



Date: 22nd August 2024

Dear Consultee,

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 2 Development Plan Document – Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report Consultation

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have published a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report to support the preparation of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 2 Development Plan Document, following adoption of the Part 1 Joint Local Plan in November 2023.

SA is an assessment process designed to consider and report upon the significant sustainability issues and effects of emerging plans and policies, including their reasonable alternatives. SA iteratively informs the plan-making process by helping to refine the contents of such documents, so that they maximise the benefits of sustainable development and avoid, or at least minimise, the potential for adverse effects.

The purpose of this SA Scoping Report is to provide the context for and determine the scope of the SA of the Part 2 Joint Local Plan and to set out the assessment framework for undertaking the later stages of the SA.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek views on the proposed approach to the SA, in particular:

- Whether there are any additional plans, policies or programmes that are relevant to the SA that should be included.
- Whether the baseline information provided is robust and comprehensive and provides a suitable baseline for the SA of the Part 2 Joint Local Plan.
- Whether there are any additional key sustainability issues relevant to the Plan area that should be included.
- Whether the proposed SA framework (Chapter 11) is appropriate and includes a suitable set of SA objectives.
- Whether the criteria and assumptions for appraising potential site allocations are appropriate for this stage of the SA process.

The Councils are inviting comments on the SA Scoping Report for five weeks from **Thursday 22nd August until 4pm on Monday 30th September 2024**. Comments must be received by this time.



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Further details of this consultation can be found via www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan and www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils – Proposed Approach to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

The Councils have published a proposed approach to the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). The Councils are inviting representations to be made upon the technical criteria for the site assessment for both potential housing developments and potential Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show people sites. Comments should be made on the proposed criteria approach only, as other matters will not be considered at this stage (as they are for consideration in further consultations upon the Part 2 Joint Local Plan).

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Yours faithfully

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