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**Attachments:** [Acle Neighbourhood Plan extract - policy 5.pdf](#)

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Dear Sir/Madam

Please accept the following responses on behalf of Broadland District Council to the Hearing Action Points:

Issue Specific Hearing 1 – Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) - Tuesday 17 August 2021

Item 11 – Broadland District Council considers that the general arrangement plans, which do not include details of elevations/sections/design/materials of the structures, would be insufficient for the purposes of R3.

Issue Specific Hearing 3 – Environmental Matters – Friday 20 August 2021

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Item 4 – Broadland District Council are satisfied with the level of details in the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan and note that the full/final document will be provided in due course and we reserved the right to comment on this.

Item 14 – The East Broadland Green Infrastructure Plan 2015 is not part of the development plan being neither adopted policy or a Supplementary Planning Document but is a report which has been produced by Norfolk County Council on behalf of Broadland District Council to inform the District Council's decision making on the delivery of Green Infrastructure projects which support the level planned growth for the area.

Item 15 – There is no difference between Burlingham Woodland Walks and Burlingham Trails

Item 16 – Policy 5 of the Acle Neighbourhood Plan seeks to improve links to the countryside and surrounding villages. The policy is accompanied by a plan identifying potential proposed improved links and within the policy text it specifies 2 projects to which priority will be given, neither of which include a route along the A47 from North Burlingham to Acle. However, whilst not specified within the policy or accompanying maps the Council maintain that a route along the A47 from North Burlingham to Acle would still meet the general objectives of this policy by providing greater access to the countryside and the surrounding villages. A copy of the policy and plan is attached to this response.

I hope that the above is sufficient but please do come back if any further clarification is required over these issues.

Regards

Charles

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## Movement and transport

### Policy 5: Improving links to the countryside and surrounding villages

#### Background

- 4.16 Acle is set within a beautiful and fascinating landscape with areas to the east falling within the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads National Park and rolling agricultural land to the west. The local landscape is punctuated by a variety of protected ecological sites, woodlands, rivers, dykes, archaeological and built heritage. However, recognition of the quality and diversity of the landscape around the village and the assets it contains is relatively limited.

#### Intention

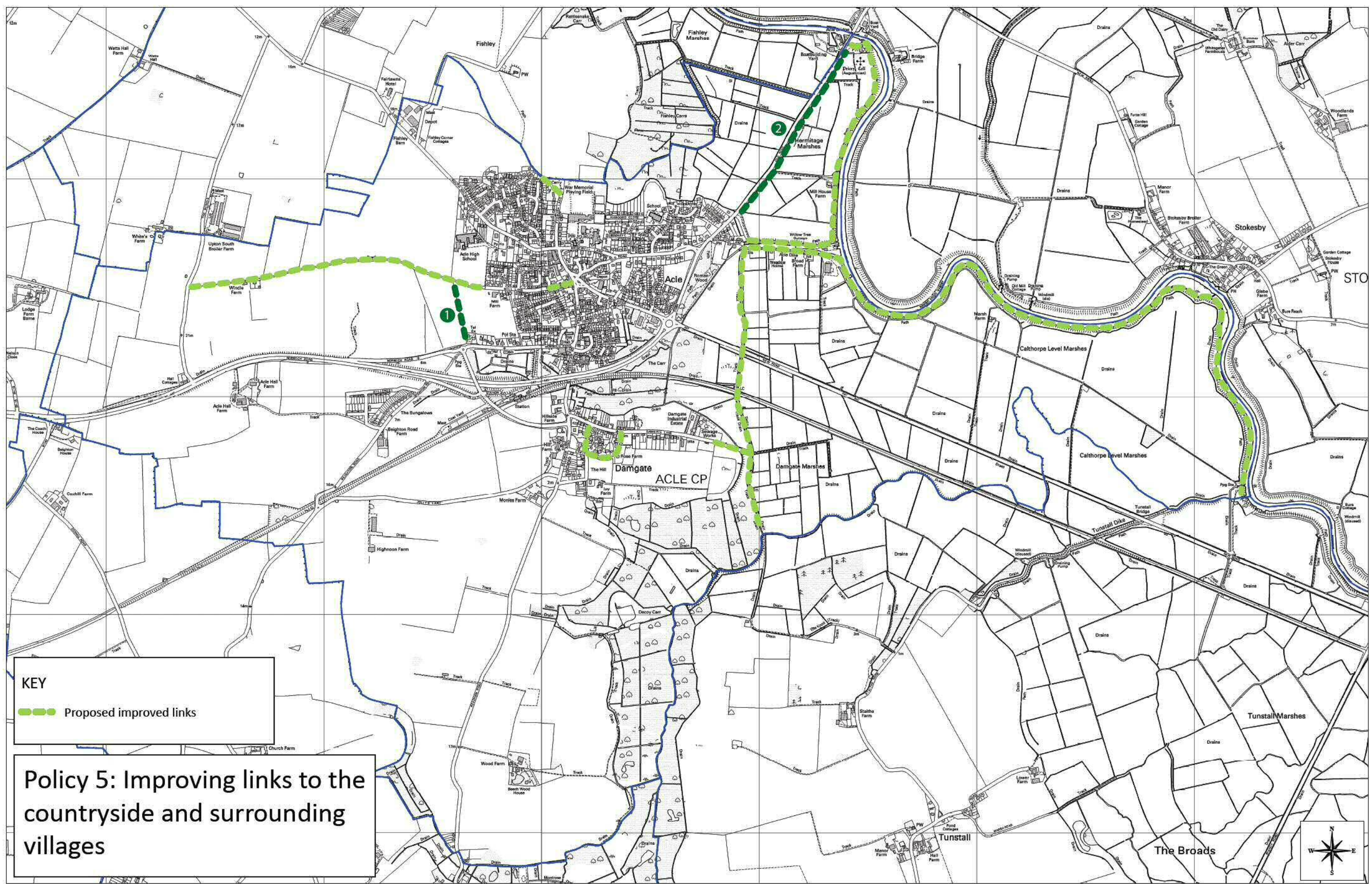
- 4.17 The Neighbourhood Plan is keen to provide a basis for improving pedestrian links to the countryside and surrounding villages. By providing improved links it is hoped that more residents will access the surrounding landscape and that this will help to improve their understanding of their local environment and deliver health and wellbeing benefits.
- 4.18 The Plan supports funding applications to relevant agencies to deliver improvements to links and encourages any proposals to have due regard to relevant local policies such as DP2 of the Broads Authority Development Management DPD.


#### Policy 5: Improving links to the countryside and surrounding villages

Provision of new and improved footpaths, footways, cycleways and bridleways connecting Acle with surrounding villages and the countryside will be encouraged with priority being given to:

1. Improvement of the footway between Norwich Road and the southern boundary of Acle Academy as part of the Mill Lane housing development
2. The provision of an improved footpath and cycleway adjacent to the A1064 between Acle Bridge and Acle village.





**KEY**  
 Proposed improved links

**Policy 5: Improving links to the countryside and surrounding villages**

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