



**Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)
Notice of Submission of the Joint Local Plan to the Secretary of State (Regulation 22)**

On the 31st March 2021, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils submitted the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan 2018-2037 to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for independent Examination, in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The documents and information will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector with public hearing sessions to follow in either traditional in-person, virtual, or a combination format. A minimum of 6 weeks' notice to the public hearings will be given which are expected around Summer 2021.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have submitted the following documents and information to the Secretary of State:

- 1) Babergh and Mid Suffolk Pre-Submission Joint Local Plan (November 2020);
- 2) Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan - Sustainability Appraisal – Including Main Report, Non-technical summary, Appendices (October 2020);
- 3) Habitats Regulation Assessment including Appropriate Assessment (October 2020);
- 4) Consultation Statement for the Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Regulation 22(c) Statement;
- 5) Duty to Cooperate (DtC) Statement for the Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan;
- 6) Supporting documents and the Core Document Library relevant to the preparation of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan; and
- 7) Copies of representations made in accordance with Regulation 20.

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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Inspection of documents:

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

Due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic further amendments to the Local Planning Regulations have been made in law. This means hard copies of the documents will not be available for public viewing at any premises at this current time. If you wish to contact us, please phone 0300 123 4000 (option 5 then option 4) or e-mail localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk.

Date of notice: 31st March 2021