

At the last Planning Committee members were asked to consider the [Kirkley Waterfront and Sustainable Urban Neighbourhood Planning Position Statement](#). The Clerk suggested that a response to this should be in line with the emerging Lowestoft NDP policy which is copied below.

Further details of the consultation are here.

Kirkley Waterfront and Sustainable Urban Neighbourhood is a large site in central Lowestoft. It is allocated for mixed-use development as [Policy WLP2.4](#) in the Waveney Local Plan for approximately 1,380 new dwellings, a retirement community, primary school, pre-school, playing field, local retail centre, marina facilities and employment development. Some of the site has been developed, but much remains vacant or underused.

East Suffolk Council is at the early stages of preparing a Planning Position Statement for the site. The statement should help bring forward development on the site by advising landowners, developers and key partners of the Council's position on key issues. This is likely to include flood risk and drainage, contaminated land, transport matters, the types and sizes of houses and various other issues. It will be used to help make decisions on planning applications in the area. The Planning Position Statement will not alter the Local Plan policy, which will remain in place.

At this early stage, we welcome your views on what should be included in the Planning Position Statement. Visit www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning-policy-consultations to find out more and make a comment. Comments must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2024. Please note, all comments including respondent names will be published in documents and online.

Following consideration of the responses, a draft Planning Position Statement will be published for public consultation in summer 2024. A final Planning Position Statement is expected to be adopted in autumn 2024 and will be used to help make decisions on planning applications.

Policy LOW2 – Kirkley Waterfront Site:

1. Development of the Kirkley Waterfront site (identified in Figure 11) should result in the creation of a high-quality urban waterfront, including residential and employment uses, in accord with the Sustainable Urban Neighbourhood and Kirkley Waterfront Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) ~~(Adopted May 2013)~~ [or successor documents](#).
2. Development should ~~comply with~~ [seek to implement](#) the following development principles:
 - a) There should be public access to the waterfront edge, provided through a combination of walkways, cycle ways, public spaces and high-quality landscape [design](#);
 - b) Spaces should be designed to encourage public and visitor use of the [waterfront](#);
 - c) The layout should prioritise pedestrian access to the waterfront edge and include clear [sight-lines](#) through the development;
 - d) The waterfront and streets and spaces should be overlooked by active [frontages](#);
 - e) Higher buildings may be supported on the waterfront, where they demonstrate exceptional design quality and maximise the potential for energy [efficiency](#);
 - f) Creative architectural design should be employed to create a strong waterfront identity.
3. Affordable housing provision should take account of Policy LOW8.