

**Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan – Main Modifications
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England)
Regulations 2012 (as amended)**



Notice of Consultation on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications and Policies Map Changes

The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan (JLP) sets out the strategic and development management policy for the districts up to 2037 to help shape the way in which its physical, economic, social and environmental characteristics will change. It is a Development Plan Document produced under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are inviting comments on the proposed Main Modifications to the JLP and Policies Map Changes, which are changes the Inspectors consider are likely to be necessary to make the JLP sound and legally compliant. They are proposed without prejudice to the Inspectors' final conclusions on the JLP, which will take account of all representations submitted in response to this consultation. The Main Modifications have been subject to an updated Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment.

Alongside the consultation on the proposed Main Modifications and Policies Map Changes the Councils will be publishing a list of Additional Modifications which it intends to make on adoption of the JLP. These are outside the scope of the Main Modifications, and the Councils are inviting comments on them.

The consultation will commence at **12 noon on Thursday 16th March 2023** and conclude at **5pm on Wednesday 3rd May 2023**.

REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD ONLY RELATE TO THE MODIFICATIONS AND POLICIES MAP CHANGES. THIS CONSULTATION IS NOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPEAT OR RAISE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE PUBLISHED JLP OR TO SEEK FURTHER CHANGES TO THE JLP.

Inspection of documents:

In accordance with Regulation 35(b), the entire suite of documents are available to view on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council websites at: www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan and www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan

Hard copies of the documents will be available for public viewing during the normal office hours of the following locations: Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX; and the Customer Access Points at Sudbury Library, Market Hill, Sudbury CO10 2EN, and 54 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket IP14 1AD (for details of opening hours please visit www.babergh.gov.uk/contact-us/ and www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/contact-us/). If you wish to contact us, please phone 0300 123 4000 (option 5 then option 4) or e-mail localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

Duly made representations may only be made in writing and are encouraged via the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils' Local Plan Consultation Portal on the website at <https://baberghmidsuffolk.oc2.uk>

Alternatively, these can be sent to:

E-mail: localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk (please use the code 'MOD/2223/CR' within the subject header).

Postal: Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, JLP Modifications, Strategic Planning Policy Team, Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich. IP1 2BX

The Inspectors will consider any representations made in response to the consultation on the Main Modifications and will decide whether or not any further hearing sessions are necessary.

The documents being consulted upon in this consultation are:

- 1) Babergh and Mid Suffolk JLP – Main Modifications Schedule
- 2) Babergh and Mid Suffolk JLP – Additional Modifications Schedule
- 3) Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the JLP Main Modifications
- 4) Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) of the JLP Main Modifications
- 5) Policies Map Changes

The appointed independent Programme Officer, Mrs Annette Feeney, can be contacted at annette.feeney@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk or on 07775 771026.

If you have any questions about the Examination process, please contact the Programme Officer.

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Date of notice: Thursday 16th March 2023