

Drinkstone Parish Council Meeting 4th December 2023

Agenda item Portfolio Reports and Planning

Adoption of Babergh and Mid Suffolk Local Plan Part 1

Part One of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Local Plan has now been adopted, below is a very brief introduction.

The Councils (hereafter meaning Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council) are working together on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan (JLP). This will consist of two important Development Plan Documents, which include planning policies for the determination of planning applications in the Districts.

The Part 1 document will later be followed by a Part 2 Plan. The Plan area covers Babergh and Mid Suffolk, and the Plan period runs from 2018 to 2037. The current development planning system was established through the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and subsequent amendments, such as the Localism Act 2011 which introduced Neighbourhood Plans. The national approach to planning policy matters is set out principally in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance, but also within documents covering specific topics such as the Marine Policy Statement and Planning Policy for Travellers Sites.

The Plan is set out in the following sections:

I. Section A – Vision, Objectives and Strategic Policies; and II. Section B – Non-Strategic Local Policies (Development Management Policies).

In addition to this, the Part 2 Plan, which upon adoption will also form part of the Development Plan, is likely to include the following matters:

- *Settlement hierarchy;*
- *A spatial distribution for any housing allocations insofar as necessary to provide flexibility to ensure plan period housing requirements can be met;*
- *Housing requirement figures for Neighbourhood Plan areas;*
- *Settlement boundaries;*
- *Open space designations;*
- *An assessment of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople needs, and if necessary, allocations to provide for these needs;*
- *An assessment of Houseboat Dwellers' needs, and a relevant development management policy for houseboat dwellers, moorings and marinas;*
- *If demonstrated by monitoring to be necessary, mitigation to address the adverse air quality effects of traffic on the integrity of protected habitats sites; and*
- *Any other matters which are appropriately addressed in the Part 2 Plan in the light of the monitoring of the Part 1 Plan and the circumstances at the time.*

The policies are certainly worth a read and there are a few that I have noted that may prove relevant to Drinkstone – for example 'windfall sites' 'annexes'.

We also need to bear in mind that part two will cover the settlement hierarchy and settlement boundaries and the housing requirement for Neighbourhood Plan areas.

It appears Mid Suffolk have met their housing need up until 2037 (the end of the Plan date)

I would encourage all councillors to take a look at the document in full

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/documents/d/asset-library-54706/draft-babergh-and-mid-suffolk-joint-local-plan-part-1-nov-2023>

There are two planning applications for the parish council to consider

DC/23/05129

Householder Application - Erection of outbuilding with annex accommodation ancillary to main dwelling and construction of carport (re-construction following fire damage).

Holm House Garden House Lane Drinkstone Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 9FJ

This application follows a fire at the property that affected the site in question. The application consists of rebuild but in addition there is an upper floor that will create annexe accommodation. It follows a previous application **DC/22/02696** that was granted by Mid Suffolk.

DC/23/03599 | Householder Application - Erection of single storey extensions including detached garage.

Brookside Gedding Road Drinkstone Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 9TG

This application relates to a bungalow extension and detached garages. The existing attached garage will become living accommodation. The site is located near to established trees and a pond area, the ecology and arboriculture report notes the measures that need to be taken to ensure these areas are protected.

The site sits within the settlement boundary.

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