

Date: Wednesday 5th March 2025

Dear consultee,

Adoption of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Joint Local Development Scheme – March 2025

We are writing to inform you that the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Development Scheme – March 2025 was approved by Babergh District Council on Wednesday 26th February 2025 and by Mid Suffolk District Council on Thursday 27th February 2025 for publication.

The Local Development Scheme is a document that sets out the Councils' timetable for the preparation and adoption of new planning documents, which will help guide development in the Districts. The revised Local Development Scheme also introduces the Councils' decision to not continue with the preparation of a Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 2 Development Plan Document, but to produce a full Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Review Development Plan Document under the provisions of the new plan-making system. The Joint Local Plan Review will set out the Councils' strategy for guiding development over the period to 2044.

This Local Development Scheme will update and entirely replace the Joint Local Development Scheme adopted in November 2023. Progress of the Local Development Scheme is reviewed at least annually as part of the Authority Monitoring Process, and this Local Development Scheme will be the subject of further review when the new Planning Regulations are published.

For further information on the Joint Local Development Scheme, please visit the following webpages:

https://www.babergh.gov.uk/joint-local-plan https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/joint-local-plan

Yours faithfully,

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