



In recent years East Cambridgeshire District Council was working towards a new Local Plan. However, at the Full Council meeting held on 21st February 2019, the decision was taken to withdraw the Local Plan.

The adopted East Cambridgeshire District Council Local Plan (2015) contains the relevant policies against which these new proposals will be assessed. The adopted Proposals Map illustrates that the site is not allocated for development and is located beyond the village boundary for Witchford.

National planning guidance for local planning authorities is contained within the National Planning Policy Framework (February 2019). This document states that local planning authorities should be able to demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable housing sites (para 73). At present East Cambridgeshire District Council acknowledges it can not demonstrate such a supply. In such circumstances the presumption in favour of sustainable development applies (para 11). This means that District Council's policies relating to the supply of housing are out-of-date and the Council will seek to approve applications for residential development in sustainable locations, such as Witchford.

It is noted that Witchford Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and consideration will be given to this plan as it progresses.

### 3. PLANNING BACKGROUND

SUTTON ROAD, WITCHFORD - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

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