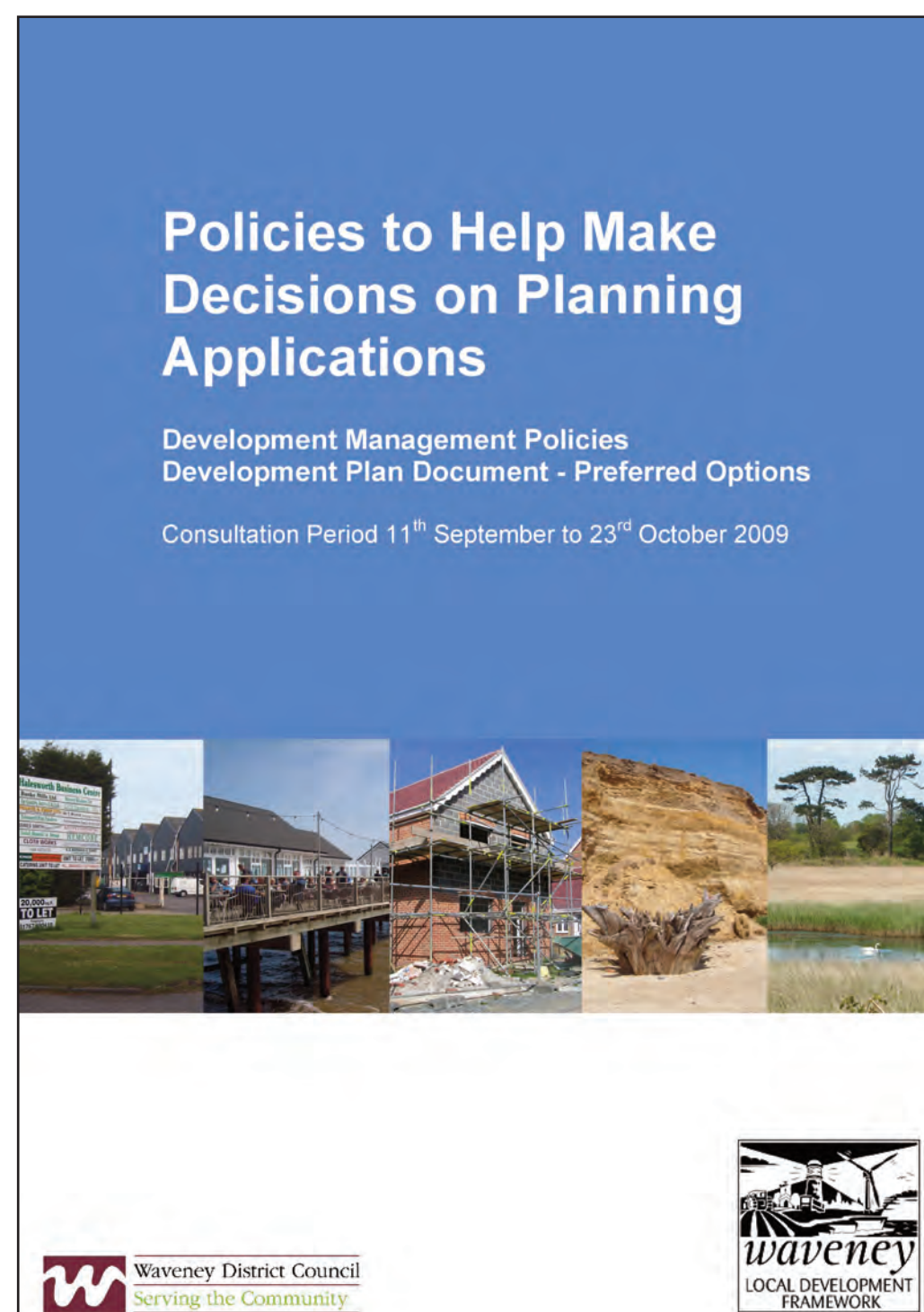
Preferred Options - September 2009

Publication of Final Draft - January 2010

Submission - May 2010

Examination - September 2010

Adoption - January 2011



Shopping

Town centres, neighbourhood & village shops & facilities

Beccles town centre

Proposals for new retail and leisure development will be permitted within the town centre boundary.

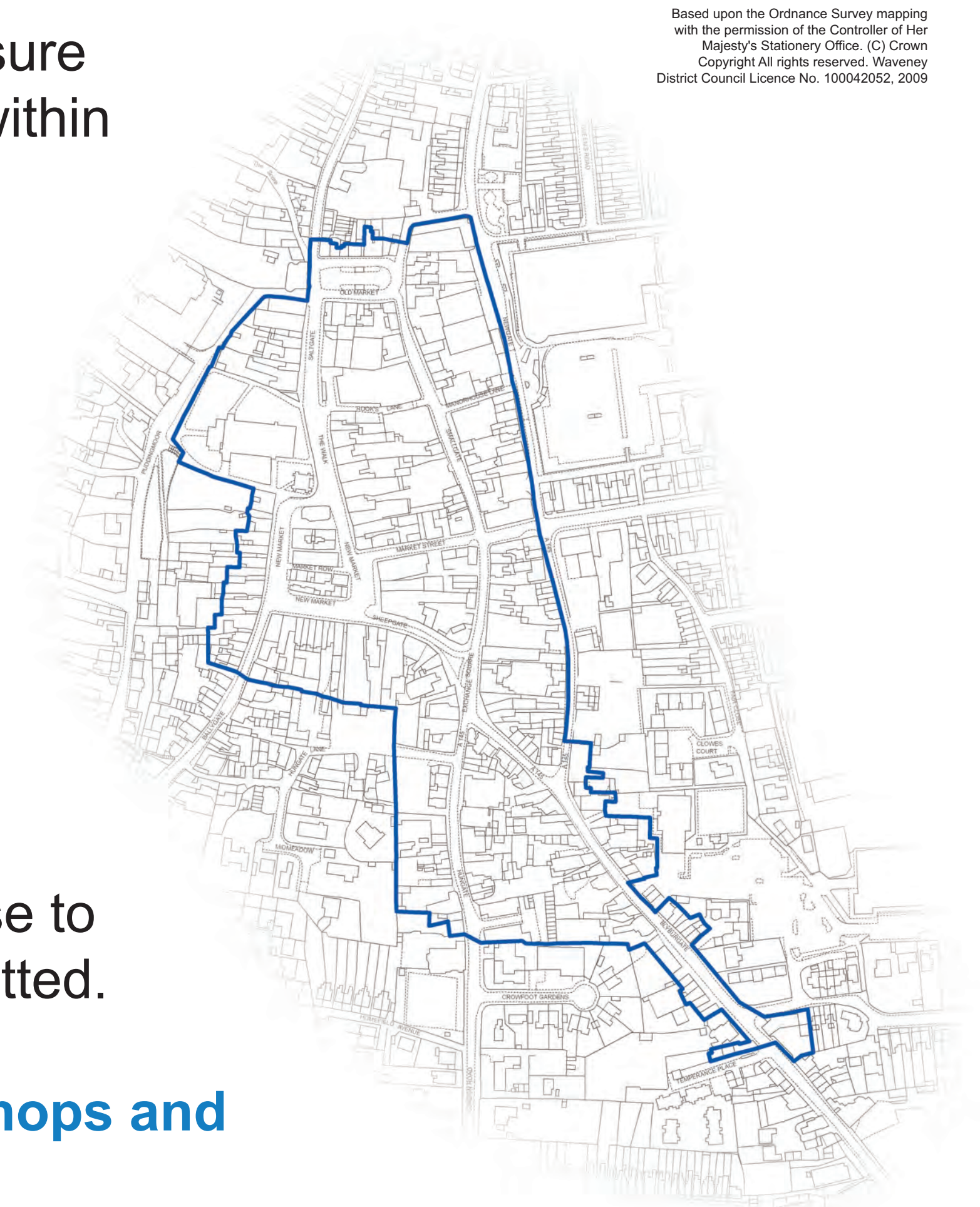
Appropriate town centre uses include:

- Retail
- Financial & professional services
- Restaurants and cafes
- Drinking establishments
- Hot food takeaways

Proposals for change of use of ground floor premises from these to any other uses will not be permitted.

Neighbourhood and village shops and facilities

Neighbourhood shops, pubs and community centres/halls provide an important local facility for the community. Proposals to change their use will be resisted. Applications for new community facilities will generally be supported.



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Climate Change

Renewable Energy, sustainable construction & carbon compliance

Renewable energy

Sources of renewable energy include wind power, solar power, the movement of water and biomass (wood, crops and waste).

Renewable energy schemes will be permitted where:

- Potentially detrimental impacts on the landscape, designated historic, built or natural features are minimised
- Potentially detrimental impacts on residents are minimised including noise, dust, odour and traffic

Sustainable construction and carbon compliance

Sustainable construction, energy efficiency and carbon compliance are part of the long-term strategy to reduce Waveney District's carbon footprint.

- New residential development will be required to meet Full Code for Sustainable Homes standards and an additional reduction of residual CO₂ emissions
- New commercial buildings will be required to meet BREEAM 'Very Good' standard and an additional 15% reduction of residual CO₂ emissions



Natural, Built & Historic Environment

Physical limits, design principles

Physical limits

Physical limits define the extent of the existing built up areas of the towns, where most development will take place to take advantage of access to services and facilities. Outside these locations, development will be treated as being in the open countryside where the objective is to preserve the countryside for its own sake. Preference will be given to the development of previously used land and buildings or vacant and underused land.

Design principles

There are a great variety of building types and forms in the area, and the quality of the built environment can make an important contribution to people's perceptions of the area. Proposals will be expected to:

- Protect the amenity of neighbours
- Produce developments in keeping with the local area
- Promote public safety and deter crime
- Provide good access for all
- Make provision for access by pedestrians and cyclists
- Minimise water and energy consumption and to make provision for recycling waste
- Use sustainable drainage systems
- Retain and enhance existing landscaping
- Provide access that does not compromise highway safety
- Provide adequate vehicle and cycle parking

Tourism

Tourism accommodation

Hotels and guest houses

Proposals to convert properties to hotel or guest house use will be permitted providing that:

- The property is outside an area where the loss of family housing is not permitted; and
- The property has a floorspace greater than 160m² and is in an appropriate location.

Touring caravan, camping and permanent holiday sites

Waveney has a wide range of natural and cultural attractions that are the basis of a tourism industry vital to the local economy.

Proposals will generally be acceptable close to, or on the edge of towns and larger villages and subject to the following criteria:

- Large sites are outside the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty;
- Small sites are outside the Heritage Coast;
- For new sites, the provision of on-site commercial, recreational or entertainment activities should form an integral part of the scheme and be located away from other sensitive uses;
- The provision of a variety of accommodation types, densities and informal layout groupings, having regard to the need for crime prevention measures;
- Wherever possible, existing buildings are used for the accommodation of associated permanent tourist facilities.



Leisure

Open space and associated leisure facilities

Open spaces

Open space and associated leisure facilities perform a wide variety of important functions, providing space for formal and informal recreation, improving the perception of settlements and providing areas for wildlife. Open space includes children's equipped play space, kickabout areas, amenity areas, sports pitches and courts, allotments and burial land which contribute to the character of a locality.

Development of open spaces, partial or full, including recreational open space and natural green space will only be permitted:

- In circumstances where it enhances the character of the local area and increases local amenity;
- Alternative provision for such amenity space of equal or greater benefit has been made; or
- It has been shown that the space is surplus to requirements.

Provision of new open spaces will need to ensure adequate public access and meet local quality standards.

All residential developments will be required to contribute to open space provision. Non-residential developments will be required to contribute to open space provision where appropriate.

