



Further to the response made by Trimley St Martin Parish Council in respect of the SCDC LDF Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007, this council cannot support large scale development on the peninsular since it does not feel that it is either warranted or can be sustained and furthermore, is heavily disadvantaged by having one major road in and out of the area which is already at its capacity. Proposed expansion at the Port of Felixstowe due to the Felixstowe South Reconfiguration, will see an increase in heavy goods traffic onto the A14 and will exacerbate the problem further. It is evident that SCDC has not considered these issues when identifying potential sites for major development.

With regard to the possible sites put forward by Suffolk Coastal District Council in the consultation document, the views of this council are as follows:

### Area 1

Whilst we appreciate the 'blobs' on the diagrammatic map contained in the LDF Consultation document are meant to be 'vague' areas to contain sites for housing, we feel that this is misleading. As a parish council, we had intimated that some form of **SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT** could be sited in this vicinity, but the area was to be from Roselea Nursery down to the Trimley School and restricted by footpaths on one side and the Kirton Road on the other. (Your 'blob' is in fact situated the wrong side of the A14 Trimley roundabout and incorrectly heads in an easterly direction).

### Area 2

We **do not** support any large scale development in this area. As you are already aware, we had proposed a small scale linear type development on the old Poultry Farm, along Howlett Way. Large scale development in Trimley St Martin as recommended in the David Locke report and contained within submissions from major landowners (the latest being the Trimley Estate Masterplan submitted by Trinity College) would be at the cost of losing Greenfield land. **We vehemently oppose any proposal for large scale development in this area.**

### Area 3

We do not support any type of large scale development here, since it relies on access via an already over-used village High Road, which is narrow in many places and fronted by properties. Traffic would be heavy in both directions to gain access to the A14 and through Walton to get to Felixstowe.

#### **Area 4**

We believe this could be the most sustainable for some development, since it is close to existing community facilities such as shops, employment, healthcare surgeries, rail and bus services, leisure facilities etc. Traffic would naturally flow towards Felixstowe or onto Candlet road towards the direction of Ipswich and beyond. Since we understand that this area covers a large element of brown field land, this would fit in with SCDC's promise of using brownfield land first.

#### **Area 5**

Because of the vagueness of the 'areas', it is not possible to exactly pinpoint the possible sites within this 'blob', however since it does cover much of the 'countryside' element of Felixstowe, we do not feel that this is an area that should be considered.

**Whilst our reluctant preference is for the areas as detailed above, in no way do we feel that they should bear the brunt of the full 1620 housing quota seemingly deemed necessary for the Felixstowe/Trimley area, a fact which we would seriously question.**

**Our preference would be to see some small scale housing incorporating affordable housing in Areas 1 and 2, as stated above, and a larger development in Area 4 but NOT making the total up to an unsustainable 1620.**

**It is still our view that there should be a fairer spread of housing over the remaining SCDC district.**