

19th October 2026

Dear Community

Urgent: Acle Academy Needs Your Voice

As a vital part of our Acle Academy community, I am writing to ask for just five minutes of your time to protect the future of our school and our children's learning environment.

Norfolk Homes has launched an early public consultation for a new housing development on the Land West of Acle (Site B.AC 1, directly next to our school grounds). This proposal forms the first phase (135 homes) of an overall 340 home site allocation in the Local Plan.

Why this matters to your child

Our school is proud to be popular and successful, but we are already operating at our absolute Published Admission Number (PAN) capacity. This means our classrooms, dining areas, and sports fields are full.

Adding significant numbers of new families to our immediate area without expanding our school will create an unsustainable strain on our resources. Local planning policy (GNLP Policy [B.AC.1](#)) explicitly dictates that developers ***must liaise directly with Acle Academy to safeguard land and accommodate future growth***. However, we must make it clear to Norfolk Homes right now—while they are still drawing the plans—that the community expects these obligations to be formally locked into their site masterplan.

The Consultation Timeline

Because this is a developer-led consultation before they submit the final plans to the council, the window to have your say is incredibly short:

- **Starts: Friday 16th October 2026**
- **Closes: Friday 30th October 2026**

How you can help in 3 simple steps

Please do not assume someone else will speak up. The developer measures local impact by the volume of responses they receive during this window.

1. **Visit the consultation page:** Go directly to the [Norfolk Homes Acle Consultation Website](#) to view the draft plans.
2. **Submit your comments:** Use their online feedback form. Explain that the development *must not* go ahead unless Norfolk Home engages with Acle Academy to plan for expansion and guarantees dedicated funding for new classrooms.

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- 3. Spread the word:** Share this timeline with neighbours, grandparents, and local residents. Anyone living in Acle can submit their views.

We want to welcome new families to our village, but it must be done sustainably. Let's work together to ensure our children do not lose out on the space and facilities they deserve.

Thank you for your continued, unwavering support.



Helen Watts
Executive Principal

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