

## 1. Introduction

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are preparing a new local plan that will help to shape the future of the districts. This scoping consultation is an opportunity for us to gather early views from residents, businesses, and other stakeholders on key challenges, opportunities and priorities for the future.

All feedback at this stage will be reviewed and used to inform later stages of plan preparation, including draft policies and public engagement

To support this consultation we have prepared a baseline information document that provides information on the social, economic and environmental factors affecting the districts and a planning context document.

Further information and FAQs are available on our websites:

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

### **All questions are optional**

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1. What is your relationship to Babergh and/or Mid Suffolk? (Select all that apply)

- Resident
- Business
- Visitor
- Landowner
- Parish or Town Council
- Organisation
- Other: please state

2. If you are a resident, what is the first part of your postcode? (eg IP1 2)

3. If responding on behalf of an organisation or parish/town council, please tell us which one.

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## **2. SECTION 2 — Your Area and Priorities**

4. What do you value most about the place where you live, work or spend time?
  5. What are the biggest challenges facing your area over the next 20 years?
  6. What would most improve the quality of life in your community?
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## **3. SECTION 3 — Homes and Communities**

7. What is most important when planning for new housing and community infrastructure? Rank the following options (1 = most important, 8 = least important).

- Infrastructure
- Design quality
- Protecting countryside
- Affordability
- Access to transport
- Access to services
- Biodiversity
- Jobs

8. What types of homes are most important to deliver in Babergh / Mid Suffolk? Rank the following options (1 = most important, 7 = least important).

- Affordable homes
- Homes for older people
- Family homes
- Smaller homes
- Homes for younger people
- Accessible homes
- Self-build

9. The Government has set a requirement for at least 28,000 homes to be built collectively across Babergh and Mid Suffolk – where should future housing growth be focused? Rank the following options (1 = highest priority, 6 = lowest priority).

- Large towns
- Small towns
- Large villages
- Small villages
- Previously developed land
- Hamlets/countryside

10. A new settlement is a large-scale development with homes, jobs and supporting infrastructure designed to create a new community. Do you think a new settlement should be considered as part of the future growth strategy? (select one)

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

11. If yes, what size of new settlement do you think is most appropriate? Rank the following options (1 = most appropriate, 3 = least appropriate).

- 1,000-2,000 homes
- 3,000-4,000 homes
- 5,000+ homes

12. All new development will need to be supported by new and improved infrastructure. Which of the following infrastructure do you consider to be most important for new development? Rank the following options (1 = most important, 11 = least important).

- Roads
- Cycle paths
- Public transport
- Medical facilities
- Schools
- Education and training provision
- Employment and business infrastructure

- Community centres
  - Leisure
  - Sports
  - Cultural facilities
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#### **SECTION 4 — Environment and Climate**

13. Which environmental issues concern you most? Please rank the following options (1 = highest concern, 7 = lowest concern).

- Flooding
- Biodiversity loss
- Water supply
- Climate change
- Overheating
- Pollution
- Landscape impact

14. What green spaces, landscapes or natural features are most important to protect?

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#### **SECTION 5 — Economy**

15. What types of jobs and businesses should the districts support in future?

16. Where should future employment growth be located in the districts?

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#### **SECTION 6 — Transport**

17. What transport issues affect you most? Rank the following options (1 = highest concern, 7 = lowest concern).

- Traffic
- Congestion
- Poor public transport

- Lack of cycle routes and walking routes
- Parking
- EV charging
- Travel times

18. How could transport connections be improved across Babergh and Mid Suffolk?

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## **SECTION 7 — Engagement and Participation**

19. Has this consultation information been easy to understand and access?

- Yes
- No
- Partly

20. What could we do to improve future consultation and engagement?

21. Are there any groups or communities we should focus on in future consultations?

22. How would you prefer to be involved in future stages of the Local Plan? (Select all that apply)

- Online consultation
  - Drop-in events
  - Workshops
  - Social media
  - Focus groups
  - Parish meetings
  - Virtual events
  - Other: Please state
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## **SECTION 8 — Final Comments**

23. If there is anything we haven't asked in this questionnaire that you consider would ensure a better plan for the district, please add as free text below.

