



Date: Wednesday 15th May 2024

Dear Consultee,

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils – Supplementary Planning Documents Consultation

Following adoption of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 2018-2037 Development Plan Document (DPD) in November 2023, the Councils have prepared three draft Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) relating to Biodiversity and Trees; Housing; and Intensive Livestock and Poultry for consultation. The draft SPDs provide further guidance and detail for development proposals, supporting the implementation of planning policies contained within the adopted Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 DPD.

- The draft Biodiversity and Trees SPD provides supplementary information to further explain the policies on biodiversity, protected species and habitats, and trees to inform the preparation, consideration and determination of planning applications, to ensure biodiversity enhancement is provided through the planning process.
- The draft Housing SPD provides further guidance and detail for addressing housing needs and affordable housing delivery within development proposals in the two Districts.
- The draft Intensive Livestock and Poultry SPD provides supplementary information on the issues and considerations that are of relevance to the determination of intensive livestock and poultry planning applications.

The Councils are inviting comments on the SPDs for five weeks from **Wednesday 15th May until 4pm on Wednesday 19th June 2024**. Comments must be received by this time. Further details of the consultation are found in the accompanying notice.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils – Call for Residential Sites Publication for Information Only

The Councils are progressing with the production of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 2 DPD. At this initial point of the plan-making process the Councils invited site submissions to be put forward for residential land use for consideration for future development.

This is known as the ‘Call for Sites’ process, which was open between 5th January and 2nd February 2024. The Councils have now published the sites submitted as part of this process.

Please note that these sites have no status and are shown for transparency and information only at this stage. The Councils are not inviting any comments on the sites at this stage. They will later be subject to formal assessment and public consultation processes as the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 2 DPD progresses. Just because a site is being promoted, this does not automatically mean that it will go forward as an allocation in the Joint Local Plan or be supported for development of the proposed use.



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To be clear, the Councils are not inviting comments at this stage and potential site allocations and revisions to settlement boundaries will form part of later stages in the plan-making process. We will invite comments when we get to this stage in early 2025.

To view more information about the sites submitted as part of the 'Call for Sites' process, view the Councils' websites via the links below.

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/call-for-sites-5-jan-2-feb-2024->
<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/call-for-sites-5-jan-2-feb-2024->

The Councils may undertake further 'Call for Sites' exercises for other land uses as the evidence base develops.

Notice of Neighbourhood Planning Grant and Technical Support for Financial Year (2024/2025)

The Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has confirmed that support for groups preparing Neighbourhood Plans will continue during 2024/2025. Further information will be available on the Locality website at <https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/>.

Yours faithfully,

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

**Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils
Biodiversity and Trees Supplementary Planning Document
Housing Supplementary Planning Document
Intensive Livestock and Poultry Supplementary Planning Document
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as
amended) (Regulations 12 and 13)**

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A copy of the draft SPDs along with this notice are available for public inspection:

- on the Councils' websites at www.babergh.gov.uk/supplementary-planning-documents-consultation and www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/supplementary-planning-documents-consultation; and
- at the Councils' office at Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX (weekdays 8am to 5pm), and at the Customer Access Points at Sudbury Library, Market Hill, Sudbury, CO10 2EN (Mondays and Thursdays 9am to 5pm) and 54 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket, IP14 1AD (Tuesdays 10am to 5pm and Fridays 9am to 4.30pm).

The five-week consultation period will begin on **Wednesday 15th May 2024** and will end at **4pm on Wednesday 19th June 2024**. Comments must be received by this time.

Comments can be made electronically through the Councils' online system via the weblinks above; by email to localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk; or in writing to the Strategic Planning Policy Team, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 2BX.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this consultation, please contact the Strategic Planning Policy Team on 0300 123 4000 (option 5 then option 4) or by email at localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk. If you would like to be kept updated on the future stages of our Joint Local Plan, you can sign up to our mailing list by visiting our websites or contacting us on 0300 123 4000 (option 5 then option 4) or by email at localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk.

All information collected and processed by the District Councils at this stage is by virtue of our requirement under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). All comments received will be made publicly available and may be identifiable by name / organisation. All other personal information provided will be protected in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. For more information on how we do this and your rights with regards to your personal information, and how to access it, please visit our website or call Customer Services on 0300 123 4000 and ask to speak to the Information Governance Officer.

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