



Babergh District Council Adoption Statement for Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan – Part 1 2018-2037

Notification under Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), and Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the above Regulations and Act, notice is hereby given that the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 2018-2037 was formally adopted by Babergh District Council on 21st November 2023.

The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 2018-2037 is split into two sections. Section A consists of the Vision, Objectives and Strategic Policies. Section B consists of Non-Strategic Local Policies (Development Management Policies). The policies in the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 2018-2037 form part of the Development Plan for the District, and the schedule of superseded policies is detailed in Appendix 3 of the Development Plan Document. Some policies from the previous Development Plan Documents have been saved, and these remaining saved policies also form part of the Development Plan. A live list of planning policies (including remaining saved policies) is maintained on the Babergh District Council website and can be viewed at: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/web/babergh/w/saved-policies>. Alongside the Joint Local Plan and saved policies, the Development Plan also consists of any made (adopted) Neighbourhood Plans and the Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan (2020).

The Joint Local Plan Part 1 2018-2037 was the subject of an independent examination conducted by inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State, Malcolm Rivett BA(Hons) MSc MRTPI and Alison Partington BA(Hons) MA MRTPI. The examination hearing sessions were held on 21st June, between 22nd September and 21st October 2021 and between 26th and 28th June 2023. The Inspectors' Report was issued on 19th September 2023 and concluded that the Joint Local Plan Part 1 is sound and legally compliant, subject to the Inspectors' Main Modifications pursuant to Section 20(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The adopted Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 2018-2037 incorporates all the Main Modifications set out in the appendix to the Inspectors' Report, as well as Additional Modifications agreed by the Council.

The adopted Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 2018-2037 document, Policies Map, and Sustainability Appraisal Report can be viewed on the Council's website at www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan. Hard copies of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 2018-2037 are available at Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX, Sudbury Library, Market Hill, Sudbury, CO10 2EN and 54 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket, IP14 1AD.

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 2018-2037 may make an application to the High Court, under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, on the grounds that the document is not within the appropriate power of the local planning authority and/or a procedural requirement has not been complied with. Any such application must be made in the period beginning with the day after the date of adoption until no later than 2nd January 2024.

If you have any questions, or require the documents in an alternative format, please contact the Strategic Planning Policy team by telephone on 0300 1234 000 (Option 5, then Option 4) or e-mail localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

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