

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

## **Statement of Common Ground**

**Between**

**Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC)**

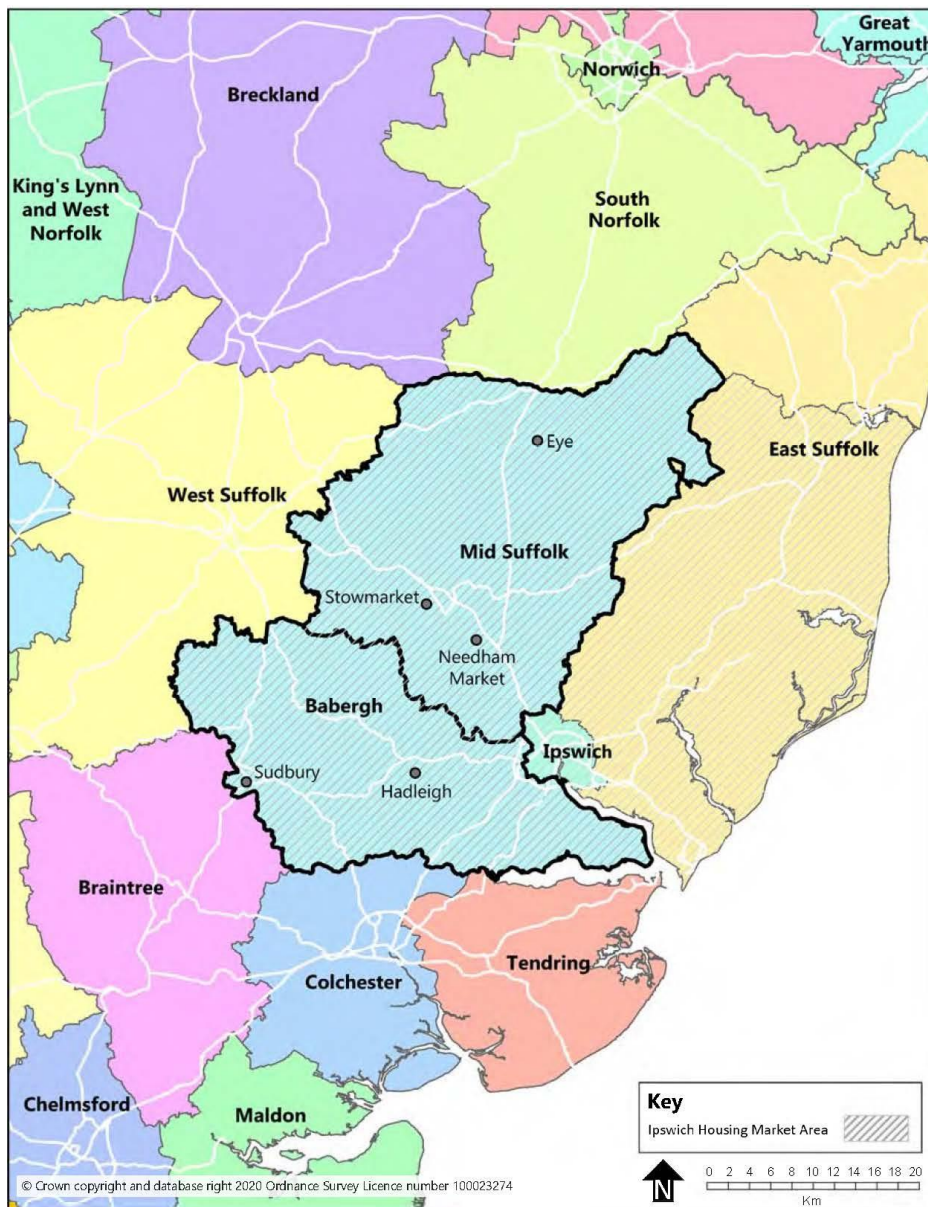
**and**

**Essex and Suffolk Water (Northumbrian Water Ltd) (ESW)**

**October 2020**

### **1. Areas covered by the Statement of Common Ground**

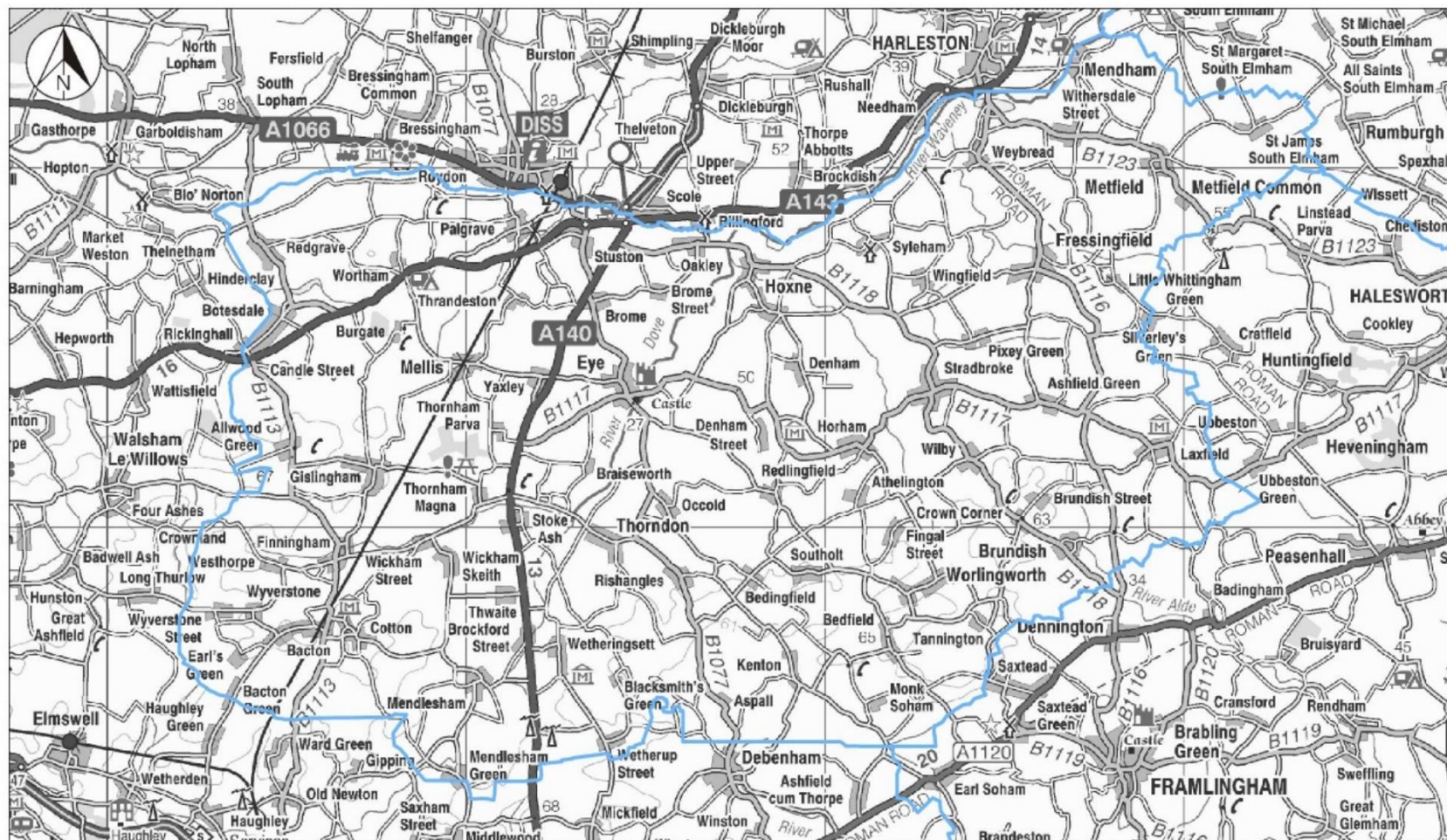
The Statement of Common Ground relates to the area covered by the local planning authority of Mid Suffolk District Council, who are preparing a Joint Local Plan with Babergh District Council.



The table below confirms the percentage of the population within a local authority that ESW supply. For Mid Suffolk, this is all within the Hartismere Water Resource Zone (WRZ).

Local Authority ESW Supply Area	% of LA Supplied by ESW
Great Yarmouth	96
Mid Suffolk	27.5
South Norfolk	1.4
Suffolk Coastal	28.7
Uttlesford	0.8
Waveney	100

The map below illustrates the boundary (in blue) of ESW's Hartismere Water Resource Zone.



**ESSEX & SUFFOLK**  
**WATER** *living water*

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Map Sheet : TM17

Title : Hartismere WRZ

Centre Point : 617511,272825

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## **Signatories to this Statement of Common Ground**

The signatories to this Statement of Common Ground are:

- Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC); and
- Essex and Suffolk Water (Northumbrian Water Limited) (ESW)

## **3. Purpose and scope of Statement of Common Ground**

To confirm the water needs generated by the planned growth in Mid Suffolk District, identified in the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan, can be met.

To confirm ESW's supply demand balance and its ability to meet future household and non-household water demand in the next 7 years. This information was shared with MSDC in August 2020 during the preparation of a Water Cycle Study to inform the Joint Local Plan.

## **4. Strategic matters being addressed**

- i) Water supply.

Through the production of a Water Cycle Study for Babergh and Mid Suffolk, ESW commented that the supply headroom in its Hartismere Water Resource Zone (WRZ) has now been exhausted by new non-household demand and so this would affect future non-household development.

### Outcomes

A meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020, where ESW confirmed they could meet expected household growth in the Water Resource Management period (2020 to 2025). It was also confirmed that ESW expect to be able to support the relevant proposed overall growth in the Joint Local Plan lifetime through future investment plans.

ESW is however unable to provide water in the current Water Resource Management Plan period for new non-domestic processing activities. If uses of this kind were to come forward for development, then the water required would need to be planned for in the next Water Resource Management Plan period (Periodic Review 2024 known as PR24). This would also require investment in infrastructure or water transfer which would unlikely be operational until 2027. In the meantime, and where appropriate, businesses requiring additional non-domestic supplies should consider other options including, but not limited to, opportunities for water recycling.



Additional investment can be made by ESW through the next Water Resources Management Plan to further support the planned growth within the Hartismere WRZ.

**ESW submit that the planned growth for the Hartismere WRZ within the Joint Local Plan can be supported, and that additional investment can be undertaken through the PR24 Water Resources Management Planning process subject to support by Ofwat.**

## **5. Process for reviewing the Statement of Common Ground**

The Statement of Common Ground will be reviewed if exceptional urgent matters emerge and will be updated where amendments are necessary.

## 6. Signatories

<p>Signed on behalf of Mid Suffolk District Council</p>  <p>Name: Tom Barker Position: Assistant Director Sustainable Communities</p>	<p>Date: 22/10/20</p>
<p>Signed on behalf of Essex and Suffolk Water (Northumbrian Water Ltd)</p>  <p>Name: Keith Haslett Position: Water Director</p>	<p>Date: 12/11/20</p>