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Buntings announce they will not Appeal

Buntings have announced that they are not going to appeal the decision of May 26th but are going to submit a new Application in due course. See press coverage on the Press page.

We have no idea what the new Application will look like but must speculate that Buntings will do all they can to make it conform to the Local Plan and the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) when it is finally published. It is worth noting that the initial draft of this requires that Local Plans 'give great weight to protecting landscape and scenic beauty in National Parks, the Broads and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty..... Planning Permission should be refused for major developments in designated areas except in exceptional circumstances where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest.' We must hope that this is further strengthened in the final Bill to be presented to Parliament next year. The NPPF talks at length about the need for Planning Applications to be 'sustainable' and gives the definition 'sustainable means ensuring better that lives for ourselves don't mean worse lives for future generations.' What this will mean for Buntings, we have no idea!

We will have to react to the new Application as and when it is submitted.