

## **EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Village Physical Limits Boundaries**

As you will be aware, Suffolk Coastal District Council is currently preparing its Local Development Framework (LDF). This document will replace the current Local Plan which is now rapidly becoming out of date. As part of this they will be defining the Physical Limits Boundaries (PLB) or 'village envelopes'.

Parish Council has been asked for its comments on suggested PLB for Easton. This has not been a formal consultation and does not include any designations which will be consulted on or included at a later stage. Further work and consultation will be carried out later on this year.

The PLBs will guide the location of development within the settlements classed as 'Local Service Centres'. The criteria for drawing these have previously been published in the Site Specific Allocations and Policies Issues and Options consultation document from December 2008. This document stated that PLBs will be drawn around an appropriate built form and follow physical features e.g. roads or field boundaries where practicable. It states that the line will not include:

- Large residential gardens and cartilages that are on the periphery and abut both the built form and the adjoining countryside but do not abut a highway
- Open areas such as playing fields, cemeteries, allotments, orchards and natural habitats, which abut both the built form and the adjoining countryside
- Farmyards and associated agricultural buildings that abut both the built form and the adjoining countryside
- 'Fingers' of agricultural land, woodland, meadow, areas of water and natural habitats that penetrate the built form.

However, it will incorporate an element of flexibility to permit further small-scale expansion of a size commensurate with the scale and character of the settlement, the level of services there and the potential impact on its setting and character. These will include, where considered appropriate:

- Large residential gardens, cartilages and gaps fronting a highway.
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This process will not determine exactly where development in a village will be permitted. It is merely to identify the 'base line'.

At a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September, after due consideration, Easton Parish Council agreed to the proposed changes.

The attached map shows the proposed PLB in blue and the existing in dotted red lines.

If you have any comments please address them to Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1AU Telephone: 01394 383789