**Suggested Response to Greater Norwich Local Plan**

The response to the Greater Norwich Local Plan scan be broken down into two elements namely: (1) GNLP2176, the proposed erection of 12 dwellings; and (2) GNLP0415R A-G the Strategic Development of Honingham Thorpe.

1. **GNLP2176**

This proposed development provides for 12 dwelling off the Dereham Road in Honingham. It is deemed unacceptable on the following grounds:

* The current proposed development of 12 dwellings is only likely to be a precursor to further development as the land behind it would almost certainly be the subject of a further application at a later date. Consequently, this application should be seen in the light of the bigger picture and should be refused on the grounds that consent now will provide justification and a precedent for further development. Indeed, it is known that a prospective developer has already made enquiries about such a proposal.
* The provision of these properties will significantly and adversely affect the rural nature of this village being in a prominent position near to the heritage assets of the war memorial and heritage cottages.
* The village cannot adequately cope with further housing as it has very limited infrastructure of road networks, a village shop, and no medical facilities or schools.
* There a few job opportunities in the area so the inhabitants of these proposed houses, would almost certainly have to commute to Norwich, adding to further traffic congestion.
* The drainage in this area is already under stress as flooding on the Dereham Road has become a significant issue and further housing would only exacerbate the problem.

Notwithstanding the above, the Parish Council would consider supporting the utilisation of small windfall “brown” sites for limited housing.