

Public Consultation Notice

The proposed 'Lower Gipping Valley Neighbourhood Plan Area'



Notice is hereby given that Mid Suffolk District Council has received an application from Bramford Parish Council who, together with Akenham Parish, Claydon & Whitton Parish Council, and Little Blakenham Parish Council are seeking to have their combined area designated for the purpose of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NP). Collectively, the project will be known as the 'Lower Gipping Valley Neighbourhood Plan'.

It is intended that once this Plan has been formally adopted it will be used by the relevant planning authority to help guide development decisions and determine planning applications.

Why are we consulting, and what are we consulting on?

Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning General Regulations (2012) (as amended) requires that all multi-parish applications must first be consulted on for a period of not less than six weeks. At the end of that period, the District Council must then decide whether or not to designate the plan area, and issue a Decision Notice within a prescribed time period.

The **Area Designation Application Form** and a **Map of the proposed NP Area** have been published online (see link below). The proposed area map is also reproduced at the end of this Notice.

Web link: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/LowerGippingValleyNP>

At this stage, we are only consulting on the area designation proposal, i.e., is it appropriate. This is not the time to submit detailed comments relating to any other planning issues in the proposed area.

How to respond

All comments must be made in writing and must be received by no later than 4:00pm on Tuesday 30 June 2026

You can e-mail those comments to communityplanning@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk or you can post them to: 'Lower Gipping Valley NP Area Consultation', c/o Planning Policy Team, Mid Suffolk District Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX.

Without prior agreement, it will not be possible to accept late representations.

All information collected and processed by us at this stage is by virtue of our requirement under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). All comments received will be made publicly available and may be identifiable by name / organisation. All other personal information provided will be protected in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

For more information on how we do this and your rights with regards to your personal information, and how to access it, please visit our website or call customer services on 0300 123 4000 and ask to speak to the Information Governance Officer.

Map of the proposed 'Lower Gipping Valley Neighbourhood Plan Area'

