

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council Joint Local Plan

Statement of Common Ground

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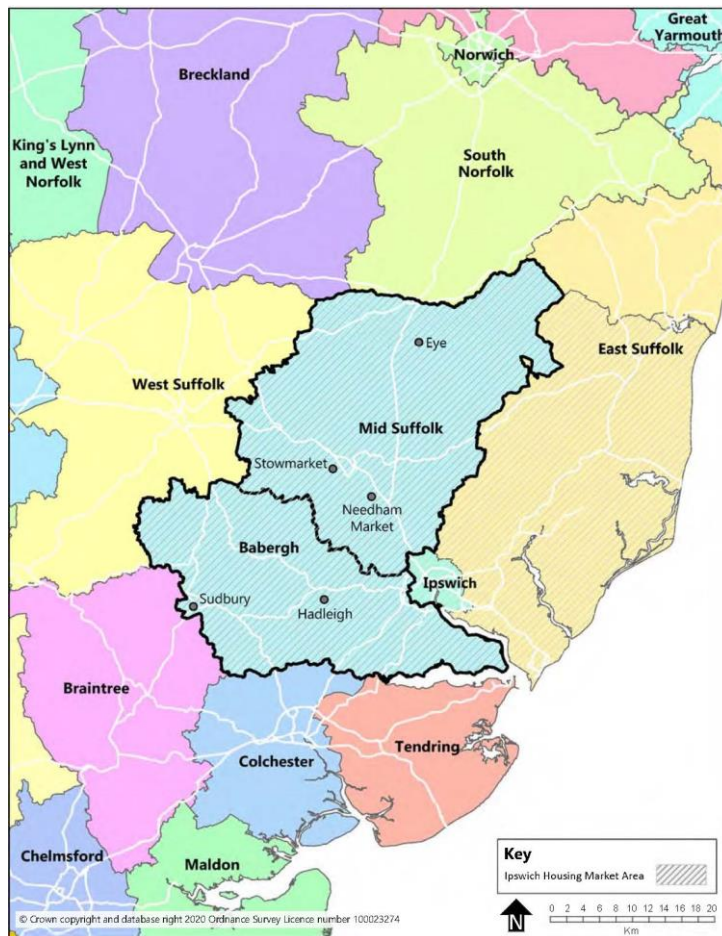
Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils and

The NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group (IESCCG), the NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group (WSCCG), the West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (WSFT), the East Suffolk and North Essex Foundation Trust (ESNEFT), the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (NSFT) and the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST)

March 2021

1. Areas covered by the Statement of Common Ground

The Statement of Common Ground relates to the area covered by the local planning authorities of Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council.



2. Signatories to this Statement of Common Ground

The signatories to this Statement of Common Ground are:

- Babergh District Council,
- Mid Suffolk District Council, and
- Ipswich & East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group & West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group,
- West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (Acute hospital and community services),
- East Suffolk and North Essex Foundation Trust (Acute hospitals and community services),
- Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust (Mental health services),
- East of England Ambulance Service Trust.

3. Purpose and Scope of Statement of Common Ground

Local planning authorities have a statutory duty to co-operate with specified bodies in relation to strategic planning matters. The NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups are a prescribed body subject to the duty to co-operate as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and are required to be involved in the plan-making process.

Responses were made by the Clinical Commissioning Groups to the consultation on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Preferred Options document (July 2019). The comments made were taken into account in the preparation of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) Document (November 2020), and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils sought to address the concerns raised as detailed in the interim Statement of Common Ground (October 2020) (Core Document Library reference ES05).

There has been extensive ongoing engagement between Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils and the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) throughout the preparation of the Joint Local Plan. This statement sets out a position to confirm that Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are continuing to work collaboratively with the CCGs on infrastructure matters and those matters raised in response to the Regulation 19 consultation.

4. Matters raised

The nature of the CCG's response to the JLP Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) Document (November 2020) includes the follow matters:

- Affordable Housing (key worker housing)
- Climate Change
- Supported and Special Housing Needs (demographic of patients)
- Environmental Protection
- Biodiversity and Geodiversity to support Health and Wellbeing
- Sustainable Construction and Design in relation to active travel
- Health Provision and prevention of land locking

5. Funding of projects and delivery

The funding mechanisms referred to in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan use cost multipliers which are provided by the infrastructure providers, such as SCC in terms of education, libraries and waste, and the health providers for health provision. Most cost multipliers are reviewed annually to take account of inflation and other legislative or government practice or local Guidance/ advice. Therefore, it is important to acknowledge that the cost estimations based on cost multiplier may change over time and because when projects are finally designed and costed out, unforeseen cost may present themselves.

Infrastructure projects particularly those which are outside of the Districts geographical boundaries but where growth within our Districts contribute to the need for this infrastructure require effective collaboration between all the parties concerned. This may involve infrastructure providers and local Parishes but will also involve working with other local authorities. In order to deliver these projects both Districts would be seeking to resolve how the infrastructure can be jointly funded and delivered to timescales which are agreed. The information on these cross-boundary infrastructure projects provide estimates based on the use of current cost multipliers for our own Districts only. These figures cannot be relied on for total project costs or as guarantees that these monies will be forthcoming at these levels as CIL expenditure (over £10,000) are decisions made by each Districts Cabinet subject to thorough assessment against the criteria in the CIL Expenditure Framework. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan sets out infrastructure priorities for each District and has been worked on collaboratively with infrastructure providers to establish the type, nature, estimated cost (using cost multipliers) of infrastructure projects. It will be important, with each infrastructure project, (particularly cross boundary projects) to fully scope and establish the opportunities for other funding sources and mechanisms to address any funding gaps. This will involve effective collaborative work between all the relevant organisations/parties to ensure that the infrastructure is delivered effectively and in a timely manner.

It is also important to note that to access CIL funds for infrastructure projects within Babergh and Mid Suffolk the infrastructure must be contained within the Councils Infrastructure Funding Statements (Infrastructure List). CIL bids are determined under the Councils Expenditure Framework. This requires the submission of Bids in a prescribed format which would then be validated screened (for availability of other funding) before being prioritised (against agreed criteria). The CIL bids will be included in a CIL Expenditure Programme (undertaken at least twice a year) and determined by the relevant Council Cabinet (where spend is over £10,000). The agreed prioritisation criteria are set out in the CIL Expenditure Framework (April 2020). Affordability of the infrastructure, and whether there is a need (i.e. critical, essential, or desirable as contained within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and where appropriate included within other strategies of the Councils) are key components of the CIL expenditure scheme.

Outcomes

It is agreed that all parties will continue to work collaboratively on matters identified in this Statement of Common Ground as the Joint Local Plan progresses to Examination.



Additionally, the parties will also continue to work collaboratively on:

- **Further analysis of the impact of cumulative growth along the A14 Corridor to assist with better understanding of cross boundary matters, in particular within the Ipswich area, the Western area of Mid Suffolk and Bury St Edmunds, and the Manningtree area. It is hoped to develop this A14 Cumulative Growth study into a Project Plan with the CCGs over the Summer 2021.**

6. Process for reviewing the Statement of Common Ground

This Statement of Common Ground consists of a final position prior to Submission of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan for Examination, and all parties will continue to work collaboratively.

7. Signatories

<p>Signed on behalf of Babergh District Council</p>  <p>Name: Tom Barker Position: Assistant Director, Sustainable Communities</p>	<p>Date: 26/3/21</p>
<p>Signed on behalf of Mid Suffolk District Council</p>  <p>Name: Tom Barker Position: Assistant Director, Sustainable Communities</p>	<p>Date: 26/3/21</p>
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