



**Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan
Duty to Co-operate Statement**

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1) Introduction

- 1.1 The Localism Act 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) place a duty on and require local planning authorities to work constructively with their neighbouring authorities, County Councils and other prescribed bodies in preparing development plan documents.
- 1.2 Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have produced a Joint Local Plan Pre-Submission (Reg 19) Document and published this in November 2020 for a six-week Regulation 19 consultation between 12th November and 24th December 2020. Prior to this, the Councils undertook public consultation on an Options (Regulation 18) document between 21st August and 10th November 2017 and more recently on a Preferred Options (Regulation 18) document between 22nd July and 30th September 2019. This duty to co-operate statement details the actions undertaken with neighbouring authorities and prescribed bodies in the ongoing preparation of the Joint Local Plan.
- 1.3 The structure of the duty to co-operate statement has followed the Planning Advisory Service guidance in its preparation which incorporates the strategic background to the two districts as well as compliance information.

2) Babergh and Mid Suffolk's Strategic Geography and Context

- 2.1 Babergh and Mid Suffolk are predominantly rural districts covering the geographical centre of Suffolk, running from the boundary with Essex in the south to the boundary with Norfolk in the north. This covers a total area of approximately 565 square miles.
- 2.2 Both districts are part of the Ipswich Housing Market Area (HMA), which includes the adjoining local planning authorities of Ipswich Borough Council and part of East Suffolk Council (previously known as Suffolk Coastal District Council). The area also represents the Ipswich Functional Economic Area (FEA) and is known as the Ipswich Strategic Planning Area (ISPA) for strategic cross-boundary planning purposes.
- 2.3 Both districts share boundaries with local planning authorities outside of the ISPA as detailed below.

In Essex

- Braintree District Council
- Colchester Borough Council
- Tendring District Council

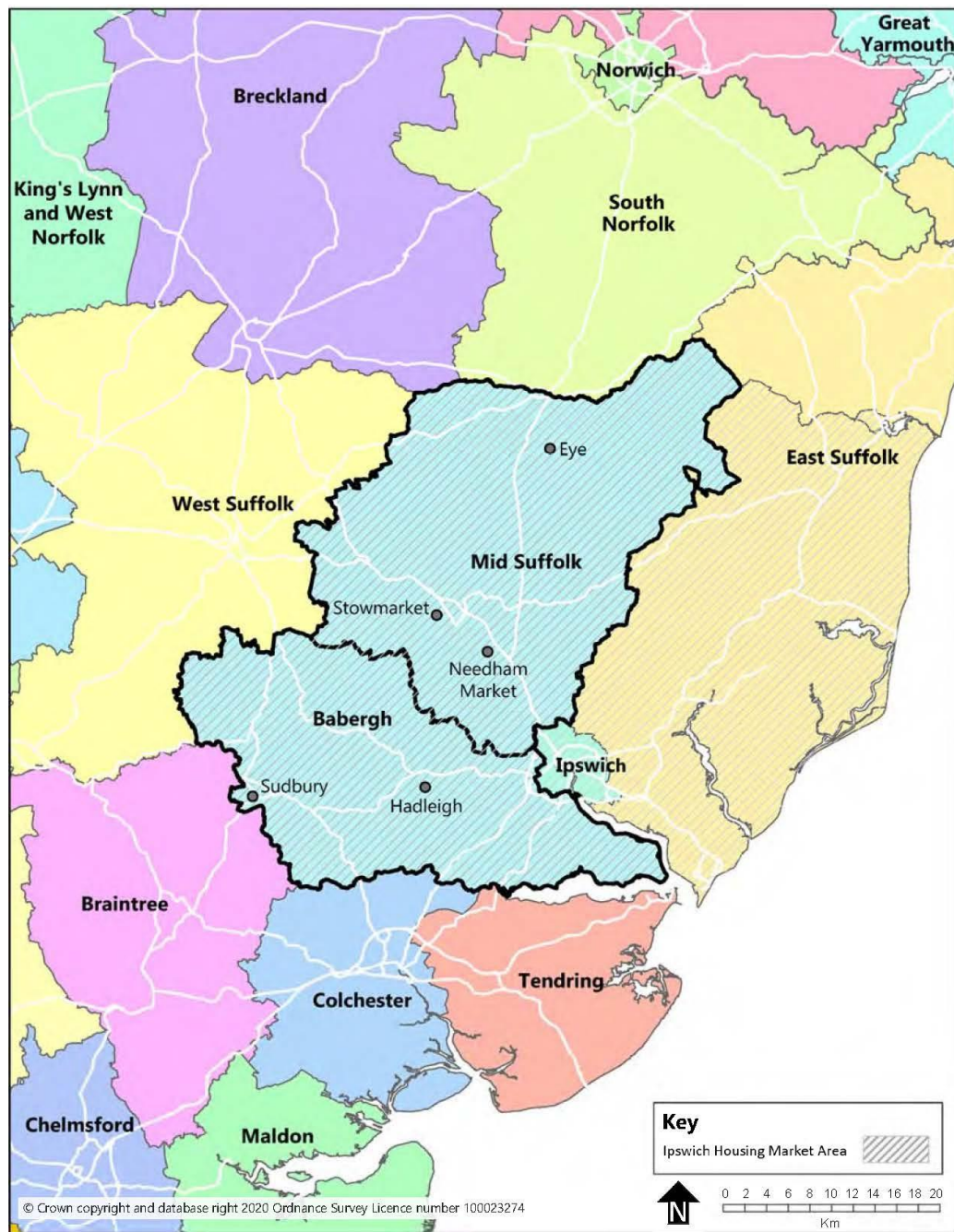
In Norfolk

- Breckland Council
- South Norfolk Council

In Suffolk

- East Suffolk Council (the part previously known as Waveney District Council)
- West Suffolk Council

Figure 1 shows the geography of Babergh and Mid Suffolk Districts and the surrounding areas.



- 2.4 The population of Babergh District was 87,740 and of Mid Suffolk was 96,731 at the time of the 2011 Census. Across Babergh and Mid Suffolk more than half the population live in villages and rural areas. In combination both districts have six main centres, which include Hadleigh, Pinewood and Sudbury in Babergh, and Eye, Needham Market and Stowmarket in Mid Suffolk. The historic market towns are surrounded by a rural hinterland comprising of over 190 parishes.

- 2.5 Babergh and Mid Suffolk are largely influenced by large centres of population with Ipswich in the east, Bury St Edmunds (West Suffolk) in the west, Diss and Harleston (both South Norfolk) in the north. This is reinforced by the area's strategic transport connectivity.
- 2.6 The Strategic Road Network runs through the districts, with the A14 going through both districts, linking Felixstowe (East Suffolk) to the Midlands. The A12 south runs from the edge of Ipswich in Babergh to the Essex border and onto London. The A14 meets the A12 at the Copdock Interchange. Other significant 'A' roads include the A140 on the Major Road Network, linking Needham Market to Norwich, the A143 running east from Bury St Edmunds through Mid Suffolk and along the Norfolk and Suffolk border, the A134 linking Sudbury and Bury St Edmunds and the A14, and the A131 linking Sudbury to Braintree and the A120 in Essex.
- 2.7 The railway network also runs through the two districts, with the Great Eastern Main Line railway running between Norwich and London, which includes the main line station at Stowmarket, together with stations in neighbouring local authority areas including Diss, Ipswich, and Manningtree (Tendring). The Ipswich to Cambridge line includes the stations of Needham Market, Stowmarket, Elmswell and Thurston in Mid Suffolk, together with Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds.
- 2.8 There are two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in Babergh. The Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB also includes the local authority areas of East Suffolk and Ipswich. The Dedham Vale AONB also includes the local authority areas of Colchester and Tendring, whilst the Stour Valley Project also includes the local authority areas of Braintree, Colchester and West Suffolk.
- 2.9 Through the Suffolk Growth Partnership, growth opportunities in the County are overseen and co-ordinated, with all local authorities involved collaboratively to deliver growth, through the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership's (NALEP) Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy, Draft Industrial Strategy and Growth Deal. The NALEP Economic Strategy is based on their Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) in 2014, which identified five 'high impact' sectors for target support – advanced manufacturing and engineering, agri-tech, energy, ICT/digital culture and life sciences. The SEP also identified growth locations which include Stowmarket in Mid Suffolk and Sudbury in Babergh. In addition, the Space to Innovate Enterprise Zone, which comprises 10 sites across Norfolk and Suffolk, includes Sproughton Enterprise Park in Babergh and Stowmarket Enterprise Park in Mid Suffolk.
- 2.10 Meetings are also held two to three times a year with Norfolk planning authorities to jointly consider and address cross boundary strategic matters.

3) Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan

- 3.1 The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan sets out a vision, objectives and strategic policies for development in the two districts between 2018 and 2037.
- 3.2 The Joint Local Plan is written in compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The NPPF has gone through three iterations so far, with a March 2012 version, a July 2018 version and most recently a February 2019 version.
- 3.3 Babergh District Council currently has an adopted Core Strategy (2014), which plans to 2031, as well as an adopted Local Plan (2006). Mid Suffolk District Council has an adopted Core Strategy (2008) and Core Strategy Focused Review (2012), which plan to 2025, a Stowmarket Area Action Plan (2013), which plans to 2027, and an adopted Local Plan (1998). The Joint Local Plan will supersede all previous plans once adopted.
- 3.4 In preparing the emerging Joint Local Plan, a number of consultations have been undertaken across the two districts in conformity with the Joint Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (2014), which was reviewed and updated in 2018/19. The SCI was published in February 2019. An addendum has been published in November 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 3.5 Key stages in preparing the Joint Local Plan so far have included:
 - Duty to co-operate scoping exercise (2017)
 - Sustainability appraisal scoping report (2017)
 - Joint Local Plan Options consultation (Regulation 18) (2017)
 - Joint Local Plan Preferred Options consultation (Regulation 18) (2019)
 - Sustainability appraisal scoping report (2020)

4) Statutory organisations and prescribed bodies

Neighbouring authorities and County Councils

- 4.1 Babergh shares a border with Mid Suffolk District, Ipswich Borough and West Suffolk in the county of Suffolk, and with Braintree District, Colchester Borough and Tendring District in the county of Essex.
- 4.2 Mid Suffolk shares a border with Babergh District, East Suffolk (formerly Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Districts), Ipswich Borough and West Suffolk in the county of Suffolk, and with Breckland and South Norfolk Districts in the county of Norfolk.
- 4.3 The areas of Babergh, Mid Suffolk, Ipswich Borough and the former Suffolk Coastal District form the Ipswich Housing Market Area, which is also covered through the Ipswich Strategic Planning Area.

Prescribed bodies

- 4.4 In addition to the local planning authorities and the County Councils, the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) set out a list of prescribed bodies subject to the duty to co-operate. These bodies need to be consulted and involved in the Plan making process.

- The Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Natural England
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Homes England (previously Homes and Communities Agency)
- NHS England
- Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group
- West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group
- Office of Road and Rail
- Network Rail
- Greater Anglia
- Highways England
- Suffolk County Council (as Highway Authority) (also see above)
- Marine Management Organisation

Engagement is also undertaken with the following on strategic matters, including statutory bodies:

- New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership
- Wild Anglia Local Nature Partnership
- Coal Authority
- UK Power Networks
- National Grid
- Sport England
- Anglian Water
- Essex and Suffolk Water (Northumbrian Water)

5) Babergh and Mid Suffolk's Strategic priorities

5.1 The strategic priorities are the main objectives that the Joint Local Plan seeks to achieve over the period 2018-2037 in the two districts. These include:

- Housing
- Employment
- Infrastructure
- Environment

5.2 This section identifies the key strategic matters arising and how they are being addressed through the duty to co-operate.

Ipswich Strategic Planning Area

5.3 The Ipswich Strategic Planning Area (ISPA) consists of the areas of Babergh and Mid Suffolk Districts, Ipswich Borough and the former Suffolk Coastal District area within East Suffolk District. The principal mechanism for working on cross-boundary strategic matters is the Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Board. The area represents the Ipswich Housing Market Area and the Functional Economic Area.

5.4 The cross-boundary matters relevant to the ISPA include meeting housing and employment needs, identifying cross-boundary infrastructure requirements and mitigating impacts on protected European sites.

5.5 The ISPA Board, comprising of one Councillor from each of the local planning authorities, plus a Councillor from Suffolk County Council, provides the forum by which the five authorities co-operate on strategic planning matters.

5.6 A Statement of Common Ground has been developed by the ISPA Board throughout the production of the authorities' local plans. This sets out the ways in which the authorities have worked together on the strategic cross boundary planning matters and the outcomes that have been reached.

East Suffolk District (former Waveney District area)

5.7 Engagement has taken place with the former Waveney District Council in the preparation of evidence base studies including the Strategic Housing Market Assessment and the Employment Land Needs Assessment, recognising that the former Waveney District area has its own Housing Market Area and Functional Economic Area. The former Waveney District Council and taken forward as East Suffolk Council, has also been involved in the production of a Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS) in respect of the mitigating the impact of development on European Protected Sites. It is agreed that a Statement of Common Ground is not required in respect of strategic cross-boundary planning matters.

West Suffolk District

5.8 Engagement with West Suffolk is being undertaken through discussions on strategic cross-boundary matters including transport and health. West Suffolk Council have also identified potential impacts of development proposed in Mid Suffolk on the town of Bury St Edmunds and leisure provision.

5.9 Transport modelling work has been undertaken for the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan, to which West Suffolk Council have inputted their development assumptions, and has been produced in collaboration with Suffolk County Council. Highways England are also involved.

5.10 A Statement of Common Ground has been developed with West Suffolk Council.

Braintree District, Colchester Borough, and Tendring District (North Essex authorities) and Essex County Council

5.11 No strategic cross-boundary matters have been raised through public consultation from each of these authorities. A Statement of Common Ground is not deemed necessary.

5.12 Any strategic infrastructure matters are addressed through engagement with infrastructure providers and are detailed in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Breckland and South Norfolk Districts and Norfolk County Council

5.13 No strategic cross-boundary matters have been raised through public consultation from each of these authorities. A Statement of Common Ground is not deemed necessary.

5.14 As mentioned earlier in this statement, meetings are also held two to three times a year with Norfolk planning authorities to jointly consider and address any strategic cross-boundary matters raised at a Norfolk and Suffolk geography.

5.15 Mid Suffolk District Council and South Norfolk Council have engaged and continue engage on any matters arising from the development of the emerging Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan, which encompasses the town of Diss in South Norfolk, three parishes in South Norfolk, and three parishes in Mid Suffolk.

Infrastructure

5.16 Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have worked constructively with a range of infrastructure providers in developing the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and continue to do so, to identify the infrastructure needs associated with development planned for in the new Joint Local Plan. This includes the following organisations:

- Suffolk County Council
- Highways England
- Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group
- West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group
- North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group
- Greater Anglia
- Network Rail
- Anglian Water
- Essex and Suffolk Water (Northumbrian Water)
- The Environment Agency
- National Grid
- UK Power Networks
- Sport England

Statements of Common Ground have been prepared with many of these organisations.

Environment

- 5.17 Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have worked collaboratively with the Environment Agency, Anglian Water, and Essex and Suffolk Water (Northumbrian Water) on the production of a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Water Cycle Study. Statements of Common Ground have been developed.
- 5.18 The Councils have worked collaboratively with Historic England on the preparation of a methodology for a Heritage Impact Assessment and the presentational approach to support the sites allocated within the Joint Local Plan. A Statement of Common Ground has been developed.
- 5.19 The Councils have worked collaboratively with Natural England and the ISPA authorities on the preparation of the Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy. The Councils have also worked with Natural England on the preparation of a Water Cycle Study and an Appropriate Assessment. Statements of Common Ground have been developed.

Summary of cooperation

Appendix 1 sets out a summary of cooperation on strategic cross-boundary planning matters as at November 2020.

Appendix 2 sets out the Statements of Common Ground being produced as at November 2020.

Appendix 3 sets out the Statements of Common Ground produced as at March 2021.

Appendix 1: Summary of co-operation on strategic cross-boundary planning matters (November 2020)

Strategic matter	Issue(s)	Relevant partners	Management and working arrangements	Evidence base	Outcome	Ongoing cooperation	Further reference
Housing	<p>Identification of the housing market area as an appropriate functional geography</p> <p>Considering whether the Districts are required to meet any needs from neighbouring authorities</p>	<p>Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council (Suffolk Coastal Local Plan area), Ipswich Borough Council and Mid Suffolk District Council (ISPA).</p> <p>Braintree District Council,</p>	<p>Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Board considers strategic matters relevant to the ISPA.</p> <p>Joint evidence commissioned across the ISPA and with East Suffolk Council (Waveney</p>	<p>Ipswich and Waveney Strategic Housing Market Assessment (Part 1, 2017)¹.</p> <p>Gypsy, Traveller, Travelling Showpeople and Boat Dwellers Accommodation Needs Assessment (2017)².</p>	<p>The ISPA represents the area identified as the Ipswich Housing Market Area. Each local planning authority to seek to meet its own need in its own area. No local planning authority area has any</p>	<p>Through the ISPA Board and through ongoing discussions with neighbouring authorities in the production of their Local Plans.</p>	<p>Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Statement of Common Ground (June 2020)³.</p> <p>Waveney Local Plan Duty to Cooperate Statement on Housing Market Area, Functional Economic Area and Objectively</p>

¹ Ipswich and Waveney Housing Market Areas Strategic Housing Market Assessment Part 1 (Peter Brett Associates, May 2017)

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Ipswich-and-Waveney-Housing-Market-Areas-Strategic-Housing-Market-Assessment-Part-1-May-2017.pdf>

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Ipswich-and-Waveney-Housing-Market-Areas-Strategic-Housing-Market-Assessment-Part-1-May-2017.pdf>

² Gypsy, Traveller, Traveller Showpeople and Boat Dwellers Accommodation Needs Assessment (RRR Consultancy, May 2017)

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Final-ANA-Report-May-2017.pdf>

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Final-ANA-Report-May-2017.pdf>

³ Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council – Statement of Common Ground in relation to Strategic Cross Boundary Planning Matters in the Ipswich Strategic Planning Area (Version 6 – June 2020)

https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/a21_-_ispa_statement_of_common_ground_-_v6_june_2020_final.pdf

		Breckland Council, Colchester Borough Council, East Suffolk Council (Waveney Local Plan area), South Norfolk Council, Tendring District Council and West Suffolk Council (non-ISPA).	Local Plan area) outside of the ISPA.		unmet needs identified. The housing needs and the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople to be met within Babergh and Mid Suffolk Districts within the Ipswich Housing Market Area are set out in the Joint Local Plan.		Assessed Need (August 2018) ⁴ . Draft Ipswich Local Plan Statement of Common Ground with Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils (June 2020) ⁵ .
Employment	Definition of Functional Economic Area and approach to meeting employment needs across the	Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council (Suffolk Coastal Local Plan area),	Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Board considers strategic matters	Ipswich and Waveney Economic Areas Employment Land Needs	The ISPA represents the area identified as the Ipswich Functional Economic Area.	Through the ISPA Board and through ongoing discussions with neighbouring	Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Statement of Common

⁴ Waveney Local Plan Duty to Cooperate Statement on Housing Market Area, Functional Economic Area and Objectively Assessed Need (Waveney District Council, August 2018) www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/newwaveneylocalplan (See Waveney Local Plan Examination Document Library)

⁵ Draft Ipswich Local Plan Statement of Common Ground with Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils (June 2020)
[https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/a26 - draft statement of common ground with bmsdc.pdf](https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/a26_-_draft_statement_of_common_ground_with_bmsdc.pdf)

	Ipswich Strategic Planning Area	Ipswich Borough Council and Mid Suffolk District Council (ISPA). East Suffolk Council (Waveney Local Plan area). New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership.	relevant to the ISPA. Joint evidence commissioned across the ISPA and with East Suffolk Council (Waveney Local Plan area) outside of the ISPA.	Assessment (2016) ⁶ . Ipswich Economic Area Sector Needs Assessment (2017) ⁷ .	The employment needs identified are addressed through the strategic policies in the Joint Local Plan.	authorities in the production of their Local Plans.	Ground (June 2020) ⁸ . Waveney Local Plan Duty to Cooperate Statement on Housing Market Area, Functional Economic Area and Objectively Assessed Need (August 2018) ⁹ .
Infrastructure	Provision of infrastructure to meet needs of	Suffolk County Council, Highways England,	Engagement with infrastructure providers	Babergh and Mid Suffolk Infrastructure	Infrastructure requirements are detailed in the	Ongoing cooperation in the preparation of each	Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Statement of

⁶ Ipswich and Waveney Economic Areas Employment Land Needs Assessment (March 2016)

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/ipswichandwaveneyelnafinalreport09.03.16.pdf>

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/ipswichandwaveneyelnafinalreport09.03.16.pdf>

⁷ Ipswich Economic Area Sector Needs Assessment (September 2017)

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Ipswich-Economic-Area-Sector-Needs-Assessment-Sept-2017.pdf>

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Ipswich-Economic-Area-Sector-Needs-Assessment-Sept-2017.pdf>

⁸ Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council – Statement of Common Ground in relation to Strategic Cross Boundary Planning Matters in the Ipswich Strategic Planning Area (Version 6 – June 2020)

https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/a21_-_ispa_statement_of_common_ground_-_v6_june_2020_final.pdf

⁹ Waveney Local Plan Duty to Cooperate Statement on Housing Market Area, Functional Economic Area and Objectively Assessed Need (Waveney District Council, August 2018) www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/newwaveneylocalplan (See Waveney Local Plan Examination Document Library)

	growth set out in Local Plans.	Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group, West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group, North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group, Greater Anglia, Network Rail, Anglian Water, Essex and Suffolk Water (Northumbrian Water), The Environment Agency,	through the preparation of an Infrastructure Delivery Plan as evidence for the Joint Local Plan. Engagement with neighbouring authorities. Evidence commissioned on transport modelling with the ISPA authorities.	Delivery Plan (July 2019) ¹⁰ . Babergh and Mid Suffolk Infrastructure Delivery Plan (September 2020) ¹¹ . Local Plan Transport Modelling – Forecasting Report Volume 1 Suffolk Coastal and	Infrastructure Delivery Plan as evidence for the Joint Local Plan. The Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Statement of Common Ground (June 2020) identifies cross boundary infrastructure requirements.	iteration of the IDP.	Common Ground (June 2020) ²² . Suffolk's Local Transport Plan ²³ . Suffolk Guidance for Parking (May 2019) ²⁴ . Suffolk County Council Developers Guide to
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¹⁰ Babergh and Mid Suffolk Infrastructure Delivery Plan (July 2019)

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/BMSDC-IDP-July-2019-.pdf>

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/BMSDC-IDP-July-2019-.pdf>

¹¹ Babergh and Mid Suffolk Infrastructure Delivery Plan (September 2020)

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Infrastructure2020/BMSDC-IDP-Sept-2020.pdf>

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Infrastructure2020/BMSDC-IDP-Sept-2020.pdf>

²² Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council – Statement of Common Ground in relation to Strategic Cross Boundary Planning Matters in the Ipswich Strategic Planning Area (Version 6 – June 2020)

https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/a21_-_ispa_statement_of_common_ground_-_v6_june_2020_final.pdf

²³ Suffolk's Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2031 <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-planning/transport-planning-strategy-and-plans/>

²⁴ Suffolk Guidance for Parking 2019 <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/planning-waste-and-environment/planning-and-development-advice/Suffolk-Guidance-for-Parking-2019-Adopted-by-SCC.pdf>

		National Grid, UK Power Networks, Sport England, New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and neighbouring authorities.	<p>Evidence commissioned on transport modelling with input from West Suffolk Council.</p> <p>Engagement with Suffolk County Council on strategic highways matters.</p> <p>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Water</p>	<p>Ipswich (August 2018)¹².</p> <p>Local Plan Transport Modelling – Forecasting Report Volume 2 Suffolk Coastal and Ipswich (January 2019)¹³.</p> <p>Local Plan Transport Modelling – Forecasting</p>	The Infrastructure Delivery Plan and the Joint Local Plan reflect these outcomes.		<p>Infrastructure Contributions²⁵.</p> <p>ISPA Transport Mitigation Strategy (August 2019)²⁶.</p> <p>Interim SOCG with Greater Anglia and Network Rail has been developed.</p> <p>Draft SOCG with Anglian Water and Natural</p>
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¹² Local Plan Transport Modelling – Forecasting Report Volume 1 Suffolk Coastal and Ipswich (August 2018).

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Transport-Modelling/Local-Plan-Transport-Modelling-Results-Report-Volume-1-Suffolk-Coastal-and-Ipswich-WSP-August-2018.pdf>

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Transport-Modelling/Local-Plan-Transport-Modelling-Results-Report-Volume-1-Suffolk-Coastal-and-Ipswich-WSP-August-2018.pdf>

¹³ Local Plan Transport Modelling – Forecasting Report Volume 2 Suffolk Coastal and Ipswich (January 2019).

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Transport-Modelling/Transport-Modelling-Results-Report-January-2019.pdf>

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Transport-Modelling/Transport-Modelling-Methodology-Report-January-2019.pdf>

²⁵ Suffolk County Council Developers Guide to Infrastructure Contributions in Suffolk [https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/planning-and-development-advice/section-106-planning-obligations/developers-guide-to-infrastructure-contributions-in-suffolk/#Developers%20Guide to Infrastructure Contributions in Suffolk](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/planning-and-development-advice/section-106-planning-obligations/developers-guide-to-infrastructure-contributions-in-suffolk/#Developers%20Guide%20to%20Infrastructure%20Contributions%20in%20Suffolk)

²⁶ Suffolk County Council Transport Mitigation Strategy for the Ipswich Strategic Planning Area <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/public-transport-and-transport-planning/ISPA-Transport-Mitigation-v13F.pdf>

			Cycle Study commissioned with input from the Environment Agency, Anglian Water and Essex and Suffolk Water. Engagement with neighbouring authorities where water recycling centre catchments cross boundaries.	Report (August 2019) ¹⁴ . Local Plan Transport Modelling – Strategic Road Network Technical Note (August 2019) ¹⁵ . Local Plan Modelling – Forecasting Report Babergh, Mid Suffolk and Ipswich (January 2020) ¹⁶ .			England being developed. Interim SOCG with the Environment Agency has been developed. Draft SOCG with Essex and Suffolk Water is being developed.
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¹⁴ Local Plan Transport Modelling – Forecasting Report – Updated 2026 and 2036 forecasts with demand adjustments (August 2019)

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Transport-Modelling/Ipswich-Strategic-Planning-Area-Local-Plan-Modelling-Forecasting-Report-August-2019.pdf>

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Transport-Modelling/Ipswich-Strategic-Planning-Area-Local-Plan-Modelling-Forecasting-Report-August-2019.pdf>

¹⁵ Local Plan Transport Modelling – Strategic Road Network Technical Note (August 2019).

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Transport-Modelling/Ipswich-Strategic-Planning-Area-Local-Plan-Modelling-Strategic-Road-Network-Technical-Note-August-2019-1.pdf>

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Transport-Modelling/Ipswich-Strategic-Planning-Area-Local-Plan-Modelling-Strategic-Road-Network-Technical-Note-August-2019-1.pdf>

¹⁶ Local Plan Transport Modelling – Forecasting Report – Forecasts with demand adjustments (January 2020)

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Transport-Modelling/2020/200115-IPSA-MR7-SCC-Hwy-Results-Report.pdf>

				<p>Local Plan Transport Model Run 9 Forecasting Report Babergh and Mid Suffolk and appendices (October 2020)¹⁷.</p> <p>Local Plan Transport Model Run 9 Sensitivity Test (November 2020)¹⁸</p> <p>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1 (August</p>			Interim SOCG with Suffolk County Council and Highways England has been developed.
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¹⁷ Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Model Run 9 Forecasting Report and Appendices (October 2020)

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Transport-Modelling/Ipswich-Strategic-Planning-Area-Local-Plan-Modelling-Forecasting-Report-Oct-2020.pdf>

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¹⁸ Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Model Run 9 Sensitivity Test (November 2020)

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<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/JLPExamination/CoreDocLibrary/E-EvidenceBase/Transport-ET/ET14-ISPA-Local-Plan-Modelling-Technical-Note-Nov-2020.pdf>

				2020) and Level 2 (October 2020) ¹⁹ Water Cycle Study (October 2020) ²⁰ Water Cycle Study Addendum (October 2020) ²¹			
Protected European sites	Mitigation and avoidance of impacts on European site from increased recreational pressure.	Babergh District Council, Mid Suffolk District Council, East Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council and	Working group set up to prepare the Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy. Joint commissioning of consultants	Habitats Regulations Assessments for all Local Plans.	A Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (May 2019) has	Through implementation of the strategy.	Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Statement of Common Ground (June 2020) ²⁸ .

¹⁹ Babergh and Mid Suffolk Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1 (August 2020) and Level 2 (October 2020) <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/evidence-base/current-evidence/sfra/> and <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/evidence-base/current-evidence/sfra/>

²⁰ Babergh and Mid Suffolk Water Cycle Study (October 2020) <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/WCS2020/BMSDC-WCS-Report-Oct20.pdf> and <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/WCS2020/BMSDC-WCS-Report-Oct20.pdf>

²¹ Babergh and Mid Suffolk Water Cycle Study Addendum (October 2020) <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/WCS2020/BMSDC-WCS-Addendum-Oct20.pdf> and <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/WCS2020/BMSDC-WCS-Addendum-Oct20.pdf>

²⁸ Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council – Statement of Common Ground in relation to Strategic Cross Boundary Planning Matters in the Ipswich Strategic Planning Area (Version 6 – June 2020) https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/a21_-_ispa_statement_of_common_ground_-_v6_june_2020_final.pdf

		Natural England.	to prepare the strategy. An Executive Board has been established to recommend how monies collected are spent to mitigate the impact of developments on the European sites affected by the development.		been published ²⁷ . A strategic policy (SP09) reflects the preparation of this strategy.		
Retail, Leisure and Other Commercial	Impact of proposed development on swimming pool provision in Bury St Edmunds Acknowledgement of the role of Ipswich town centre within the	Mid Suffolk District Council and West Suffolk Council. Babergh District Council, East					Draft Interim SOCG with West Suffolk Council is being developed. Ipswich Strategic Planning Area Statement of

²⁷ Habitats Regulations Assessment Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy for Ipswich Borough, Babergh District, Mid Suffolk District and East Suffolk Councils – Technical Report (May 2019)

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/RAMS/Suffolk-HRA-RAMS-Strategy.pdf>

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/RAMS/Suffolk-HRA-RAMS-Strategy.pdf>

	Functional Economic Area.	Suffolk Council (Suffolk Coastal Local Plan area), Ipswich Borough Council and Mid Suffolk District Council (ISPA).					Common Ground (June 2020) ²⁹ .
Heritage	Heritage Impact of proposed site allocations identified for development on heritage assets	Babergh District Council, Mid Suffolk District Council, Historic England	Evidence base commissioned for heritage impact assessments to be undertaken with input from Historic England into the methodology.	Heritage Impact Assessment Stage 1 ³⁰ (October 2020) and Stage 2 (October 2020) ³¹ .			Interim SOCG with Historic England has been developed.

²⁹ Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council – Statement of Common Ground in relation to Strategic Cross Boundary Planning Matters in the Ipswich Strategic Planning Area (Version 6 – June 2020)

[https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/a21 - ispa statement of common ground - v6 june 2020 final.pdf](https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/a21_-_ispa_statement_of_common_ground_-_v6_june_2020_final.pdf)

³⁰ Babergh and Mid Suffolk Heritage Impact Assessment Stage 1 (October 2020) <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/JLPReg19/FullCouncil/JLP-Core-Documents/Full-Council-Nov-2020.pdf> and <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Heritage-2020/BMSDC-HIA-Stage-1-Strategic-Assessment.pdf>

³¹ Babergh and Mid Suffolk Heritage Impact Assessment Stage 2 (October 2020) <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Heritage-2020/BMSDC-HIA-Stage-2-Report.pdf> and <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Heritage-2020/BMSDC-HIA-Stage-2-Report.pdf>

Appendix 2

Statements of Common Ground as at November 2020

Statement of Common Ground	Additional Signatories	Matters	Status
Ipswich Strategic Planning Area (ISPA) (Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council, Mid Suffolk District Council)	Natural England Suffolk County Council	Alignment of timetables; Strategic Policies and Vision for the ISPA; Agreeing the approach to the delivery of the housing requirement; Impact of bordering strategic housing developments; Defining the functional economic market and objectively assessed need; Impact of bordering strategic employment land developments; Enhancement and regeneration of retail centres; Strategic Infrastructure Priorities; Identification of cumulative / cross border infrastructure requirements resulting from planned growth, and mitigation measures, including modal shift; Mitigation of potential impacts upon internationally protected sites.	Version 6 published June 2020.
Babergh District Council, Mid Suffolk District Council, West Suffolk Council		Cross-boundary highways impacts, public transport provision, health, sport and leisure.	Interim Statement of Common Ground being developed.
Suffolk County Council		Infrastructure provision, archaeology, flood risk and water management, mineral resources and facilities safeguarding, health and wellbeing, specialist housing, natural environment, rural economy, waste provision and facilities safeguarding, education, libraries.	Interim dated October 2020 published.
Suffolk County Council and Highways England		Strategic road network, strategic transport matters.	Interim dated October 2020 published.
NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group (IESCCG); NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group (WSCCG);		Health provision, health and wellbeing.	Interim dated October 2020 published.

West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (WSFT); East Suffolk and North Essex Foundation Trust (ESNEFT); Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (NSFT); East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST)			
Historic England		Proposed site allocations and their impact on Historic Assets. Recommendations from Heritage Impact Assessment work.	Interim dated November 2020 published.
Greater Anglia, Network Rail and Suffolk County Council		Rail station improvements in Needham Market, Stowmarket and Thurston.	Interim dated October 2020 published.
The Environment Agency		Strategic Flood Risk Assessment recommendations for proposed site allocations. Water Cycle Study.	Interim dated October 2020 published.
Anglian Water and Natural England		Wastewater	Interim dated October 2020 being developed.
Essex and Suffolk Water (Northumbrian Water)		Hartismere Water Resource Zone.	Dated October 2020 being developed.

Appendix 3

Statements of Common Ground as at March 2021

Statement of Common Ground	Additional Signatories	Matters	Status
Ipswich Strategic Planning Area (ISPA) (Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council, Mid Suffolk District Council)	Natural England Suffolk County Council	As Appendix 2 and updated.	Version 7 published March 2021.
Babergh District Council, Mid Suffolk District Council, West Suffolk Council		As Appendix 2 and updated.	Published March 2021.
Suffolk County Council		Infrastructure provision, archaeology, education, flood risk and water management, waste.	Published March 2021.
Suffolk County Council and Highways England		Strategic road network, strategic and non-strategic transport matters, Public Rights of Way, transport mitigation and modal shift.	Published March 2021.
NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group (IESCCG); NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group (WSCCG); West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (WSFT); East Suffolk and North Essex Foundation Trust (ESNEFT); Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (NSFT);		As Appendix 2 and updated.	Published March 2021.

East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST)			
Historic England		Proposed site allocations and their impact on Historic Assets.	Published March 2021.
Greater Anglia, Network Rail and Suffolk County Council		As Appendix 2 and updated.	Published March 2021.
The Environment Agency		As Appendix 2 and updated.	Published March 2021.
Anglian Water, Natural England and the Environment Agency		Wastewater.	Published March 2021.
Essex and Suffolk Water (Northumbrian Water)		As Appendix 2 and signed.	Dated October 2020, published March 2021.
Natural England		Clarifications to the Habitats Regulations Assessment, air quality impacts on Habitats Sites, biodiversity.	Published March 2021.