



Date: Monday 22nd September 2025

Dear consultee,

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Review: Publication of the Draft Babergh and Mid Suffolk Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and Forthcoming Call for Sites

In March 2025 we wrote to those interested in the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan advising of the publication of a timetable for the preparation of a Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Review, in what is known as a Local Development Scheme. The Plan Review is to be prepared between 2025 and 2029, and will undergo various stages of community engagement prior to being finalised. Once adopted, it will replace the Joint Local Plan that was adopted in November 2023.

As part of the early preparation for this Plan Review, and following our Call for Sites in January 2024, we are writing to inform you that we have published the Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) as evidence to support the Plan Review. The Draft SHLAA identifies potential sites for housing development that have been submitted to Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils for consideration.

Please note the SHLAA does not allocate sites for development, and it has no planning status. It is an evidence base document for the Plan Review. It can also be used by Town and Parish Councils who are developing or wish to develop Neighbourhood Development Plans.

The Councils will be undertaking a further Call for Sites exercise from mid-October 2025 until January 2026, which will invite site submissions for multiple land uses. If you have previously submitted a site, please note that you do not have to submit the site again.

Further information on the Plan Review together with the Draft SHLAA and the Local Development Scheme can be viewed via the links below.

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

Yours faithfully,

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