

# **BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK JOINT LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION**

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Dear Mr Barker

## **Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Examination**

1. At the exploratory meeting last December, at which we discussed the way forward for the plan and examination, a possible timescale of completion of the examination in Summer 2022 was mentioned. We understand that, for various reasons, the necessary work has taken the Councils longer than you originally anticipated although you now hope to provide this to us by mid-Summer 2022.
2. On that basis, and assuming there are no significant problems with the work you submit, we would anticipate undertaking public consultation on proposed main modifications to the plan and the supporting evidence in Autumn 2022, to then be followed by further hearing sessions if necessary.
3. Whilst we do not propose to set the Councils a formal deadline for submission of the work to us – that it is comprehensive and of a high quality is ultimately more important than the date on which it is received – we urge you to complete it as soon as possible. It would clearly not be desirable to reach a point where the already submitted evidence supporting the plan becomes outdated, hindering our ability to find the plan sound notwithstanding the proposed main modifications.

4. Please keep in touch with us via Annette on the progress you are making.

Yours sincerely

*Malcolm Rivett and Alison Partington*

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