



Date: 20th September 2023

To whom it may concern,

Re: Publication of the Inspectors' Report on the Examination of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan

We are writing to notify you that Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have received the Inspectors' Report on the Examination of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan 2018-2037.

The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan was submitted for Examination on 31st March 2021. Malcolm Rivett BA (Hons) MSc MRTPI and Alison Partington BA (Hons) MA MRTPI were Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State to hold an independent Examination of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan. Examination Hearing sessions were held on 21st June 2021, between 22nd September and 21st October 2021, and between 26th and 28th June 2023.

The Inspectors' Report concludes that the duty to cooperate has been met and that with the recommended Main Modifications as set out in the Appendix to the report, the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan satisfies the requirement referred to in Section 20(5)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) as being sound and capable of adoption.

Inspection of documents:

The Inspectors' Report and Appendix are available to view on the Councils' websites at www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan and www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan.

Hard copies of the Inspectors' Report and Appendix are 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 124 4000 (option 5 then option 4) or e-mail localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk. Please note the Inspectors' Report is final and we are not inviting comments on the report.

The Full Council meetings to consider the adoption of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 will take place in November 2023.

The Planning Inspectorate would like your feedback about the Examination. If you were involved in the Examination because you made comments in writing and/or you took part in a Hearing Session, then we would be very pleased if you could fill in this short survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/vcT3RaRvtY>, which will be open for five weeks until Thursday 26th October 2023. Any comments you make will be confidential.

Yours faithfully,

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