

## **Breckland Local Plan**

At the Cabinet on 30<sup>th</sup> August the Local Plan Preferred Site Options and Settlement Boundaries document and its accompanying sustainability appraisal were endorsed for a six week publication period which will run from 19<sup>th</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> October.

The consultation document includes the opportunity for comment on:

- Housing distribution for the District's settlements
- Preferred sites for the market towns and local service centre villages
- The policy approach to rural settlements
- The preferred approach to settlement boundaries

A number of drop-in events will be held across the District, the dates of which are currently being confirmed. We will advise Members of the times and dates for these events as soon as possible, and hope many of you will be able to attend.

## **Evidence Base**

A number of key pieces of the Local Plan evidence base are currently being prepared, these include:

- A Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment – this is an ongoing piece of work and will provide Breckland with a comprehensive new study in light of the changes to the definition of Gypsy and Travellers made by government last August.
- An Indoor Sports study has just been commissioned – this study will look at supply and demand for indoor sports facilities within Breckland, whilst also looking at gaps in provision.

## **Neighbourhood Plans**

- Mattishall Parish Council are consulting on their pre-submission consultation which will close on 11<sup>th</sup> September
- Yaxham Parish Council have submitted their neighbourhood plan to the Council and the publication period is proposed to run between 9<sup>th</sup> September and 21<sup>st</sup> October.