

Our Ref: Beyton NP Focused Consultation

Dated: Friday 4 August 2023

Sent by e-mail

Dear Sir / Madam

1. **The submission draft Beyton Neighbourhood Plan 2018 – 2037**
2. **Focused consultation on the following matters:**
 - a. **Special Landscape Area Appraisal (supporting evidence document)**
 - b. **minor amendments to some proposed Local Green Space area boundaries**

We are contacting you because you are a statutory consultee or because you have previously expressed an interest in the Beyton Neighbourhood Plan [the '*Beyton NP*' or '*the Plan*'].

Summary:

- The Beyton Neighbourhood Plan is at the examination stage
- The Examiner sought clarification from the Parish and District Council on a number of matters. These are set out in our Examination Correspondence Document
- Two matters have arisen which, while not significant, require a short period of consultation. That consultation exercise will end at 4:00pm on Friday 18 August 2023
- Links to relevant documents are provided below or at the end of this letter.

Special Landscape Area Appraisal

Policy BTN8 of the Beyton NP identifies an 'Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity' [ALLS]. It explains that development proposals in this area will only be permitted if certain criteria are met. The policy, and paragraph 7.7 of the Plan refer to a separate 'Special Landscape Area [SLA] Appraisal.'

Responding to a question about the 'appraisal,' the Parish Council apologised, explaining that it had not been made available for consultation alongside the other supporting evidence documents. They also suggested that a short, focused consultation on SLA Appraisal might be appropriate. The Examiner agreed that this would be advisable.

A copy of the SLA Appraisal can be found online at:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Beyton-NP-SLA-Appraisal-Feb21.pdf>

This explains that the area in question is currently designated at the district level as an SLA but that this designation is not being carried forward into the new Joint Local Plan. It goes on to identify what those landscape qualities are and proposes that the designation be rolled forward in this neighbourhood plan as an ALLS.

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It should also be noted that this re-designation process is not unique to this Plan, and that the same approach has been taken in many adopted and emerging neighbourhood plans across Babergh and Mid Suffolk.

Minor amendments to some proposed Local Green Space area boundaries

Policy BTN11 of the Beyton NP identifies twelve Local Green Spaces [LGS]. In an e-mail to the Parish and District Council dated 19 June [question 7] the Examiner drew attention to some discrepancies between the boundaries of some of these LGS when comparing the Policies Maps and separate LGS Appraisal maps. To ensure clarity, she gave the Parish Council the opportunity to correct these drafting errors, subject to them being consulted on.

The changes are identified on the amended Local Green Space Maps which are appended to this letter and can also be found online at: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Beyton-NP-Amended-LGS-Map-Aug23.pdf>

This shows:

- LGS 4 (The Pond, east of the Green) now matching the Appraisal map
- An area of grass verge that was shown in the Appraisal added to LGS5 (Verges between The Green & The Bear PH)
- LGS 11 (Meadow adj. Quaker Farmhouse) now matching the Appraisal map

Making a representation

If you wish to submit a written representation on either matter identified above, this should be as succinct as possible, and be **received by no later than 4:00pm on Friday 18 August 2023**.

You can e-mail your comments to: communityplanning@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can post your comments to: 'Beyton NP Focused Consultation,' c/o Spatial Planning Policy Team, Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX

Please also note that

- It will not be possible to accept late representations
- Valid representations cannot be treated as confidential. With the exception of personal details, they will be published on our Beyton NP webpage at the end of the consultation period.
- Your representation will be shared with the Independent Examiner and with the Parish Council. The latter will also be given an opportunity to respond to any new points raised.
- You should not assume that the Examiner will allow a further opportunity to comment on these matters.

Yours faithfully

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Links to other relevant documents:

The R16 submission draft Beyton NP:

[midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Beyton-NP-Sub-Draft-Jan23.pdf](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Beyton-NP-Sub-Draft-Jan23.pdf)

The Beyton NP Examination Correspondence document:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Beyton-NP-Exam-Correspondence.pdf>

The Beyton NP Local Green Space Assessment

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Beyton-NP-LGS-Assessment.pdf>

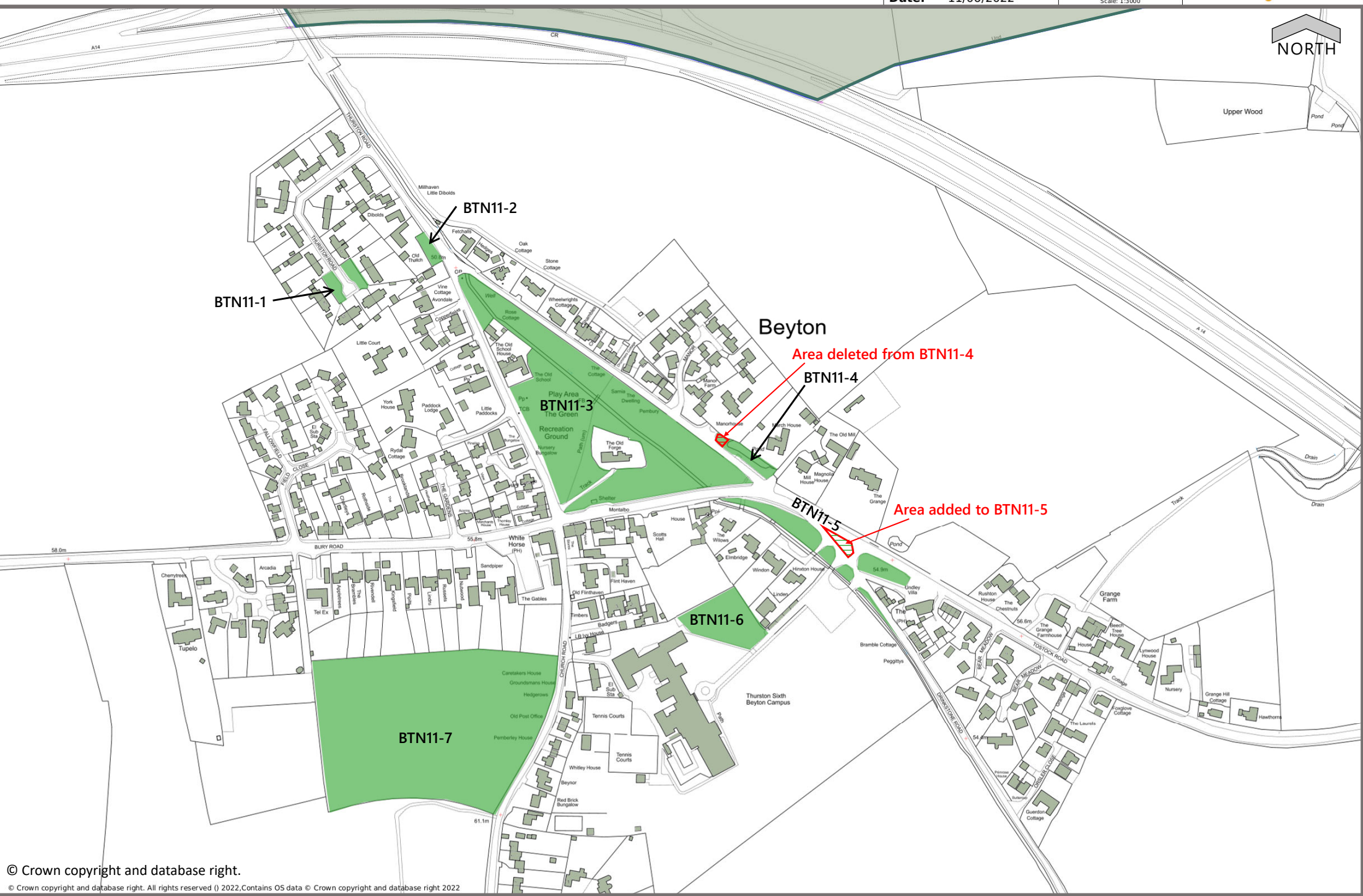
The R16 Written Representations:

[midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Beyton-NP-R16-Reps.pdf](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Beyton-NP-R16-Reps.pdf)



Upper Wood

Pond





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