Draft Local Development Order and Design Code

South Lowestoft Industrial Estate, Gisleham, Lowestoft

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Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft Enterprise Zone

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South Lowestoft Industrial Estate,
Gisleham,
Lowestoft

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IMPORTANT

The area covered by this Local Development Order is located in an area of high archaeological importance and it is therefore possible that archaeological remains of potentially national interest could be disturbed during the development of this site.

To ensure that subsequent development does not destroy any important heritage assets and in order to minimise potential delays during the course of future development, the Council requires that a programme of archaeological evaluation is undertaken before it will adopt the Local Development Order.

The findings of archaeological evaluation may necessitate subsequent changes to the drafting of the Local Development Order, though these are not expected to be significant. For this reason the Council still considers it appropriate to consult on a draft Local Development Order at this time. It is anticipated the archaeological evaluation will be completed relatively swiftly and the Council hopes to implement the LDO at a similar time to the others within the District (1st April 2012).
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Introduction

1.1 Site context

1.1.1 The port town of Lowestoft is the second largest town in Suffolk and the most easterly town in the United Kingdom. It is therefore ideally located to serve as an important operations, maintenance and supply base for the developing offshore renewable energy sector.

1.1.2 The South Lowestoft Industrial Estate (SLIE) is located approximately 5km to the south of Lowestoft town centre and the port. The existing industrial estate covers an area of approximately 40ha of which approximately 3ha is currently vacant. The Local Development Order (LDO) represents an extension of the industrial estate on to adjacent greenfield land.

1.1.3 The entrance to the SLIE site is directly off the A12, providing easy access to Ipswich and Felixstowe to the south and Great Yarmouth to the north. The A12 joins the A47 at Great Yarmouth providing an excellent link to Norwich and England’s strategic road network. Lowestoft railway station, located 3.7km to the north of the site, provides services to Norwich, Ipswich and the national rail network beyond.

1.2 Site characteristics

1.2.1 The SLIE Local Development Order (LDO) applies to 20 hectares of vacant, all of which is designated as an Enterprise Zone (EZ).

1.2.2 The site is generally flat, and with the exception of Grange Farm and a recently constructed gospel hall, the southern boundary abuts open farmland. To the north lies the existing industrial estate and to the west is an area of woodland, while to the east is Morrison’s supermarket. A full range of shops and services are available in Lowestoft town centre.

1.3 Planning context

1.3.1 While there is no requirement for the LDO to be directly related to one or more specific local planning policies, an LDO is considered appropriate to this site as the principle of this type of development has already been established through the production of the Waveney Local Development Framework (LDF). Importantly, this means a level of public consultation and sustainability appraisal has already been undertaken. In providing reasons for the conditions included in this LDO, reference is made to local planning policies and Planning Policy Statements (PPS). The former can be found in full within the adopted Waveney LDF documents, while PPSs are available on the Communities & Local Government website.

1.3.2 The District Council remains committed to delivering the shared vision for the town of Lowestoft as set out in the LDF, and therefore the nature of the development permitted by the LDO seeks to ensure it will also contribute positively to the regeneration of the town.

1.3.3 The SLIE LDO covers land within an area allocated by Policy LOW2 of the Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document for a mix of industrial uses (B1, B2 and B8). However in accordance with national planning policy, the policy noted that B1a office uses should first seek a location in the town centre. For this reason the LDO does not permit B1a offices uses unless they are in an ancillary capacity.
2. Statement of reasons

2.1. Description of development permitted

2.1.1. The LDO introduces permitted development rights within the area defined below for businesses operating in the Energy, Offshore Engineering and Ports & Logistics sectors and for other businesses which either provide a demonstrable supporting role, or facilitate wider economic growth in the area. If there is any doubt over the eligibility of a proposed development, the developer should contact the Local Planning Authority.

![Figure 1. Enterprise Zone and Character Areas within the LDO Area](image)

2.1.2. In order to facilitate the delivery of premises which satisfy the requirements of future occupants, the LDO also removes the need for planning permission for a number of other types of development, such as solar panels, which would otherwise be needed.

2.1.3. The existence of this LDO does not necessarily preclude alternative development to that permitted by this Order. Those proposals would however continue to require planning permission and will be assessed against their compliance with policies in the Waveney Local Development Framework.
2.1.4. The LDO does not affect permitted development rights that exist under the General Permitted Development Order (GPDO) 1995 (as amended) nor any local or private Act of Parliament.

3. **Lifetime of the LDO**

3.1. The LDO has an initial lifespan of 5 years from its date of adoption. It is therefore currently scheduled to expire on 1\textsuperscript{st} April 2017. The Council does have the ability to revoke the LDO at any time, should it lead to undesirable and unforeseen consequences.

3.2. Following the end of this five year period, the LDO would therefore cease to apply. The Council would then have the following options;

- Renew the LDO
- Renew the LDO with modifications
- Do not renew the LDO

3.3. Development which was started under the provision of the LDO can be completed in the event that the LDO is revoked, revised or expires. The uses that have taken place prior to the revocation, revision or expiry of the LDO will also be allowed to continue to trade/operate.

3.4. No new development or changes of use will be allowed under the terms of the LDO after its expiry and future development will require planning consent. Development permitted under the GPDO which includes certain changes of use will, however, continue to apply.
4. Development Permitted

4.1. Within the boundaries of the map shown as Figure 1 above, the Local Development Order grants planning permission for specified Classes of development. All aspects of development undertaken in accordance with this LDO must, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to commencement, comply with the requirements of the South Lowestoft Industrial Estate Design Code.

4.2. Conditions and limitations

The LDO grants planning permission conditionally and with limitations. This reflects the need to comply with legislative requirements, protect the amenity of existing uses and ensure that new development occurs as sustainably as possible. Failure to comply with a condition or limitation attached to this LDO will be enforceable by the Local Planning Authority.

The permissions granted by this Order shall not apply if:

I. Development under Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4 of this LDO is considered to be “Displacement” as defined in the Interpretations section of this LDO
   **Reason:** To ensure that the LDO delivers economic growth

II. Class B1a office development is other than ancillary development
   **Reason:** To ensure that town centre uses are appropriately located

III. An application for planning permission for the proposed development would be a Schedule 1 application within the meaning of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011.
   **Reason:** Legal restriction in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 34(13)(b)

IV. An application for the development would fall within the descriptions of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011, unless the Local Planning Authority has, following the submission of a request for screening opinion, determined in accordance with the criteria within Schedule 3 of the same Regulations, that the development is unlikely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location and is therefore not EIA development.
   **Reason:** Legal restriction in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 s29 (4)

V. The proposed development would be a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project as defined in the Planning Act 2008.
   **Reason:** Legal restriction in accordance with the Planning Act 2008 s31

VI. The development would be contrary to any condition imposed by any planning permission granted or deemed to be granted under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, otherwise than by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended).
   **Reason:** To reaffirm that the LDO does not affect existing planning permissions, which must continue to be implemented in accordance with that grant of permission, including the approved conditions
VII. Any development which requires or involves the formation, laying out or material widening of a means of access to an existing classified highway which creates an obstruction to the view of persons using any highway used by vehicular traffic so as to be likely to cause danger to such persons.

**Reason: In the interests of public safety**

4.2.1. Nothing in this Order gives consent (other than planning permission) for any activity or development that requires other authorisation (for example, building regulations consent, hazardous substances consent, SuDS approval, a licence from the Marine Management Organisation, electronic communications licences). Developers should satisfy themselves that they have obtained all appropriate other consents before proceeding with any planning permission granted by this Order. Please see this Councils LDO General Information Document which provides more details in this regard.

4.3. **Notice of Commencement Form**

4.3.1. A minimum of 21 days before undertaking works associated with development permitted under Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11 identified in this Order, the Developer must submit a Notice of Commencement Form to the Council (see Appendix B). A single form can be completed where development is permitted by a number of Classes. The Developer assumes the responsibility for interpreting the requirements of the LDO and ensuring that their development is compliant.

4.4. **Classes of Development Permitted by this Local Development Order**

**Class 1. Site Investigation**

Development is permitted for the purposes of:

a) Works for the purpose of investigating geological ground conditions, identifying underground obstructions, identifying areas of contamination, or undertaking archaeological investigations; including the provision on land of buildings, moveable structures, works, plant or machinery required temporarily in connection with and for the duration of such works.

**Subject to conditions:**

1. Prior to the commencement of development the developer or agent shall serve notice on the Local Planning Authority (using the form provided in Appendix B). The notice shall be accompanied by a site plan to a recognised metric scale with the site outlined in red.

**Reason: To provide information required for monitoring purposes and help ensure that development is compliant with the LDO**

2. Upon completion of investigations the developer/landowner or agent shall provide to the Local Planning Authority a copy of any report produced as a result of investigations relating to contamination or archaeology.

**Reason: The site is potentially of archaeological and historical significance and to ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised. Having regard to adopted policies CS17 and DM31 and PPS 23**

**Class 2. Port and Logistics**

Development is permitted for the purposes of:
a) ship building, boat building and maintenance of marine craft;

b) providing ‘ancillary facilities’ (as defined in the Interpretations section of this LDO) to support the undertaking of development permitted by Class 2(a)

c) providing ‘indispensable services, equipment or products’ (as defined in the Interpretations section of this LDO) used in connection with purposes permitted under Class 2(a)

**Subject to conditions:**

1. All aspects of development undertaken in accordance with this permission shall, except for minor variations agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority, comply with the requirements of the SLIE Design Code.

   **Reason:** In the interests of sustainable development and public safety.

2. Prior to the commencement of development the developer or agent shall serve notice on the Local Planning Authority (using the form provided in Appendix B). The notice shall be accompanied by a site plan to a recognised metric scale with the site outlined in red.

   **Reason:** To provide information required for monitoring purposes and help ensure that development is compliant with the LDO.

3. No development shall take place within the LDO area until the implementation of a programme of archaeological work has been secured, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme of investigation shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and:

   - The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording,
   - The programme for post investigation assessment
   - Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording
   - Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation
   - Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation
   - Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation
   - The site investigation shall be completed prior to development, or in such other phased arrangement, as agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

   No building shall be occupied until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under this condition and the provision made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition has been secured.

   **Reason:** The site is potentially of archaeological and historical significance. Having regard to adopted policies CS17 and DM31
4. Prior to the commencement of any aspect of the development, a detailed surface water drainage scheme for the site, based on sustainable drainage principles, shall be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall subsequently be implemented in accordance with the approved details before the development is completed. The scheme shall be such as to limit surface water runoff from the entire development site to a peak rate equivalent to the Greenfield runoff rate, and shall include calculations to demonstrate that the proposed scheme has been adequately sized to accommodate the critical duration 1 in 100 year rainfall event, incorporating the recommended allowances for the potential impacts of climate change.

Reason: To mitigate harmful impacts from surface water drainage. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

5. An investigation and risk assessment must be completed in accordance with a scheme to assess the nature and extent of any contamination on the site. The contents of the scheme are subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. The investigation and risk assessment must be undertaken by competent persons and a written report of the findings must be produced. The written report is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. The report of the findings must include:
   a) a survey of the extent, scale and nature of contamination;
   b) an assessment of the potential risks to:
      - human health,
      - property (existing or proposed) including buildings, crops, livestock, pets, woodland and service lines and pipes,
      - adjoining land,
      - ground waters and surface waters,
      - ecological systems,
      - archaeological sites and ancient monuments
   c) an appraisal of remedial options, and proposal of the preferred option(s). This must be conducted in accordance with DEFRA and the Environment Agency’s ‘Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination, CLR 11’.

Reason: To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised. Having regard to DM02 and PPS 23.

6. A detailed remediation scheme to bring the site to a condition suitable for the intended use by removing unacceptable risks to human health, buildings and other property and the natural and historical environment must be prepared, and is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. The scheme must include all works to be undertaken, proposed remediation objectives and remediation criteria, timetable of works and site management procedures. The scheme must ensure that the site will not qualify as contaminated land under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to the intended use of the land after remediation.

Reason: To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised. Having regard to DM02 and PPS 23.
7. The approved remediation scheme must be carried out in accordance with its terms prior to the commencement of development other than that required to carry out remediation, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Local Planning Authority must be given 21 days written notification of commencement of the remediation scheme works. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme, a verification report (referred to in PPS23 as a validation report) that demonstrated the effectiveness of the remediation carried out must be produced, and is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised. Having regard to DM02 and PPS 23.

8. In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified it must be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority. An investigation and risk assessment must be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of condition (5), and where remediation is necessary a remediation scheme must be prepared in accordance with the requirements of condition (6), which is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme a verification report must be prepared, which is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority in accordance with condition (7).

Reason: To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised. Having regard to DM02 and PPS 23.

9. Planting shall be carried out by developers to the specification laid down in the SLIE Design Code, on the southern and western boundaries of the site. Planting shall either be carried out before first occupation or in the first available planting season following occupation. Any trees or shrubs which die within the first five years following planting shall be replaced by the site developer.

Reason: To provide suitable screening for the edges of this development, having regard to local amenity. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

10. Where piled foundations are to be employed, the quietest appropriate method shall be employed and piling works shall be restricted to the following times: 0900 to 1700 Mondays to Saturdays and at no time on Sundays or Public/Bank Holidays.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

11. The rating level of the noise emitted from the site shall not exceed the existing background noise level during the day of 65 dB(A) leq (15 min) between 07.00 and 22.00 Monday to Friday and 51 dB(A) leq (15 min) at any other time. The noise levels shall be determined at the rear facade of the nearest noise-sensitive residential property on Church Road, Gisleham. The measurements and assessment shall be made according to BS4142:1997.

Reason: To protect local amenity. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

12. A Transport Assessment including details of a Travel Plan will be required where a development individually or in combination with other development already committed within the LDO area exceeds any one of the thresholds set out in
Appendix B1 of the Department for Transport Guidance on Transport Assessment 2007, unless otherwise agreed with the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Suffolk County Council. The Transport Assessment and Travel Plan shall be prepared in accordance with the Guidance and will need to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Suffolk County Council before development commences. The permitted intensity of use of the site will be determined through the Transport Assessment process.

**Reason:** To reduce the impact of travel and transport on the environment. Having regard to adopted policy CS15.

### Class 3. Energy and Offshore Engineering.

Development is permitted for the purposes of:

a) the manufacture, assembly, storage, maintenance and movement of components, machinery and plant to be used for the generation or transmission of energy, or the extraction of fossil fuels;

b) the provision of administrative and support services required for the survey, construction and maintenance of infrastructure, machinery and plant to be used for the generation or transmission of energy, or the extraction of fossil fuels;

c) the decommissioning and disassembly of components, machinery, plant and rigs previously used for the generation or transmission of energy, or the extraction of fossil fuels;

d) the design, building, assembly and installation of structures, facilities, infrastructure, machines, devices, equipment, systems and materials for use in a marine environment; and

e) providing ‘ancillary facilities’ (as defined in the Interpretations section of this LDO) to support the undertaking of development permitted by Class 3(a) to (d) inclusive.

f) providing ‘indispensable services, equipment or products’ (as defined in the Interpretations section of this LDO) used in connection with purposes permitted under Class 3(a) to (d) inclusive.

### Subject to conditions:

1. All aspects of development undertaken in accordance with this permission shall, except for minor variations agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority, comply with the requirements of the SLIE Design Code.

   **Reason:** In the interests of sustainable development and public safety

2. Prior to the commencement of development the developer or agent shall serve notice on the Local Planning Authority using the form provided in Appendix B. The notice shall be accompanied by a site plan to a recognised metric scale with the site outlined in red.

   **Reason:** To provide information required for monitoring purposes and help ensure that development is compliant with the LDO

3. No development shall take place within the LDO area until the implementation of a programme of archaeological work has been secured, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by
the Local Planning Authority. The scheme of investigation shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and:

- The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording,
- The programme for post investigation assessment
- Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording
- Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation
- Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation
- Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation
- The site investigation shall be completed prior to development, or in such other phased arrangement, as agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

No building shall be occupied until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under this condition and the provision made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition has been secured.

Reason: The site is potentially of archaeological and historical significance. Having regard to adopted policies CS17 and DM31.

4. Prior to the commencement of any aspect of the development, a detailed surface water drainage scheme for the site, based on sustainable drainage principles, shall be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall subsequently be implemented in accordance with the approved details before the development is completed. The scheme shall be such as to limit surface water run-off from the entire development site to a peak rate equivalent to the Greenfield run-off rate, and shall include calculations to demonstrate that the proposed scheme has been adequately sized to accommodate the critical duration 1 in 100 year rainfall event, incorporating the recommended allowances for the potential impacts of climate change.

Reason: To mitigate harmful impacts from surface water drainage. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

5. An investigation and risk assessment must be completed in accordance with a scheme to assess the nature and extent of any contamination on the site. The contents of the scheme are subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. The investigation and risk assessment must be undertaken by competent persons and a written report of the findings must be produced. The written report is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. The report of the findings must include:

a) a survey of the extent, scale and nature of contamination;

b) an assessment of the potential risks to:

- human health,
property (existing or proposed) including buildings, crops, livestock, pets, woodland and service lines and pipes,

- adjoining land,
- ground waters and surface waters,
- ecological systems,
- archaeological sites and ancient monuments

c) an appraisal of remedial options, and proposal of the preferred option(s). This must be conducted in accordance with DEFRA and the Environment Agency’s ‘Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination, CLR 11’.

Reason: To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised. Having regard to DM02 and PPS 23.

6. A detailed remediation scheme to bring the site to a condition suitable for the intended use by removing unacceptable risks to human health, buildings and other property and the natural and historical environment must be prepared, and is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. The scheme must include all works to be undertaken, proposed remediation objectives and remediation criteria, timetable of works and site management procedures. The scheme must ensure that the site will not qualify as contaminated land under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to the intended use of the land after remediation.

Reason: To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised. Having regard to DM02 and PPS 23

7. The approved remediation scheme must be carried out in accordance with its terms prior to the commencement of development other than that required to carry out remediation, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Local Planning Authority must be given 21 days written notification of commencement of the remediation scheme works. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme, a verification report (referred to in PPS23 as a validation report) that demonstrated the effectiveness of the remediation carried out must be produced, and is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised. Having regard to DM02 and PPS 23

8. In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified it must be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority. An investigation and risk assessment must be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of condition (5), and where remediation is necessary a remediation scheme must be prepared in accordance with the requirements of condition (6), which is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme a verification report must be prepared, which is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority in accordance with condition (7).

Reason: To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised. Having regard to DM02 and PPS 23
9. Planting shall be carried out by developers to the specification laid down in the SLIE Design Code, on the southern and western boundaries of the site. Planting shall either be carried out before first occupation or in the first available planting season following occupation. Any trees or shrubs which die within the first five years following planting shall be replaced by the site developer.

Reason: To provide suitable screening for the edges of this development, having regard to local amenity. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

10. Where piled foundations are to be employed, the quietest appropriate method shall be employed and piling works shall be restricted to the following times: 0900 to 1700 Mondays to Saturdays and at no time on Sundays or Public/Bank Holidays.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

11. The rating level of the noise emitted from the site shall not exceed the existing background noise level during the day of 65 dB(A) leq (15 min) between 07.00 and 22.00 Monday to Friday and 51 dB(A) leq (15 min) at any other time. The noise levels shall be determined at the rear facade of the nearest noise-sensitive residential property on Church Road, Gisleham. The measurements and assessment shall be made according to BS4142:1997.

Reason: To protect local amenity. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

12. A Transport Assessment including details of a Travel Plan will be required where a development individually or in combination with other development already committed within the LDO area exceeds any one of the thresholds set out in Appendix B1 of the Department for Transport Guidance on Transport Assessment 2007, unless otherwise agreed with the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Suffolk County Council. The Transport Assessment and Travel Plan shall be prepared in accordance with the Guidance and will need to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Suffolk County Council before development commences. The permitted intensity of use of the site will be determined through the Transport Assessment process.

Reason: To reduce the impact of travel and transport on the environment. Having regard to adopted policy CS15.

Class 4. Business and General Industry

Development is permitted for the purposes of:

a) the manufacture, assembly, storage and maintenance of components, machinery and plant falling within Use Classes B1(c) Light Industrial and B2 General Industrial as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended)

b) the design, building, assembly and installation of structures, facilities, infrastructure, machines, devices, equipment, systems and materials falling within Use Classes B1(b) Research and Development, B1(c) Light Industrial and B2 General Industrial as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).
c) providing ‘ancillary facilities’ (as defined in the Interpretations section of this LDO) to support the undertaking of development permitted by Class 4(a) and Class 4(b) inclusive.

Subject to conditions:

1. Development falling within Class 4 is only permitted where the development will accommodate a business included in Class 4(a) or Class 4(b) relocating into this LDO area from any other LDO area adopted in connection with the Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft Enterprise Zone.

   Reason: To restrict displacement whilst allowing certain relocations between LDO areas to take place, which will assist clustering of business types and facilitate further development within the vacated sites.

2. All aspects of development undertaken in accordance with this permission shall, except for minor variations agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority, comply with the requirements of the SLIE Design Code.

   Reason: In the interests of sustainable development and public safety

3. Prior to the commencement of development the developer or agent shall serve notice on the Local Planning Authority using the form provided in Appendix B. The notice shall be accompanied by a site plan to a recognised metric scale with the site outlined in red.

   Reason: To provide information required for monitoring purposes and help ensure that development is compliant with the LDO

4. No development shall take place within the LDO area until the implementation of a programme of archaeological work has been secured, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme of investigation shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and:

   - The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording,
   - The programme for post investigation assessment
   - Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording
   - Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation
   - Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation
   - Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation
   - The site investigation shall be completed prior to development, or in such other phased arrangement, as agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

   No building shall be occupied until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under this condition and the provision made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition has been secured.
Reason: The site is potentially of archaeological and historical significance. Having regard to adopted policies CS17 and DM31

5. Prior to the commencement of any aspect of the development, a detailed surface water drainage scheme for the site, based on sustainable drainage principles, shall be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall subsequently be implemented in accordance with the approved details before the development is completed. The scheme shall be such as to limit surface water runoff from the entire development site to a peak rate equivalent to the Greenfield runoff rate, and shall include calculations to demonstrate that the proposed scheme has been adequately sized to accommodate the critical duration 1 in 100 year rainfall event, incorporating the recommended allowances for the potential impacts of climate change.

Reason: To mitigate harmful impacts from surface water drainage. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

6. An investigation and risk assessment must be completed in accordance with a scheme to assess the nature and extent of any contamination on the site. The contents of the scheme are subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. The investigation and risk assessment must be undertaken by competent persons and a written report of the findings must be produced. The written report is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. The report of the findings must include:
   a) a survey of the extent, scale and nature of contamination;
   b) an assessment of the potential risks to:
      - human health,
      - property (existing or proposed) including buildings, crops, livestock, pets, woodland and service lines and pipes,
      - adjoining land,
      - ground waters and surface waters,
      - ecological systems,
      - archaeological sites and ancient monuments
   c) an appraisal of remedial options, and proposal of the preferred option(s). This must be conducted in accordance with DEFRA and the Environment Agency’s ‘Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination, CLR 11’.

Reason: To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised. Having regard to DM02 and PPS 23.

1. A detailed remediation scheme to bring the site to a condition suitable for the intended use by removing unacceptable risks to human health, buildings and other property and the natural and historical environment must be prepared, and is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. The scheme must include all works to be undertaken, proposed remediation objectives and remediation criteria, timetable of works and site management procedures. The scheme must ensure that the site will not qualify as contaminated land under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to the intended use of the land after remediation.
Reason: To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised. Having regard to DM02 and PPS 23.

2. The approved remediation scheme must be carried out in accordance with its terms prior to the commencement of development other than that required to carry out remediation, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Local Planning Authority must be given 21 days written notification of commencement of the remediation scheme works. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme, a verification report (referred to in PPS23 as a validation report) that demonstrated the effectiveness of the remediation carried out must be produced, and is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised. Having regard to DM02 and PPS 23.

3. In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified it must be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority. An investigation and risk assessment must be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of condition (6), and where remediation is necessary a remediation scheme must be prepared in accordance with the requirements of condition (7), which is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme a verification report must be prepared, which is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority in accordance with condition (8).

Reason: To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised. Having regard to DM02 and PPS 23.

4. Planting shall be carried out by developers to the specification laid down in the SLIE Design Code, on the southern and western boundaries of the site. Planting shall either be carried out before first occupation or in the first available planting season following occupation. Any trees or shrubs which die within the first five years following planting shall be replaced by the site developer.

Reason: To provide suitable screening for the edges of this development, having regard to local amenity. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

5. Where piled foundations are to be employed, the quietest appropriate method shall be employed and piling works shall be restricted to the following times: 0900 to 1700 Mondays to Saturdays and at no time on Sundays or Public/Bank Holidays.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

6. The rating level of the noise emitted from the site shall not exceed the existing background noise level during the day of 65 dB(A) leq (15 min) between 07.00 and 22.00 Monday to Friday and 51 dB(A) leq (15 min) at any other time. The noise levels shall be determined at the rear facade of the nearest noise-sensitive residential property on Church Road, Gisleham. The measurements and assessment shall be made according to BS4142:1997.

Reason: To protect local amenity. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.
7. A Transport Assessment including details of a Travel Plan will be required where a development individually or in combination with other development already committed within the LDO area exceeds any one of the thresholds set out in Appendix B1 of the Department for Transport Guidance on Transport Assessment 2007, unless otherwise agreed with the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Suffolk County Council. The Transport Assessment and Travel Plan shall be prepared in accordance with the Guidance and will need to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority in consultation with Suffolk County Council before development commences. The permitted intensity of use of the site will be determined through the Transport Assessment process.

Reason: To reduce the impact of travel and transport on the environment. Having regard to adopted policy CS15.

Class 5. Electronic Communications

Development is permitted for the purposes of providing electronic communications consisting of:

a) The installation, alteration or replacement of any electronic communications apparatus,

b) Development ancillary to equipment housing,

Subject to conditions:

1. Prior to the commencement of development the developer or agent shall serve notice on the Local Planning Authority using the form provided in Appendix B. The notice shall be accompanied by a site plan to a recognised metric scale with the site outlined in red.

Reason: To provide information required for monitoring purposes and help ensure that development is compliant with the LDO.

2. No development shall take place within the LDO area until the implementation of a programme of archaeological work has been secured, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning authority. The scheme of investigation shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and:

- The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording,
- The programme for post investigation assessment
- Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording
- Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation
- Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation
- Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation
- The site investigation shall be completed prior to development, or in such other phased arrangement, as agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: The site is potentially of archaeological and historical significance. Having
regard to adopted policies CS17 and DM31.

3. Where piled foundations are to be employed, the quietest appropriate method shall be employed and piling works shall be restricted to the following times: 0900 to 1700 Mondays to Saturdays and at no time on Sundays or Public/Bank Holidays.

Reason: To protect local amenity. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

4. The installation of apparatus (other than an equipment cabinet, or electrical supply cabinet, but including any antenna) shall not exceed a height of 25m above ground level.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenity of the area. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

5. The combined volume of all apparatus comprising an equipment cabinet or electrical supply cabinet should not exceed 90 cubic metres and the height of the equipment cabinet (taken by itself) should not exceed 3m.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenity of the area. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

6. Apparatus ancillary to equipment housing (including any fences) should not exceed a height of 3m.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenity of the area. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

7. Any antenna, dish or supporting apparatus, radio equipment housing or development ancillary to radio equipment housing constructed, installed, altered or replaced on a building in accordance with this permission shall, so far as is practicable, be sited so as to minimise its effect on the external appearance of the building.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenity of the area. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

8. No part of the development shall cause obstruction to the public highway, or obscure the sight lines of any road junction or access/egress to the highway.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

9. Prior to the use of any radio equipment approved under this order, the developer shall provide to the Local Planning Authority a certificate confirming that the development itself will meet the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) guidelines for public exposure and confirming that the cumulative exposure of the development and other adjacent radio equipment will not exceed the ICNIRP guidelines for public exposure.

Reason: In the interests of public health. Having regard to adopted policies CS02.

10. Any apparatus or structure provided in accordance with this permission shall be removed from the land, building or structure on which it is situated as soon as reasonably practicable after it is no longer required for telecommunication purposes and such land, building or structure shall be restored to its condition before the development took place, or to any other condition as may be agreed in writing between the Local Planning Authority and the developer.
Reason: In the interests of the visual amenity of the area. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

Class 6. Security Cameras

Development is permitted for:

a) the installation, alteration or replacement of any closed circuit television camera to be used for security purposes, including any pole or supporting equipment required for such installation.

Subject to conditions:

1. A closed circuit television camera permitted by this Order shall be so designed or mechanically limited such that it cannot film any residential building or residential rear garden that lies within 50m of the installation.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

2. A closed circuit television camera permitted by this Order shall be removed as soon as reasonably practicable after it is no longer required for security purposes.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenity of the area. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

Class 7. Fences

Development is permitted for:-

a) the installation, alteration or replacement of security walls, fences and gates.

Subject to conditions:

1. All aspects of development undertaken in accordance with this permission shall, except for minor variations agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority, comply with the requirements of the SLIE Design Code.

Reason: In the interests of sustainable development and public safety

2. A security wall, fence or gate permitted by this order shall not exceed 3m in height measured from ground level.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenity of the area. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

3. A security wall, fence or gate permitted by this Order shall not obscure sight lines of any junction on the public highway or any vehicular access to the highway.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

Class 8. Temporary uses of land

Development is permitted for:-

a) The use of any land for the purpose of an exhibition, trade fair, or public information event, associated with the activities authorised by Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4 of the Order, for no more than 56 days in total in any calendar year, such time period to include the time required to set up and dismantle any temporary structures associated with the use.

Subject to conditions:
1. Following such temporary use, the land shall be reinstated to its previous condition and use.
   
   **Reason:** In the interests of the visual amenity of the area. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

2. Prior to the commencement of development the developer or agent shall serve notice on the Local Planning Authority using the form provided in Appendix B. The notice shall be accompanied by a site plan to a recognised metric scale with the site outlined in red.
   
   **Reason:** To provide information required for monitoring purposes and help ensure that development is compliant with the LDO.

**Class 9. Solar Panels**

Development is permitted for:-

a) The installation, alteration or replacement of solar photovoltaic, or solar thermal equipment on a building.

**Subject to conditions:**

1. The solar panels shall be removed when no longer required as soon as is practicable.
   
   **Reason:** In the interests of the visual amenity of the area. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

**Class 10. Wind Turbines**

Development is permitted for:-

a) The installation, alteration or replacement of wind turbine on land or a building.

**Subject to conditions:**

1. Development is not permitted by Class 10 if the turbine is over 15m hub centre height measured from ground level.
   
   **Reason:** In the interests of the visual amenity of the area. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

2. Prior to the commencement of development the developer or agent shall serve notice on the Local Planning Authority (using the form provided in Appendix B). The notice shall be accompanied by a site plan to a recognised metric scale with the site outlined in red.
   
   **Reason:** To provide information required for monitoring purposes and help ensure that development is compliant with the LDO.

3. No development shall take place within the LDO area until the implementation of a programme of archaeological work has been secured, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning authority. The scheme of investigation shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and:
   
   - The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording,
   - The programme for post investigation assessment
   - Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording
Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation

Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation

Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation

The site investigation shall be completed prior to development, or in such other phased arrangement, as agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: The site is potentially of archaeological and historical significance. Having regard to adopted policies CS17 and DM31

4. Where piled foundations are to be employed, the quietest appropriate method shall be employed and piling works shall be restricted to the following times: 0900 to 1700 Mondays to Saturdays and at no time on Sundays or Public/Bank Holidays.

Reason: To protect local amenity. Having regard to adopted policies CS02 and DM02.

Class 11 Change of Use

Development is permitted for:-

a) Change of use to any other use permitted by this LDO.

Subject to conditions:

1. The development complies with, or is altered so as to comply with, all limitations and conditions that would have been applied through this LDO for the proposed permitted use.

Reason: To permit changes of use additional to those permitted under the GPDO without the need to apply for planning permission.

2. Prior to the change of use the developer or agent shall serve notice on the Local Planning Authority (using the form provided in Appendix B). The notice shall be accompanied by a site plan to a recognised metric scale with the site outlined in red.

Reason: To provide information required for monitoring purposes and help ensure that development is compliant with the LDO
Appendix A - Interpretations

Energy Sector is defined as:
The totality of all of the industries involved in the production and sale of energy, including fuel extraction, manufacturing, refining and distribution.

In particular, the energy sector comprises:
- the petroleum industry, including oil companies, petroleum refiners, fuel transport and end-user sales at gas stations
- the gas industry, including natural gas extraction, and coal gas manufacture, as well as distribution and sales
- the electrical power industry, including electricity generation, electric power distribution and sales
- the coal industry
- the nuclear power industry
- the renewable energy industry, comprising alternative energy and sustainable energy companies, including those involved in hydroelectric power, tidal and wave power, wind power, heat pumps and solar power generation, and the manufacture, distribution and sale of alternative fuels

Offshore Engineering Sector is defined as:
The totality of all of the industries involved in the design, building, assembly and installation of structures, facilities, infrastructure, machines, devices, equipment, systems and materials for use in a marine environment

Ports & Logistics Sector is defined as:
The totality of all of the industries involved in the shipping, embarking, disembarking, loading, storage, stevedoring discharging or transport of passengers, or goods in connection with the operation of a harbour, or with the movement of traffic by inland navigation or in any way connected with or comprising the import or export of goods and materials.

Displacement

Where a business, including a subsidiary business within a group of businesses, proposes to locate into, or relocate between, any of the LDO areas adopted in Waveney in connection with the Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft Enterprise Zone, the proposal will not be considered to be displacement if:

a) It is a new business; or

b) It is an existing business from outside the sub-region of Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft; or

c) It is an existing business from within the sub-region of Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft providing growth occurs in accordance with i) to iv) below.
   i) Existing employee levels will be increased by a minimum of 10%; or
   ii) The internal floor space or external area used by the business in its present location will be increased by a minimum of 20%; or
   iii) Total output is projected to increase by a minimum of 10% within 5 years; or

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iv) Any combination of i), ii) or iii) above will exceed a minimum growth increase of 20%

Ancillary Facilities

For the purposes of Classes 2(b) and 3(e) and 4(c) of this order “ancillary facilities” is defined as:

Education and training facilities, canteens, staff rest areas, workplace medical facilities, facilities for fire fighting or other emergency services, visitor centres, conference venues, smoking shelters, passenger shelters, bicycle shelters, motorcycle shelters, security buildings, barriers for the control of people and vehicles, traffic signals, waste recycling facilities, vehicle maintenance facilities, machinery and plant maintenance facilities, electricity sub stations, and associated electric lines, electric vehicle charging points, bollards, lamp standards, telephone boxes, post boxes, refuse bins and baskets; that are required for purposes ancillary to activities permitted by Classes 2, 3 or 4 of this order.

Ancillary facilities does not include the construction or erection of a hotel, shop, restaurant, petrol filling station or residential accommodation, nor development to facilitate the landing of helicopters or other aircraft.

Indispensable Services, Equipment or Products

For the purposes of Classes 2(c) and 3(f) of this order “Indispensable Services, Equipment or Products” are defined as;

a) An essential service, piece of equipment or product, required for use in connection with activities permitted by Class 2(a) to be provided from development falling within Use Classes B1(b) Research and Development, B1(c) Light Industrial and B2 General Industrial as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).

b) An essential service, piece of equipment or product, required for use in connection with activities permitted by Classes 3(a) to 3(d) inclusive to be provided from development falling within Use Classes B1(b) Research and Development, B1(c) Light Industrial and B2 General Industrial as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended)

Building

a) includes any structure or erection and includes any part of a building; but

b) does not include plant or machinery, gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure;

Electronic Communications Apparatus is defined as

a) any apparatus which is designed or adapted for use in connection with the provision of an electronic communications network;

b) any apparatus that is designed or adapted for a use which consists of or includes the sending or receiving of communications or other signals that are transmitted by means of an electronic communications network;

c) any line;

d) any conduit, structure, pole or other thing in, on, by or from which any electronic communications apparatus is or may be installed, supported, carried or suspended; and references to the installation of electronic communications apparatus are to be construed accordingly;
Electronic communications network is defined as

a) a transmission system for the conveyance, by the use of electrical, magnetic or electro-magnetic energy, of signals of any description; and

b) such of the following as are used, by the person providing the system and in association with it, for the conveyance of the signals-
   (i) apparatus comprised in the system;
   (ii) apparatus used for the switching or routing of the signals; and
   (iii) software and stored data'.

“ground level” means the level of the surface of the ground immediately adjacent to the building or plant or machinery in question or, where the level of the surface of the ground on which it is situated or is to be situated is not uniform, the level of the highest part of the surface of the ground adjacent to it.

Machinery
Includes any structure or erection in the nature of machinery

On site
Means within the curtilage of a particular parcel of land rather than the whole area covered by the Local Development Order

Plant
Includes and structure or erection in the nature of plant

Private Way
Means a highway not maintainable at the public expense and any other way other than a highway
Notice of Commencement

Before completing this notice please ensure that you have read and understood all the limitations and conditions that apply to your proposed development, including the requirements regarding occupancy and displacement.

Please also read the Important Notes below.

Local Development Order (LDO) Reference No. EZ/LOW/SLIE-01

Notice is hereby given that the proposed works as detailed in this notice are scheduled to commence on ___/___/____.

I confirm that the information provided in this notice and shown on the associated plan is to the best of my knowledge correct at the time of completion and that, with the exception of any minor variations agreed in writing by the Local planning Authority, I consider the proposed works to be permitted development under the permissions given by the above LDO.

Signed

Please print beneath.

Important Notes
1) This notice, together with a site plan to a recognised metric scale showing the site outlined in red, shall be completed and submitted to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) a minimum of 21 days before development is scheduled to commence on site. Any observations in respect of the information provided in this notice or shown on the associated plan will be made by the LPA within 21 days of receipt.

2) It is your responsibility to ensure that any studies required by the Local Development Order, for example relating to archaeology, transport, flooding and contamination, have been undertaken and agreed with the LPA before works commence on site or before occupancy, as appropriate.

3) Submission of a request for an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion is required for development where an application for the development would fall within the descriptions of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011.

4) The proposed development is still subject to any other consents or permissions required under other legislation.
## Section 1 – General Information

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### Section 3 – Occupancy and Displacement
This section applies to development in Classes 2, 3 and 4 only and relates to each business within the development (repeat section as necessary)

#### 5 Number of Employees

| Existing employees predominantly working onshore for the business occupying the development site | Existing employees predominantly working offshore for the business occupying the development site |
| Additional employees predominantly working onshore for the business occupying the development site | Additional employees predominantly working offshore for the business occupying the development site |

#### 6 Displacement as defined by the LDO

| Is the proposed occupier of the development a new business – Y/N |
| Is the proposed occupier of the development an existing business from within the sub-region of Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft – Y/N (if Y please complete a) and b) below) |
| a) Proposed % increase in internal floor area or external space (m2) |
| b) Projected % increase in total output value within 5 years |

#### 7 Indispensable services, equipment or products - Classes 2 and 3 as relevant

*Note:* Please provide details of the indispensable services, equipment or products the Use Class B1(b) Research and Development, B1(c) Light Industrial or B2 General Industry business occupying the proposed development will provide.

End.
Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft Enterprise Zone

Design Code for

Local Development Order Reference :- EZ/LOW/SLIE-01

South Lowestoft Industrial Estate,
Gisleham,
Lowestoft

Adopted on __/__/_____
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1 Introduction

1.1 This Design Code is intended to ensure that a satisfactory standard of design quality in development is achieved within the South Lowestoft Industrial Estate (SLIE) Local Development Order (LDO) area and that the cumulative effects of developments are neither detrimental to existing neighbours, nor detrimental to the emerging developments within the Local Development Order area.

1.2 The LDO specifies which types of development must accord with the requirements of the Design Code. These developments must accord with all aspects of the code that apply to that form of development within the area specified.

1.3 Design Codes set standards that must be complied with to affect the grant of permission under the LDO. Divergence from the Code will trigger the need for planning applications unless the variations are minor and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

1.4 The Design Code recognises that there are several distinct character areas within the LDO and that different criteria will therefore be appropriate in these different areas. Accordingly, the requirements of the Design Code have been divided into two character areas illustrated in Figure 1 below,

- Area A The Core
- Area B The Fringe, which comprise three parcels of land, with the existing farm and community church acting as separators.

1.5 Where a development spans the boundary of more than one character area, the requirements of each character area shall apply to those parts of the building/site or activity which is situated within each character area.

1.6 In addition there are a series of general requirements which will extend across the boundaries of the above character areas.

1.7 The Design Code covers topic areas which are integral to the good design of buildings and spaces, and outlines mandatory standards in this regard. There are a number of other matters which developers should have regard to, and those, alongside some further generic guidance, can be found in the LDO General Information Guide.
2 Character Areas

Figure 1. Character areas

Area A The Core

2.1 The northern and eastern edges of the Core are characterised by established industrial uses and harsh boundary treatment, often in the form of 2 metre high metal security fencing. The western edge of this part of the site adjoins open countryside, part of which is wooded. A landscaped buffer to minimise the visual impact of industrial related activities upon the surrounding area shall be planted.

2.2 The former Wessex Foods site is a prominent corner site at the junction of Tower Road and Hadenham Road. A keynote building of high quality design is expected here. The site between the former Wessex Foods site and the supermarket is not allocated as employment land, but it is considered that light industrial or storage uses would be appropriate.

2.3 Within character Area A, development should be carried out in accordance with the following criteria:

- Buildings, or parts thereof, within 20 metres of the boundary of a non-industrial premises shall not exceed 10 metres in height.
In all other cases, a 20 metre height limit applies.

The former Wessex Foods site should make use of high quality materials in accordance with the palette.

Vehicular Access shall be in accordance with the Transport Plan in section 4. Pedestrian and cycle access shall be put in place in accordance with said plan.

**Area B The Fringe**

2.4 The character of the Fringe is more complex and sensitive. The public highway, which fronts the Community Church and Grange Farm and adjoins the supermarket car park, currently has clear views into the site. A farm, with farmhouse, and three residential dwellings stand by the southern boundary, towards the west of the site. An existing, fire damaged dwelling stands in the southeast corner of the Fringe, adjacent to the supermarket.

2.5 Any development in the fringe area needs to be carefully designed with regard to visual impact and/or amenity aspects. Class B2 general industrial development in close proximity to the public highway and adjoining non-industrial uses will be unacceptable, only low level buildings for B1 (not offices) or B8 uses should be located within such areas.

2.6 Within character Area B development should be carried out in accordance with the following criteria:

- Buildings, or parts thereof, within 20 metres of the boundary of a non-industrial premises shall not exceed 10 metres in height.
- In all other cases, a 20 metre height limit applies.
- A 20 metre wide landscaped buffer, as shown in Figure 1 above, of native plants, in which no buildings or hard standings shall be formed, shall be planted on the southern boundary of the site.
- A 10 metre wide landscaped buffer, as shown in Figure 1 above, in accordance with the ‘Landscaping Schedule’ in section 6, and in which no buildings or hard standings shall be formed, shall be planted on the western boundary.
- A 10 metre wide landscaped buffer, as shown in Figure 1 above, in accordance with the ‘Landscaping Schedule’ in section 6, and in which no buildings or hard standings shall be formed, shall be planted at the boundaries of the residential premises at 1, 2 and 3 Grange Farm Cottages, Church Rd, Gisleham.
- The existing trees on the southern and western boundaries of the LDO area shall be retained.
- There shall be no vehicular access from Church Road. A pedestrian and cycle access shall be put in place in accordance with the Transport Plan in section 4.
- B2 (general industrial) uses shall not take place within 20 metres of the boundary of a non-industrial premises.
3 General design guidance

3.1 See character areas shown in Figure 1 above for specific limitations

3.2 Form and design of development

3.2.1 The underlying objective for the architectural design of industrial and commercial buildings should be the same as for all new development, which is to make the public places in which they stand as attractive and welcoming as possible. The architectural treatment of industrial buildings should play its part in improving the image of new development in the District.

3.2.2 Wherever it is practicable, the layout and design of new industrial developments will be expected to front buildings onto the public realm and to enclose ‘private’ external spaces, such as yards and car parks, behind them.

3.2.3 There can be many benefits in locating new industrial and commercial buildings close to front boundaries and giving them a ‘public face’:

- using buildings as a barrier to enclose secure areas can minimise the need for lengths of fencing along frontages, which will not only improve the quality of the public realm, but also improve security for the plots. Well-designed building elevations can be both more secure and more attractive than chain-link fencing. This approach is compatible with the principles of ‘Secured by Design’ for commercial developments.
- general security can be further enhanced where industrial buildings provide windows (to offices, canteens, or other active rooms) that overlook the public street and provide surveillance.
- buildings can better screen noise and other disturbance than fences, and thus reduce potential conflicts between neighbouring businesses and activities.

3.2.4 Frontages adjacent to pedestrian routes or public spaces must be designed to provide visual interest, activity and casual supervision at ground floor level. There are particular advantages in ensuring that office developments are orientated towards public space as the fenestration of such buildings can provide visual interest and articulation within the street scene. However, even industrial or warehouse buildings can be designed to break up the appearance of large areas of roof and walls and provide visual interest at ground level. For example the use of different profiles of sheeting of the same colour, or articulated building footprints could be used to promote architectural definition and interest.

3.2.5 Space between buildings, or between buildings and their relevant boundaries, could be influenced by the requirements of the building regulations. These would include the separation of buildings to avoid fire spread, and the provision of access for fire appliances.

3.2.6 In addition, developers will need to give consideration to the potential impact of their development on neighbouring sites and the potential for proposals on neighbouring sites to affect their developments. Particular regard should be given to the location of air intakes and extraction flues and the potential for loss of light that might arise from developments adjacent to boundaries.

3.2.7 Where adjacent sites are being developed concurrently, developers should seek to understand each other’s proposals and make efforts to achieve designs that do not have unacceptable impacts on neighbouring developments.
3.2.8 Loading bays, bin stores, outdoor storage, mechanical plant, and other operational requirements must be incorporated into the overall design of the building and its site. Developments should seek to avoid such facilities appearing as dominant features in the street scene.

3.3 Palette of Materials and Colours

3.3.1 It is not intended to restrict materials across the site. The exception to this being the former Wessex Foods site where a high quality palette of materials, avoiding profile metal sheet finishes, is necessary.

3.3.2 Examples of the use of colour, contrast, texture and a mix of cladding materials, to break up the massing of large walls and add visual interest are also shown in Figures 2 to 6 below.

Figure 2. Flat Panel system metal cladding / rain screen cladding
Figure 3. Terracotta rain screen cladding

Figure 4. Wood composite (wood pvc) cladding
3.3.3 It is anticipated that most structures will be framed buildings without large brick areas, brick plinths should be limited in extent to the minimum necessary and use a brick colour chosen to blend with the cladding aesthetic and colour. Exposed aggregate concrete could be used for plinths and other small features.

3.3.4 Generally, more subdued and non-reflective finishes will reduce the overall impact of a building. Colour contrast and highly reflective materials may be used to highlight key features such as entrances, windows and structure, but should generally be avoided over large areas of buildings.

3.4 Facade design

3.4.1 Within the keynote building site facades shall incorporate architectural relief by way of the provision of window and door openings to at least 10% of the façade area. It is anticipated that escape doors are likely to be needed by building regulations. Windows in such locations shall be either in aluminium or wooden frames and integrated into the panel module where appropriate.
3.4.2 Ventilation louvres to plant within buildings shall be integrated into the fenestration and door pattern on the façade and shall where in areas of panelled walls be integrated into the module of the panelling.

Figure 7. Façade design

4 Highways

4.1 Sight Lines

4.1.1 In order to ensure a satisfactory and safe access and egress from the highway, and safe circulation within the site, developments should (as a minimum) be completed in accordance with the standards for sight lines set out in the Suffolk County Council document “Industrial Estate Roads – Notes for the Guidance of Developers”, available from http://www.waveney.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=2436

4.2 Turning and Manoeuvring

4.2.1 In order to ensure a satisfactory and safe turning facilities, developments should (as a minimum) be completed in accordance with the standards set out in the Suffolk County Council publication “Industrial Estate Roads – Notes for the Guidance of Developers”.

4.3 Standards for Highways to be Adopted

4.3.1 Where roads built as part of a development approved by the SLIE LDO are intended to become adopted highways, the construction standards shall (as a minimum) accord with those set out in the Suffolk County Council publication “Industrial Estate Roads – Notes for the Guidance of Developers”.

4.4 Critical Highway Routes

4.4.1 The SLIE LDO area shall be accessed by vehicular traffic only via Hadenham Road and Pinbush Road. The road layout shall accord with the Transport Plan shown in Figure 8 below. Pedestrian and cycle access from Church Road to the south and Tower Road from the east shall be created in accordance with the Transport Plan.
4.4.2 Development that requires the closure of any highway that serves an existing premises or a neighbouring development is not permitted, unless an alternative access arrangement can be provided that meets the existing and planned needs of existing occupiers or developers.

4.5 Sustainable transport

4.5.1 Travelling by unsustainable modes contributes to congestion and has negative environmental consequences.

4.5.2 Congestion has economic impacts through reducing the efficiency with which people and goods can move around. Travelling by public transport where practical can help alleviate this impact, while walking and cycling also has additional positive health benefits.

4.5.3 It is therefore strongly recommended that occupiers develop work placed travel plans and the County Council can assist in this regard.

5 Parking

5.1 Parking standards

5.1.1 Suffolk Adopted Parking Standards are maximums. The following standards therefore apply:

- Class B1 – Offices, Light Industry, Research and Development: A maximum of 1 space per 30m² of gross floor area
- Class B2 – Industrial development: A maximum of 1 space per 30m² of gross
floor area

- Class B8 – Warehousing: A maximum of 1 space per 150m\(^2\) of gross floor area.

5.1.2 Car parking spaces should be clearly marked on the surface of a designated parking area and shall be kept free of other obstructions that might prevent the use of the area for parking.

5.1.3 Car Parking spaces shall be set out in accordance with the minimum dimensions indicated in Figure 9 below:

*Figure 9. Car parking specifications.*

5.2 Parking Provision for People with Disabilities

5.2.1 The provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and the Equality Act 2010 should be taken into account in considering the provision of parking for 'disabled persons/people. Therefore there shall be provision equivalent to at least 5% of the maximum total parking provision set out in the standards. However, developers shall as a minimum provide one disabled person accessible parking space per 200m\(^2\) of floor space. Disabled parking bays shall have minimum dimensions of 3.6m x 6m - see Figure 10 below.
5.3 Cycle Parking

5.3.1 Standards for cycle parking are described either as "stands" or as "spaces". Note that one stand means a Sheffield Type Stand, which equates to two spaces - see Figure 11 below. The "Sheffield" type cycle stand is a recognised good standard design. Other designs may be used, but should not be of a lower standard than the "Sheffield" type stand.

5.3.2 Locations for cycle parking should be in a convenient and secure position within the site. Developers are encouraged to provide covered shelters for cycle parking where it is practicable to do so. Cycle parking facilities shall:

- not present a hazard to pedestrians (especially those who are pushing prams or wheelchairs, have impaired vision/mobility or are frail) or cyclists and should have a warning surface surrounding the facility to aid those whose sight is impaired.
- be located in well-used thoroughfares,
- be under effective surveillance
- be kept clean, tidy and free of broken glass, overgrown shrubs
- be where motor vehicle access is limited to reduce risk of organised theft

5.3.3 The following minimum standards for cycle parking provision will apply:

- Class B1 – Offices, Light Industry, Research & Development: For buildings up to 2500m\(^2\) of gross floor area (gfa): 1 Stand per 300m\(^2\) gfa. For buildings over 2500m\(^2\) gfa: 1 Stand per 400m\(^2\) gfa.
- Class B2 – General Industry: 1 Stand per 300m\(^2\) gfa
- Class B8 – Warehousing: 1 Stand per 400m\(^2\) gfa

5.3.4 Furthermore, in addition to the provision of secure parking, developers should
consider the additional needs of future employees, such as locker, changing and shower facilities

5.3.5 If an extension is proposed the standard applies to the area of the extension. If the extension results in the loss of any cycle parking spaces such spaces shall be replaced elsewhere on the site on a one for one basis.

Figure 11. Specifications for cycle parking

5.4 Motorcycle parking

5.4.1 Government transport statistics show that the ratio between motorcycle and car ownership is 1:35. However, with regard to the congestion benefits that the motorcycle provides, a parking standard of one space, plus an additional space for every 20 car parking spaces, shall be applied. Such spaces should allow for motorcycles to be secured.

5.4.2 In addition to the provision of parking, developers should consider additional needs for future employees, such as locker and changing facilities.

5.4.3 A motorcycle parking space should measure a minimum of 2.5m x 1.2m – see
5.5 Minibus

5.5.1 Where a Minibus is required as part of a business enterprise the dimensions shown in Figure 13 are recommended for a dedicated Minibus parking space.

Figure 13. Specification for minibus parking

5.6 Lorry Parking

5.6.1 The extent to which a business may need to park lorries can only be determined by that business. Accordingly, there are no specified requirements for the number of lorry parking spaces. However, it is important to ensure that lorry parking does not result in the obstruction of the highway and developers therefore should ensure that sufficient space is allocated within their site to facilitate off road parking and manoeuvring of lorries. As a minimum proposals for B1 or B2 shall incorporate Adequate turning and loading facilities including room for one 16.5m lorry.

5.6.2 Lorry parking spaces should be of dimensions that are adequate to accommodate the types of vehicles that the business proposes to use. Space needs to be provided in accordance with the FTA publication, Designing for Deliveries - http://www.fta.co.uk/

6 Landscaping

6.1 Developers shall make landscaping part of their design and include landscaped areas within development sites.

6.2 Where buildings are very large, landscaping can be used to break up their massing and punctuate spaces, in turn creating comfortable breakout areas for workers.
6.3 Planting can highlight entrances and create an environment at a human scale, adding to the legibility of the environment. Planting can also break up the expanse of parking areas, providing shade from the sun in summer months and temporary water storage during storm events.

6.4 Landscaping to the western and southern edges of the LDO area shall comply with the following schedules:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Tree species</th>
<th>Acer campestre (Field Maple), Betula pendula (Silver Birch) Quercus robur (Oak), Prunus Avium (Wild Cherry)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Tree Spacing</td>
<td>7-8m - staggered</td>
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<td>Size at planting</td>
<td>1/2 standard - except Oaks to go in as whips</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hedge Species</td>
<td>70% Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Field Maple, 30% Holly, Hazel, Spindle. Sizes - 40 - 60cms</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hedge planting spacing</td>
<td>0.4m spacings - zigzag planting</td>
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Table 1. Planting schedule

7 Flooding

7.1 Sustainable Drainage Systems

7.1.1 Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) are a crucial mechanism in ensuring that development can take place without causing drainage problems for existing or future development. SuDS retain surface water runoff within the development and stop it running off at fast rates, causing flooding downstream. They also provide an opportunity to ensure that water quality and amenity are considered with the same importance as managing volumes of water. SuDs must be considered at the design stage of development due to the implications for land use and site layout.

7.1.2 It is expected that in October 2012 a new SuDs approval process will commence, with the County Council becoming the SuDs Approval Body (SAB). It will be responsible for:

- Approving all construction work which has drainage implications
- Adopting all SuDS schemes associated with surface water emanating from more than one property
- Ensure that all adopted SuDS Schemes are properly maintained

7.1.3 Provided that SuDs are constructed to the National Standards, on adopting them, the County Council will will assume responsibility for long term maintenance.

7.1.4 SuDs schemes which predate the new regime can be adopted by the County Council provided they are constructed to the National Standards. It is therefore strongly recommended that developers contact the County Council to ensure that their SuDs proposals meet the appropriate standards.
8 Sustainable design and construction

8.1 Incorporating sustainability into the design of industrial and commercial buildings is desirable both because of the potential benefits for the wider environment and because higher environmental performance, particularly in terms of energy, water efficiency and waste management can reduce running costs for the occupiers of sustainable buildings.

8.2 The Building Research Establishment’s Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) sets the standard for best practice in sustainable building design, construction and operation and has become one of the most comprehensive and widely recognised measures of a building's environmental performance.

8.3 A BREEAM assessment uses recognised measures of performance, which are set against established benchmarks, to evaluate a building’s specification, design, construction and use. The measures used represent a broad range of categories and criteria from energy to ecology. They include aspects related to energy and water use, the internal environment (health and well-being), pollution, transport, materials, waste, ecology and management processes.

8.4 Unless written approval from the Local Planning Authority is granted individual developments over 1000m$^2$ gross floorspace solely within Classes B1a (Offices) and D1 (Education and Training) of the Use Classes Order 1987 (as amended) are required to meet BREEAM Very Good Standard. Smaller developments within those use classes are also strongly encouraged to aspire to this standard or higher.

9 Archaeology

9.1 Archaeological finds made in the course of development are important because they can shed light on past human use of the landscape, sea and seabed. The information that such discoveries bring to light can help archaeologists better understand society and human endeavour in the past, and better protect significant aspects of our history on behalf of future generations.

9.2 This site is located in an area of high archaeological importance, immediately to the south of a prehistoric settlement site. For this reason there is high potential for encountering significant finds within this area and it is important that every opportunity it taken so as not to damage or destroy them before they have been recorded.

9.3 While some of the LDO area has been evaluated already, a large proportion of it has not been subject systematic survey. Significant development is therefore conditional on the implementation of a programme of archaeological work, as described in the LDO.

10 Fences, guarding, walls & gates

10.1 Fences

10.1.1 Examples of suitable high security fully welded modern mesh fencing are shown in Figure 14 below. The aim of this type is to achieve a low ratio of solid to void, giving good views through.
10.1.2 While the examples shown in Figure 14 above are from a particular manufacturer, the intention of this Code is not to restrict developers to a particular manufacturer’s product, it is rather to suggest the form that a design must take, and equivalent products can be used.

11 Pollution & amenity

11.1 Lighting

11.1.1 With the exception of traffic signals, warning lights for the purpose of harbour/coastal navigation, or warning lights for the purpose of air navigation, all lighting (whether permanent or portable) on developments constructed under the Local Development Order shall:

- be so positioned and/or configured so as not to be an unacceptable distraction to road users
- be designed so exterior light fixtures are hooded, with lights directed downward or toward the area to be illuminated and so that backscatter to the night time sky is minimized. The design of the lighting shall be such that the luminescence or light sources is shielded to prevent light trespass outside the development boundary
- be of minimum necessary brightness consistent with worker safety
- in areas not occupied on a continuous basis, have switches or motion detectors to light the area only when occupied.
Figure 15. Acceptable Lighting arrangements

11.1.2 Lighting design should keep glare to a minimum by ensuring that the main beam angle of all lights directed towards any potential observer is not more than 70° - see Figure 15 above. Higher mounting heights allow lower main beam angles, which can assist in reducing glare.

11.1.3 Some activities may require the deliberate and careful use of upward light – to which these limits cannot apply. However, care should always be taken to minimise any light trespass by the proper application of suitably directional luminaires and light controlling attachments.

11.2 Security cameras

11.2.1 While, the LDO permits security cameras, no pole or mast erected on the ground to support a closed circuit television camera shall exceed an overall height above ground level of 12.5m, including the height of the closed circuit television camera and any supporting apparatus.

11.2.2 The dimensions of the camera including its housing shall not exceed 75 centimetres by 25 centimetres by 25 centimetres. No part of the camera would, when installed, altered or replaced, be less than 2.5 metres above ground level and no part of the camera would, when installed, altered or replaced, protrude from the surface of any building on which it is located by more than one metre when measured from the surface of the building.

11.3 Noise

11.3.1 Developers should pay close attention to how they can mitigate the effects of noisy activity, machinery or plant within the LDO area.

11.3.2 Any noise pollution generated by any development carried out under the terms of the LDO can be subject to investigation and enforcement by the Waveney District Council Environmental Health Officer under other legislation. In order to avoid any harm to occupiers of nearby premises, developers should seek to design developments to minimise the potential for noise pollution from the activities intended.

11.3.3 It is recommended that consideration be given to locating any noisy activities within buildings and ensuring that those buildings are suitably insulated to provide noise attenuation. Special attention should be given to the location of door and window openings and, where possible, buildings should be designed so that doors and windows can remain closed during noisy activities.

11.3.4 The use of buildings as built barriers to attenuate noise is recommended, particularly where external activities are expected to generate noise.

11.3.5 Particular attention should be given to the attenuation of noise where 24 hour
operations are expected. Ambient noise levels are likely to be significantly lower at night and noise generated at this time will therefore have the potential to cause greater disturbance.

11.3.6 Fixed plant on buildings must however be designed to avoid noise pollution, where of greatest sensitivity -see character areas.

11.4 Air Quality and Dust

11.4.1 Many of the locations within the SLIE LDO area are exposed to wind effects and consequently any loose material that is stored in the open could become a source of dust, which has the potential to be a nuisance to residents and other businesses in the locality. The external storage of loose materials must therefore be within enclosures that will prevent wind blown dust.

11.4.2 Where necessary, additional measures to suppress dust should be considered, such as water or foam sprays.

11.4.3 Spray painting and industrial processes can create fumes that may have detrimental effects on occupiers of adjacent property. The location of such processes relative to site boundaries should be considered in the design of developments and the location of appropriate extraction and air filtering equipment should be considered from the outset.

11.4.4 Developers are advised to seek advice from the Waveney District Council Environmental Health Officer with respect to any air quality issues.

11.5 Water Pollution

11.5.1 There is the potential for industrial developments to pollute groundwater sources or water courses. To avoid this any fuel storage tanks shall be adequately protected by bunds to contain any leaks or spills. Any hardstandings used for vehicle parking or manoeuvring shall be provided with a petrol interceptor as part of the surface water disposal arrangements.

11.6 Contaminated Land

11.6.1 The former Wessex Foods site has previously been used for industrial purposes and is likely to be contaminated. Therefore the LDO does not permit development where studies in accordance with the four conditions shown in the LDO have not been carried out.