

## 14. CUMULATIVE EFFECTS, IMPACTS AND MITIGATION.

- 14.1 Chapter 14 of the Original ES provided a summary of the potential cumulative effects already described in each technical assessment. The chapter also summarises the predicted environmental impacts, including residual impacts and, where proposed, any necessary mitigation measures.
- 14.2 It is considered that the findings of Chapter 14 of the Original ES remain valid. A comprehensive and robust assessment of the potential impacts of the construction and operation phases of the Proposed Development has been undertaken in the Original ES and reviewed considering the Amended Scheme (the findings set out in the SEI, therefore both should be read in tandem).
- 14.3 Whilst table 14.4 of the Original ES remains largely unchanged, the Amended Scheme have resulted in a reduction of the likely significant impacts in terms of townscape and visual; and impact on heritage assets. All other mitigation in relation to other technical matters in the Original ES remain unchanged and valid.
- 14.4 The incorporation of mitigation measures (measures to avoid or minimise impact) is an integral part of the development design and related EIA process. Mitigation measures have been developed and incorporated into the scheme as the design has developed through a process of review and iteration to reduce potentially significant environmental effects that have been identified. The proposed amendments to the scheme are a result of the changes required to address the consultation responses and have not been because of an environmental assessment of effects required to avoid or minimise an impact. However, the amendments to the scheme strengthen the mitigation previously proposed in the Original ES.

### Mitigation

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- 14.5 The amendments to the scheme have resulted in the reduction of the impacts in respect of the likely significant effects on townscape and visual receptors and the heritage assets of Norwich City Centre.
- 14.6 The Tower, which in the Original ES was proposed at 25 storeys would be the most widely visible element of the Proposed Development. The reduction in the height by five storeys to 25 storeys would further mitigate the visual impact of the Proposed Development as it would be less visible within the wider environment and a strengthening of the relationship between the Site and the local area.

- 14.7 The revised assessment reconsidered 29 of the 47 originally submitted viewpoints, with 15 additional viewpoints added in response to consultee comments. The amended proposals would not alter the original assessment of Construction Effects of the Proposed Development on identified townscape receptors, nor changes to the original assessment of Operational Effects of the Proposed Development. However, the reduction in height and enhanced design of the tower element, along with the amendments to the design of 'Block A', would reduce the visibility of the scheme in longer distance views, closer views and is also considered to be an enhancement of the reviewed and additional views.
- 14.8 The amended proposals would not alter the original assessment of Construction effects of the proposed Development on identified heritage assets, nor would there be significant effects upon the Church of St Helen or Waterloo Park as additional heritage assets included for assessment within this SEI.
- 14.9 Due to of the amended proposals, number 2 – 9 Octagon Court (Grade II\*) should be removed from the list of heritage assets expected to experience significant residual effects during the Operational Phase, as listed in Chapter 7 (Built Heritage) of the Original ES Chapter. Therefore, the amended proposals have only a minimal effect on the significant effects identified within the Original ES.
- 14.10 It is considered that there would be no material impacts because of the amended proposed Development upon the assessment of cumulative effects provided in Chapter 7 (Built Heritage) of the Original ES Chapter.

#### Cumulative effects

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- 14.11 Due to the amendment to the scheme, the Applicant has considered it necessary to revisit the Original ES to review the potential for significant environmental effects associated with the design changes, and test whether the conclusions remain valid.
- 14.12 The Applicant is not aware of any other major development proposals which have come forward since the original ES was submitted which should be considered within Cumulative Impacts Assessment, at chapter 14 of the Original ES.
- 14.13 As part of this review process, consideration was given to cumulative assessment of effects, in particular, whether there will be any cumulative or interactive effects. It is considered that there would be no material impacts as a result of the amendments to the Proposed Development and therefore, the findings of the Original ES remain valid.