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Matthew Giles
Plans Team
The Planning Inspectorate

(sent via e-mail to plans.admin@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

Dear Matthew

Submission of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan (Regulation 22)

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are pleased to submit their Joint Local Plan 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 following documents and information are submitted:

- 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.

Our initial view of the potential main issues for the Examination is set out on pages 77 to 116 of the Consultation Statement (Regulation 22(c) Statement). It is expected that no more than 356 respondents would seek to appear at the Hearings and that at least approximately 10 hearing days may be required. The Councils' preferred date for the opening of any hearing part of the Examination is 5th July 2021 or earlier if possible.



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The Councils have appointed Mrs Annette Feeney as the Programme Officer for the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Examination. Mrs Feeney can be contacted at annette.feeney@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk or on 07775 771026. The postal address is:

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An Examination website has been created for the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan.

The Councils request that the appointed Inspector recommends Main Modifications in accordance with Section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) if it is provided that Main Modifications are necessary to make the plan sound and legally compliant.

Each Council does not wish to fix their five-year housing land supply through the Examination.

Yours sincerely



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