



West Winch Housing Access Road

Chapter 15: Population and Health, Appendix 15.1: Legislation, Policy and Guidance

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1 Legislation, Policy and Guidance

1.1 Legislation

Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

- 1.1.1 Schedule 4, paragraph 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)) Regulations 2017 requires a description of the factors likely to be significantly affected by the Proposed Scheme to be considered within the EIA. The factors that are relevant to Chapter 15: Population and Human Health include “population, human health”, and “land (for example land take)”.

Countryside Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000

- 1.1.2 The CRoW Act outlines the principal legislation governing the registration and protection of public footpaths, bridleways, byways open to all traffic and restricted byways.

1.2 Planning Policy

National Planning Policy

National Planning Policy Framework (2023)

- 1.2.1 The revised National Planning Policy Framework was published in September 2023. The NPPF sets out the Government’s economic, environmental and social planning policies for England. These policies outline the Government’s vision of sustainable development, and “a framework within which locally-prepared plans for housing and other development can be produced”.
- 1.2.2 Paragraph 92 states that “Planning decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places; consider the social, economic and environmental benefits; and protect and enhance public rights of way and access”.
- 1.2.3 Paragraph 93 states “To provide the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies and decisions should:



- a) plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments;
- b) take into account and support the delivery of local strategies to improve health, social and cultural well-being for all sections of the community;
- c) guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs;
- d) ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise, and are retained for the benefit of the community; and
- e) ensure an integrated approach to considering the location of housing, economic uses and community facilities and services".

1.3 Regional Planning Policy

Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Local Development Plan

- 1.3.1 The Local Development Plan consists of the Local Plan (this plan includes two policies; the Core Strategy, and the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan), as well as any completed neighbourhood plans and the Norfolk County Council Mineral and Waste Plan. The Local Development Plan is used to guide development in the borough, setting out long-term plans and outlines the framework for ensuring growth is delivered appropriately in terms of the needs of local communities.
- 1.3.2 The Core Strategy was published in 2011 and it sets out the spatial planning framework for the development of the borough up to 2026.
 - Policy CS03 outlines the spatial strategy for Kings Lynn and surrounding areas, including West Winch. The Strategy details land allocated for housing and employment development.



1.3.3 The Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan (SADMP) was adopted in 2016. The Plan sets out land allocations and development management policies to guide development and change in the borough until 2026.

- Section E.2 sets out policies and land allocations specific to West Winch.
- Policy E2.1 in the SADMP details the land allocated in West Winch for development, outlining the processes to be followed in order to achieve the strategic outcomes.

1.4 Local Planning Policy

West Winch Growth Area Strategic Policy

1.4.1 The West Winch Growth Area Strategic Policy was allocated in the Local Development Plan as a key site in the borough for new homes, facilities, and services. It is a site that is of local, regional, and national importance. It outlines the plan for the development of 4,000 dwellings and a new housing access road. The plans also consist of the development of community facilities and aims to integrate the planned developments into the existing community.

1.5 Guidance

Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Volume 11 Section 3 LA 112 Population and human health and DMRB LA 104 Environmental assessment and monitoring

1.5.1 These documents provide a framework for assessing, mitigating, and reporting the effects of motorway and all-purpose trunk road projects on population and human health. They introduce significance criteria that aid consistent and proportionate assessment to support the reporting of significant effects of population and human health.



Institute for Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) Determining Significance for Human Health in Environmental Impact Assessment

- 1.5.2 This guidance covers the consideration of health as a topic in EIA. It presents a framework that supports a proportionate approach that can apply to all scales of EIA.
- 1.5.3 The guidance provides health, sensitivity and health magnitude tables. It also sets out how to provide an evidence-based narrative to explain why the change is or is not significant for public health. The guidance also outlines that a population health approach should be taken when determining significance. It also notes that the potential for health inequalities needs articulating in 'significance conclusions' to determine if any specific mitigation should be put in place or monitoring is required.

National Planning Practice Guidance – Healthy and Safe Communities 2014

- 1.5.4 The UK Government's Planning Practice Guidance - Healthy and Safe Communities sets out guidance on how new planning proposals should promote health, wellbeing and safety.