

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan

Notice of Local Plan Scoping Consultation (Regulation 20)

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

In accordance with Regulation 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026, Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils gives notice that the Scoping Consultation for the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan will commence on Friday 5 June 2026 and close on Friday 31 July 2026.

During this period, the Council is inviting representations on:

- Such matters relevant to the preparation of the Local Plan as the Council considers appropriate, including what the plan should contain; and
- How the Councils should engage in the preparation of the local plan.

Representations on the Scoping Consultation must be received by the Councils by 5pm on Friday 31 July 2026.

Further information about the Scoping Consultation is available on the Council's websites:

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/joint-local-plan>

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/joint-local-plan>

Copies of the consultation materials are also available to view:

- At the Councils office:

Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX) during office hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm).

- At the following libraries within Babergh and Mid Suffolk during normal opening hours:

Capel St Mary Library Village Hall, The Street, Capel St Mary, IP9 2EF

Glemsford Library Unit 1a Bells Lane, Glemsford, CO10 7QA

Great Cornard Library Thomas Gainsborough School (formerly known as the Upper School), Head Lane, Great Cornard, CO10 0JU

Hadleigh Library 29 High Street, Hadleigh, IP7 5AG

Lavenham Library Lavenham Village Hall, Church Street, Lavenham, CO10 9QT

Long Melford Library St Catherine's Church, 6 St Catherine's Road, Long Melford, CO10 9JU

Sudbury Library Market Hill, Sudbury, CO10 2EN

Debenham Library School Corner, Debenham, Stowmarket, IP14 6PL

Elmswell Library Cooks Road, Elmswell, IP30 9BX

Eye Library 6 Cross Street, Eye, IP23 7AB

Needham Market Library 4 Teachers Close, Needham Market, IP6 8BW

Stowmarket Library Milton Road, Stowmarket, IP14 1EX

Representations to the Scoping Consultation should be received via the online survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/scoping/>

Word copies of the response form can be requested and returned by email to:

localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk.

Printed copies may be returned by post to:

Joint Local Plan, Babergh and Mid Suffolk, Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX

When making representations to the Scoping Consultation, you can also request to be kept informed of the following stages of the Local Plan process by joining our mailing list via:

<https://baberghmidsuffolk.oc2.uk/register/process/0>

You can also request to be kept informed of the following stages of the Local Plan process:

- Consultation on the proposed Local Plan content and evidence (the second formal consultation on the Local Plan under regulation 23(1)(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026).
- When the Council publishes any observations or advice they receive from a person appointed by the Secretary of State (under section 15CA(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)).
- Consultation on the proposed Local Plan (the third formal consultation on the Local Plan under regulation 27(1)(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026).

- The submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent Examination (under section 15D(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)).
- When the date, time and place of the Examination hearings and the name of the Examiner is published (under regulation 35(2) and regulation 35(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026).
- If the Examination is paused by the Examiner so that further work can be carried out (under section 15D(7) and section 15DA of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)).
- When a document or evidence is sent to the Examiner and/or published whilst the Examination is paused (under section 15DA(6) and 15DA(7) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)).
- When the Examiner's recommendations and reasons are published (under section 15D or section 15DA, and in accordance with section 15D(13) or section 15DA(10) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)).
- The adoption of the Local Plan by the Council (under Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)).

For further information please contact the Local Plans Team by email:

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