

<b>Settlement Name:</b>	<b>Hethersett</b>
<b>Settlement Hierarchy:</b>	<p>Hethersett is identified as a Key Service Centre in the Greater Norwich Local Plan. There are existing allocations and planning permissions in place for significant development across the north of the village.</p> <p>In terms of education facilities, proposals are underway to have two primary schools (one at Queen’s Road and the other on Coachmakers Way); and, to expand the site of the secondary school. This will add to the good range of facilities already available in Hethersett. These include: convenience shops, a post office, a pharmacy, doctor and dentist surgeries, a library and a small business centre, mostly in the vicinity of Queen’s Road/Great Melton Road. More generally in terms of the built form, the old A11 (B1172 Norwich Road) still largely defines the settlement’s built edge to the south. To the east and west of Hethersett land is controlled by a long-standing strategic gap policy to prevent coalescence with Cringleford to the east and Wymondham to the west.</p> <p>The ‘Towards a Strategy’ document identifies that 400-600 dwellings in total should be provided between all the Key Service Centres over the lifetime of the plan. This site assessment booklet looks in detail at the sites promoted in Hethersett to determine which are the most suitable to contribute towards the overall allocation figure for the key service centres.</p>

## **STAGE 1 – COMPLETE LIST OF SITES PROMOTED IN THE SETTLEMENT**

### **LIST OF SITES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR RESIDENTIAL ALLOCATION (0.5 HECTARES OR LARGER)**

<b>Address</b>	<b>Site Reference</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
<b>Hethersett</b>			
Wood Hall, Norwich Road, Hethersett	GNLP0135	1.98	Residential (unspecified number)
Land north, north-east, south-east and west of Hethersett	GNLP0177R A & B	314.00	Up to 3000 dwellings on approx. 111 ha; commercial / employment development; supporting infrastructure, open space and potential country park (land at Hethersett Race

			Course) on approx. 111 ha
Land at New Road, Hethersett	GNLP0394	15.06	Approx. 300 dwellings
Land off Jaguar Road, Hethersett	GNLP0462	1.34	Approx. 20 dwellings with open space
Land west of New Road, Hethersett	GNLP0480	4.52	Approx. 42 dwellings and/or sheltered housing and/or housing with care
Land west of New Road, Hethersett	GNLP0481	4.92	Residential care home, sheltered housing and/or housing extra care for the elderly and public open space of 3.18 ha (extension to park proposed on adjoining site)
<b>Little Melton and Hethersett</b>			
West of Hethersett (partly in Great Melton parish)	GNLP3030	8.10	Residential (unspecified number)
<b>Total area of land</b>		<b>349.92</b>	

NB only the residential elements of sites GNLP0177A&B are considered in this booklet

#### **LIST OF SITES TO BE CONSIDERED AS SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY EXTENSIONS (SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY PROPOSALS AND SITES LESS THAN 0.5 HECTARES)**

<b>Address</b>	<b>Site Reference</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
None			

(Sites of less than 0.5ha are not considered suitable for allocation and therefore have not been assessed in this booklet. These sites will be considered as part of a reappraisal of settlement boundaries to be published with the Regulation 19 Submission version of the Plan).

#### **LIST OF SITES SUBMITTED FOR OTHER USES**

<b>Address</b>	<b>Site Reference</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
<b>Hethersett</b>			
Land north, north-east, south-east and west of Hethersett	GNLP0177R B	314.00	Commercial / employment development; supporting infrastructure, open space and potential

			country park (land at Hethersett Race Course) on approx. 111 ha
Land around Thickthorn roundabout either side of A11	GNLP0358R	134	Employment (Renewable energy generation, offices, Residential short stay units, GI, hotel, care home)
Land north of Norwich Road, Hethersett	GNLP0486	14.83	Employment (B1, B2, B8)
<b>Little Melton and Hethersett</b>			
Little Melton Business Park	GNLP1023 A & B	13.53	Commercial (Food-led business hub)

(Sites submitted for other uses are considered in separate 'Non-Residential' Site Assessment booklets and therefore have not been assessed in this booklet).

## STAGE 2 – HELAA COMPARISON TABLE

### RESIDENTIAL/MIXED USE

	Categories													
	Site access	Access to services	Utilities Capacity	Utilities Infrastructure	Contamination/ground stability	Flood Risk	Market attractiveness	significant landscapes	Sensitive townscapes	Biodiversity & Geodiversity	Historic environment	Open Space and GI	Transport & Roads	Compatibility with neighbouring uses
Site Reference														
<b>Hethersett</b>														
GNLP0135	Amber	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Amber	Green	Amber	Green	Amber	Green
GNLP0177 A	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Red	Green	Amber	Amber	Amber	Red	Green	Amber	Amber
GNLP0394	Red	Amber	Amber	Green	Green	Amber	Green	Amber	Amber	Green	Green	Green	Amber	Green
GNLP0462	Amber	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green
GNLP0480	Amber	Green	Amber	Green	Green	Amber	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Amber	Green
GNLP0481	Red	Amber	Amber	Green	Green	Amber	Green	Amber	Amber	Green	Green	Green	Amber	Green
<b>Little Melton and Hethersett</b>														
GNLP3030	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Green	Amber	Green	Amber	Green	Amber	Amber	Green

### **STAGE 3 – SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION COMMENTS**

<b>Site Reference</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Hethersett</b>	
GNLP0135	<p><b>General comments</b></p> <p>One comment in support of site. The site is suitable, available, achievable and viable, and is therefore deliverable. On this basis, the site should be taken forward as an allocation for residential development in the emerging local plan and would represent sustainable development. The site's key planning constraints, namely heritage assets and the tree protection order, can work to frame residential development on site. The size of the site in relation to the local area lends itself to a residential development in a sustainable location, which would be achievable in the medium-term. Full report available.</p> <p>One objection raised concerns that this site is inappropriate for this site which has several protected trees and is important visually to the village and the setting of the Hall.</p>
GNLP0177 A (some comments included relate to site B, which is assessed in the non-residential booklet)	<p><b>General comments</b></p> <p>Comments submitted in support of site submitted a series of documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Delivery Statement prepared by Bidwells;</li> <li>* Concept Masterplan prepared by Pigeon;</li> <li>* Strategic Ecological Assessment prepared by Hopkins Ecology;</li> <li>* Cultural Heritage Assessment prepared by CgMs</li> <li>* Strategic Landscape and Visual Appraisal prepared by Liz Lake Associates;</li> <li>* Transport Appraisal prepared by AECOM;</li> <li>* Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Strategy prepared by Pigeon;</li> <li>* Utilities and Services Report prepared by Pigeon.</li> </ul> <p>Site GNLP0177-A should be allocated for up to 1500 new homes, open space, infrastructure and a range of community benefits. As set out in the full representation and supporting technical evidence to follow shortly (submitted via email), the site is suitable, available, achievable and viable and is therefore deliverable. It represents a sustainable location for development. Technical evidence has been prepared to demonstrate that there are no constraints to delivery.</p> <p>Objections raised concerns regarding scale of development and lack of amenities to support. The map for 0177A is incorrectly shown online. After enquiry to SNC the correct map was sent which showed the true boundaries of the application. The online map was to be adjusted but it has not. Therefore there is serious discrepancy. The land at 0177A is site specific. Hethersett north development is homogenous with steeple towers. 0177A creates a green 'wall' and</p>

	<p>under its permission is to have woodland planted to the south of the new road. Not further urbanisation with increasing pressure on strained local services.</p> <p><b>Norfolk Wildlife Trust comments</b> We are concerned that constraints with regard to impacts on CWS 2132 and 233 are not recognised. These two CWS require continued grazing management in order to retain their value and incorporation as green space within amenity green space is not likely to provide this. Development of the large area of 0177 to the south of the Norwich Road would provide an opportunity for habitat creation and restoration.</p>
GNLP0394	<p><b>General comments</b> Two objectors suggested the area west of Hethersett should be left as farmland between Hethersett and Wymondham. Traffic is already too heavy as a result of house building on the east of Wymondham. This site would increase traffic as well as services are already struggling.</p>
GNLP0462	<p><b>General comments</b> Objections raised concerns regarding loss of open space, recently application was dismissed, impacts on the natural environment, pollution and air quality as well as destroying protected space for wildlife.</p>
GNLP0480	<p><b>General comments</b> One comment made in support of site. The site makes a logical extension to the village and is of appropriate scale. The preferred development option plan shows one way in which the site could be developed to accommodate in the region of 40 dwellings and/or sheltered housing and/or housing with care for the elderly and a 3.08 ha park. This site could be combined with neighbouring site GNLP481 which could provide a care home and additional housing with care. The care home on site GNLP481 would provide the centre and facilities for care provision across the combined sites. Both sites are under the control of Glavenhill Strategic Land.</p> <p>Two objections made regarding scale of further development, traffic congestion and destruction of valuable farmland.</p>
GNLP0481	<p><b>General comments</b> One comment made in support of site. The site makes a logical extension to the village and is of appropriate scale for its location. The preferred option figure 2 shows one way in which the site could accommodate in the region of 50 dwellings and/or a care home, and/or sheltered housing and/or housing with care for the elderly and a 3.14 ha park. This site could be combined with GNLP480 which</p>

	<p>could provide housing with care. Both sites are under the control of Glavenhill Strategic Land. See attached supporting docs.</p> <p>Three objections raised concerns regarding scale of development, loss of green space, traffic congestion, loss of farmland and the area has already had a lot of development.</p>
<b>Hethersett and Little Melton</b>	
GNLP3030	No comments as site submitted during stage B consultation

## **STAGE 4 – DISCUSSION OF SUBMITTED SITES**

**In this section sites are assessed in order to establish whether they are suitable for allocation. For the purposes of Sustainability Appraisal, suitable sites are those which are considered to be Reasonable Alternatives. Sites not considered suitable for allocation are not realistic options and therefore are not considered to be reasonable alternatives. The discussion below outlines the reasons why a site has been deemed suitable or unsuitable for allocation. By association this is also the outline of the reasons why a site was deemed to be a reasonable or unreasonable alternative.**

**A range of factors have been taken into account to establish whether a site should, or should not, be considered suitable for allocation. These factors include: impact on heritage and landscape; impact on the form and character of the settlement; relationship to services and facilities; environmental concerns, including flood risk; and, in particular, a safe walking route to a primary school. Sites which do not have a safe walking route to school, or where a safe walking route cannot be created will not be considered suitable for allocation.**

**Conclusions in regard to a sites performance against the relevant factors have also been informed by the outcomes of the HELAA, as set out under stage 2, consultation responses received, as summarised in stage 3, and other relevant evidence.**

Seven sites have been promoted for residential development in Hethersett on sites 0.5 ha or larger totalling 349.92 ha.

Taking account of the comments received through previous public consultations, existing commitment, achieving safe access to school, and the constraints set out in the HEELA including those highlighted below, the following sites are considered to be reasonable alternatives worthy of further investigation regarding their potential for allocation:

### **GNLP0135**

Site GNLP0135 Wood Hall, Norwich Road is well located to the settlement but has significant constraints in terms of numerous onsite trees and potential impacts on the setting of the hall. However, it might be feasible for some limited development to be located on the site and so it is regarded as a reasonable alternative for more detailed assessment.

### **GNLP0177A**

GNLP0177A to the north and west of Hethersett incorporates the existing allocation HET1 and otherwise adjoins the settlement boundary. The scale of the area (beyond the existing allocation) far exceeds the likely requirement to be provided in Hethersett, but part(s) may be suitable. As such it is regarded as a reasonable alternative for more detailed assessment.

### GNLP0394, GNLP0480 and GNLP0481

GNLP0394 at New Road may be of a scale that exceeds the likely requirement to be provided in Hethersett, but may be suitable in part. In isolation it does not relate well to the form of the settlement, and would appear as a “finger” extending from the settlement, and does not seem to have an acceptable access. However, it may be appropriate in conjunction with adjacent sites (GNLP0480, GNLP0481). Parts of these sites may be affected by surface water flooding which could limit the location and scale of development. Sites GNLP0480 and GNLP0481 west of New Road fill a gap between the settlement boundary and housing located on the B1172 a short distance to the west. However, they lie within the designated “strategic gap” between Hethersett and Wymondham identified in the SNC Development Management Policies Local Plan. Consequently, sites GNLP0394, GNLP0480 and GNLP0481 are regarded as reasonable alternatives for more detailed assessment.

The following sites are not considered to be reasonable alternatives for the reasons outlined below:

### GNLP0462

GNLP0462 at Jaguar Road is located in a central area of Hethersett. It is within an area identified as an important local open space in the South Norfolk Development Management Policies Local Plan. Proposed residential development on the site (and adjoining land) has been rejected in the past, on appeal, with reasons including the harm that the development would cause to the openness of the site. As such it is **not** regarded as a reasonable alternative for more detailed assessment.

### GNLP3030

GNLP3030 land west of Hethersett (partly in Great Melton parish) is divorced from the settlement. It is located in the countryside without vehicular access and distant from the facilities of the town, and with no pedestrian footways to access them, including the schools. As such it is **not** regarded as a reasonable alternative for more detailed assessment.

**STAGE 5 – SHORTLIST OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR FURTHER ASSESSMENT**

Based on the assessment undertaken at stage 4 above the following sites are considered to be reasonable alternatives worthy of further investigation to consider their potential for allocation.

<b>Address</b>	<b>Site Reference</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
<b>Hethersett</b>			
Wood Hall, Norwich Road	GNLP0135	1.98	Residential (unspecified number)
Land to the north and west of Hethersett	GNLP0177A	196.49 (111 ha for housing)	Up to 3000 dwellings on approx. 111 ha;
Land at New Road, Hethersett	GNLP0394	15.06	Approx. 300 dwellings
Land west of New Road, Hethersett	GNLP0480	4.52	Approx. 42 dwellings and/or sheltered housing and/or housing with care
Land west of New Road, Hethersett	GNLP0481	4.92	Residential care home, sheltered housing and/or housing extra care for the elderly and public open space of 3.18 ha (extension to park proposed on adjoining site)
<b>Total area of land</b>		<b>222.97</b>	

**STAGE 6 – DETAILED SITE ASSESSMENTS OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE SITES**

<b>Site Reference:</b>	GNLP0135
<b>Address:</b>	Wood Hall, Norwich Road
<b>Proposal:</b>	Residential (unspecified number)

<b>CURRENT USE OF SITE:</b>	<b>BROWNFIELD/GREENFIELD:</b>
Ancillary undeveloped garden land outside listed building curtilage.	Greenfield

<b>CONSTRAINTS IDENTIFIED IN THE HELAA</b>
<b>Amber Constraints in HELAA</b> Access, Townscapes, Historic Environment, Transport and Roads
<b>HELAA Conclusion</b> The site is distant from the village centre but has footpath links to the range of local services. There are no flooding, landscape or ecological constraints. The site has a direct access onto the B1172 and initial highway evidence has indicated that this would require improvements. Other constraints are a group Tree Preservation Order covering the site, and the identification of the need for local sewer upgrades. It is likely that mitigation could be found for the known constraints. The site is concluded as suitable for the land availability assessment.

<b>FURTHER COMMENTS</b>
<b>Highways</b> No comments
<b>Development Management</b> Not considered suitable for allocation due to likely loss of rural landscape character and significant townscape impacts as noted above
<b>Minerals &amp; Waste</b> No comments
<b>Lead Local Flood Authority</b> No comments
<b>Children’s Services</b> Hethersett has considerable pressure for pupil places and would not be able to cope with further growth without new school provision.

<b>PLANNING HISTORY:</b>
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Not known
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<b>BRIEF SUMMARY OF PLANS/DOCUMENTS PROVIDED WITH THE SUBMISSION</b>
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No additional documents submitted to support this proposal.
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<b>Site Reference:</b>	GNLP0177A
<b>Address:</b>	Land to the north and west of Hethersett
<b>Proposal:</b>	Up to 3000 dwellings on approx. 111 ha (plus other elements on site B, considered in non-residential booklet)

<b>CURRENT USE OF SITE:</b>	<b>BROWNFIELD/GREENFIELD:</b>
Agricultural and open undeveloped land	Greenfield

<b>CONSTRAINTS IDENTIFIED IN THE HELAA</b>
<p><b>Amber Constraints in HELAA</b>  Access, Accessibility to Services, Utilities Capacity, Utilities Infrastructure, Contamination and Ground Stability, Flood Risk, Significant Landscapes, Biodiversity and Geodiversity, Open Space and GI, Transport and Roads</p>
<p><b>HELAA Conclusion</b>  This is a large site wrapping round the north and west of the existing settlement of Hethersett. The existing infrastructure would not be sufficient to support the development potential of the land. Constraints are likely to be the local and trunk road networks, social infrastructure and utilities infrastructure and there are powerlines crossing the land. The significant scale of this site will require significant infrastructure enhancements to support its delivery and development of such a scale would provide local services and facilities. Given the potential scale of development, it is likely that mitigation could be found for the known constraints. The site is concluded as suitable for the land availability assessment.  Approximately 33 percent of the site is subject to an existing planning permission or allocation for a similar form of development, consequently the site capacity for the purposes of the HELAA analysis will need to be reduced accordingly.</p>

<b>FURTHER COMMENTS</b>
<p><b>Highways</b>  No comments</p> <p><b>Development Management</b>  Development of this site would likely result in loss of rural landscape character and significant townscape impacts as noted above. Additional dwellings likely to be proposed as part of existing committed site, circa 200 units, so not looking for additional growth in this location.</p> <p><b>Minerals &amp; Waste</b>  No comments</p> <p><b>Lead Local Flood Authority</b></p>

No comments

**Children's Services**

Hethersett has considerable pressure for pupil places and would not be able to cope with further growth without new school provision.

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

Not known

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF PLANS/DOCUMENTS PROVIDED WITH THE SUBMISSION**

- Concept Masterplan
- Delivery Statement
- Ecology Appraisal
- Cultural Heritage Desk Based Assessment
- Strategic Landscaping and Visual Appraisal
- Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Strategy
- Transport Appraisal
- Utilities and Services Report

<b>Site Reference:</b>	GNLP0394
<b>Address:</b>	Land at New Road, Hethersett
<b>Proposal:</b>	Approx. 300 dwellings

<b>CURRENT USE OF SITE:</b>	<b>BROWNFIELD/GREENFIELD:</b>
Agricultural	Greenfield

<b>CONSTRAINTS IDENTIFIED IN THE HELAA</b>
<p><b>Amber Constraints in HELAA</b>  Accessibility to Services, Utilities Capacity, Flood Risk, Significant Landscapes, Townscapes, Transport and Roads</p> <p><b>Red Constraints in HELAA:</b>  Access</p>
<p><b>HELAA Conclusion</b>  The site is on the periphery of the settlement, distant from local services. The site is constrained with substantial areas vulnerable to surface water flooding and no suitable means of access being identified. This site is also in the area covered by existing strategic gap policies. It may be possible to achieve access through other sites promoted, but these are in other different ownerships and there is no evidence that a suitable access could be achieved. If accessed through adjacent sites this would significantly increase the walking distance to local services. The site is concluded as unsuitable for the land availability assessment.</p>

<b>FURTHER COMMENTS</b>
<p><b>Highways</b>  No comments</p> <p><b>Development Management</b>  Not suitable for allocation due to likely impact on rural landscape character and significant townscape impacts as noted above.</p> <p><b>Minerals &amp; Waste</b>  No comments</p> <p><b>Lead Local Flood Authority</b>  No comments</p> <p><b>Children's Services</b>  Hethersett has considerable pressure for pupil places and would not be able to cope with further growth without new school provision.</p>

<b>PLANNING HISTORY:</b>
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No additional documents submitted to support this proposal.
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<b>Site Reference:</b>	GNLP0480
<b>Address:</b>	Land west of New Road, Hethersett
<b>Proposal:</b>	Approx. 42 dwellings and/or sheltered housing and/or housing with care

<b>CURRENT USE OF SITE:</b>	<b>BROWNFIELD/GREENFIELD:</b>
Agricultural	Greenfield

<b>CONSTRAINTS IDENTIFIED IN THE HELAA</b>
<b>Amber Constraints in HELAA</b> Access, Utilities Capacity, Flood Risk, Transport and Roads
<b>HELAA Conclusion</b> The site is on the western side of New Road, on the periphery of the settlement, distant from local services. Potential site constraints are sewer capacity, the impacts in the strategic gap between Hethersett and Wymondham and substantial areas vulnerable to surface water flooding. Initial highway evidence has indicated that an access may be possible to achieve, but the current New Road junction with the B1172 could be a constraint although there is potential for this to be mitigated. The site is concluded as suitable for the land availability assessment.

<b>FURTHER COMMENTS</b>
<b>Highways</b> No comments
<b>Development Management</b> Not suitable for allocation due to likely impact on rural landscape character and significant impacts as noted above.
<b>Minerals &amp; Waste</b> No comments
<b>Lead Local Flood Authority</b> No comments
<b>Children's Services</b> Hethersett has considerable pressure for pupil places and would not be able to cope with further growth without new school provision.

<b>PLANNING HISTORY:</b>
Not known

<b>BRIEF SUMMARY OF PLANS/DOCUMENTS PROVIDED WITH THE SUBMISSION</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Green Infrastructure Strategy</li><li>• Site Access</li><li>• Preliminary Ecological Appraisal</li></ul> |
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<b>Site Reference:</b>	GNLP0481
<b>Address:</b>	Land west of New Road, Hethersett
<b>Proposal:</b>	Residential care home, sheltered housing and/or housing extra care for the elderly and public open space of 3.18 ha (extension to park proposed on adjoining site)

<b>CURRENT USE OF SITE:</b>	<b>BROWNFIELD/GREENFIELD:</b>
Agricultural	Greenfield

<b>CONSTRAINTS IDENTIFIED IN THE HELAA</b>
<b>Amber Constraints in HELAA:</b> Accessibility to Services, Utilities Capacity, Flood Risk, Significant Landscapes, Townscapes, Transport and Roads
<b>HELAA Conclusion:</b> The site is on the North of the B1172 to the west of the settlement and is distant from local services. Initial highway evidence has indicated that a suitable access cannot be achieved to New Road but it is possible that it could be delivered through site GNLP0480 being promoted by the same landowner. Other site constraints are sewer capacity, the impacts in the strategic gap between Hethersett and Wymondham, substantial areas vulnerable to surface water flooding and the current New Road junction with the B1172 could be a constraint although there is potential for this to be mitigated. The site is concluded as suitable for the land availability assessment.

<b>FURTHER COMMENTS</b>
<b>Highways</b> No comments
<b>Development Management</b> No comments
<b>Minerals &amp; Waste</b> No comments
<b>Lead Local Flood Authority</b> No comments
<b>Children's Services</b> Hethersett has considerable pressure for pupil places and would not be able to cope with further growth without new school provision.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Green Infrastructure Strategy</li><li>• Site Access</li><li>• Preliminary Ecological Appraisal</li></ul> |
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**STAGE 7 – SETTLEMENT BASED APPRAISAL OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE SITES AND IDENTIFICATION OF PREFERRED SITE/S (WHERE APPROPRIATE).**

Five reasonable alternative sites have been identified in Hethersett at stage five of this booklet. These sites were considered to be worthy of further investigation to look at their potential for allocation as the initial assessment did not flag up any major constraints that would preclude development. These sites have been subject to further discussion with Development Management, Highways, Flood Authority and Children’s Services in order to identify preferred sites for allocation and their comments are recorded under stage six above.

Following further discussion the sites which have been considered as reasonable alternatives in stage 6 have been ruled out on grounds of unacceptable impacts on the rural landscape and sensitive townscape. Some would also have a negative impact on the designated strategic gap between Hethersett and Wymondham. Therefore, no sites are considered appropriate for new allocations.

However, the existing allocation at HET1 is capable of supporting an uplift in the previously allocated housing numbers of around 200 dwellings. The allocated site is included within GNLP0177-A, so part of this site is by default a preferred option.

In conclusion there are currently no new allocations proposed in this key service centre. There is one carried forward residential allocation for a total of 1369 homes (including 200 uplift) and there are currently no additional dwellings with planning permission on small sites. This gives a total deliverable housing commitment for the centre of 1369 homes between 2018 – 2038.

**Preferred Sites:**

Address	Site Reference	Area (Ha)	Proposal	Reason for allocating
<b>Hethersett</b>				
Land to north and west of Hethersett	GNLP0177-A (part)	65.24	Uplift in numbers on existing allocation – 200 dwellings	GNLP0177-A to the north and west of Hethersett, which incorporates the existing allocation HET 1, far exceeds the land required for development in Hethersett. Instead, the preferred approach is not to allocate new land for development but to uplift the HET 1 allocation from the 1,196 homes already permitted to an approximate total 1,369 homes, incorporating part of GNLP0177-A. The remainder of GNLP0177-A is not preferred for allocation. Development on HET

Address	Site Reference	Area (Ha)	Proposal	Reason for allocating
				1 allocation is well advanced and it has become apparent from reserved matters planning applications now approved that an uplift of 200 is a realistic prospect. There are no major constraints to accommodating an uplift of 200 homes, subject to mitigations like those already agreed for HET 1. In terms of transport, improvements needed would be an access strategy for all modes of transport, safeguards against increasing traffic through Little Melton, and a cycle link to Colney Lane.

#### Reasonable Alternative Sites:

Address	Site Reference	Area (ha)	Promoted for	Reason for not allocating
<b>Hethersett</b>				
Land west of New Road	GNLP0480	4.52	Approx. 42 dwellings and/or sheltered housing and/or housing with care	This site is considered to be a reasonable alternative if additional growth is needed in key service centres. Amongst the mitigations would be provision of a 3 metre wide shared-use footway/cycleway at the, and connecting to the existing footpath facility along the B1172. The site is within the strategic gap between Hethersett and Wymondham, however as it is reasonably well related to the existing settlement adjacent to the settlement limit, this would not necessarily preclude a sensitively designed development through a new Local Plan allocation.

### Unreasonable Sites:

Address	Site Reference	Area (ha)	Promoted for	Reason considered to be unreasonable
<b>Hetherset</b>				
Wood Hall, Norwich Road	GNLP0135	1.98	Residential (unspecified number)	This site is not considered to be suitable for allocation as it is not acceptable to access the B1172 at this point. There are constraints too in terms of onsite trees and impacts on the setting of Wood Hall.
Land at New Road	GNLP0394	15.06	Approx. 300 dwelling	This site is not considered to be suitable for allocation due to highways constraints, unless developed in conjunction with adjacent sites GNLP0480 and 0481. Parts of the site may be affected by surface water flooding which could limit the location and scale of development. The site is also within the strategic gap between Hetherset and Wymondham. GNLP0394 could only be considered as a single allocation with GNLP0480 and GNLP0481.
Land off Jaguar Road	GNLP0462	1.34	Approx. 20 dwellings with open space	This site is centrally located in the village and is within an area identified as an important local open space in the South Norfolk Local Plan. Proposed residential development on the site has been rejected on appeal in the past, with the reason that development would harm the openness of the site therefore the site is not considered to be suitable for allocation.
Land west of New Road	GNLP0481	4.92	Residential care home, sheltered housing and/or housing extra care for the elderly and public open	This site is not considered to be suitable for allocation due to highways constraints. GNLP0481 could only possibly come forward with GNLP0480. Furthermore, the site is within the strategic gap between Hetherset and Wymondham.

Address	Site Reference	Area (ha)	Promoted for	Reason considered to be unreasonable
			space of 3.18ha (extension to park proposed on adjoining site)	
West of Hethersett (partly in Great Melton Parish)	GNLP3030	8.10	Residential (unspecified number)	This site is not considered to be suitable for allocation as it is divorced from the settlement. It is located in the countryside and distant from the facilities in Hethersett with no pedestrian footways to access them.

