

# Babergh District Council

## Babergh Local Plan (2011-2031) Part 1 - Core Strategy & Policies

### Adoption Statement

#### **Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Regulations 17, 26 & 35)**

Babergh District Council formally adopted the Babergh Local Plan (2011-2031) Part 1 - Core Strategy Development Plan Document (February 2014) (the "Core Strategy") on 25 February 2014. An independent Inspector examined the soundness of the Core Strategy following its submission (in November 2012) to the Secretary of State. The Inspector's Report was issued on 14 January 2014. This confirmed the Core Strategy as 'sound' and capable of adoption subject to a number of Main Modifications. The adopted Core Strategy incorporates the Inspector's recommendations. The Core Strategy sets out the vision for Babergh to 2031. It shows how this strategy has been developed to respond to the vision for Babergh and how it will be delivered by working in partnership with everyone with an interest in the future of the district. It covers the administrative area of Babergh District Council.

#### **Background**

The Submission draft Core Strategy was consulted upon in October 2011. A number of proposed Main Modifications to the Submission draft Core Strategy were made thereafter, and again consulted upon in July 2012 prior to Submission in November 2012. The proposed modifications (July 2012) can be viewed on the Council website at: <http://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-babergh-development-framework/core-strategy-and-policies-dpd/proposed-main-modifications-to-core-strategy/>. The starting point for the Examination was the composite Core Strategy (incorporating all Modifications up to November 2012), and all subsequent Modifications were taken into account by the Inspector through the Examination.

A copy of the Inspector's Report non-technical summary is attached to this statement (overleaf). The full Inspector's Report, including Main Modifications, can be viewed on the Council's website at: <http://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-babergh-development-framework/core-strategy-and-policies-dpd/core-strategy-examination/>

#### **Availability for Inspection**

A copy of the Core Strategy, this Adoption Statement, the Sustainability Appraisal report and Appropriate Assessment are available to view on the Council website: <http://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-babergh-development-framework/core-strategy-and-policies-dpd/>

The documents are also available for inspection at the Council's main offices: Corks Lane, Hadleigh, IPSWICH, IP7 6SJ from:

- 09:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Thursdays;
- 9:00am to 4:30pm on Fridays.

#### **Legal Challenge**

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Babergh Local Plan (2011-2031) – Core Strategy and Policies Development Plan Document (February 2014) may make an application to the High Court under Section 113(3) of the Planning and Compulsory Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- 1) the document is not within the appropriate powers; and/or
- 2) a procedural requirement has not been complied with. Any such application must be made no later than six weeks after the adoption date (25 February 2014) i.e. by 8 April 2014.

#### **Enquiries**

Any enquiries should be made to [LDF@babbergh.gov.uk](mailto:LDF@babbergh.gov.uk) or 01449 724843

## **Extract of Non-Technical Summary from Babergh Core Strategy Inspector's Report (14/01/2014)**

### Non-Technical Summary

This report concludes that the Babergh Local Plan 2011-2031, Part 1 – Core Strategy provides an appropriate basis for the planning of the District providing a number of modifications are made. The Council has specifically requested that I recommend any modifications necessary to enable them to adopt the Plan.

The key modifications can be summarised as follows:

- Removing references to the former Regional Strategy
- Clarification of the approach to Core and Hinterland Villages
- Clarification on Land Allocation Numbers
- Providing an element of flexibility in relation to allocations at Chilton Woods, Sproughton and Hadleigh
- Clarification of the approach towards retail development in Hadleigh town centre
- Provision of additional off-site highway mitigation at the Sproughton site
- Allowing for the possibility (subject to viability evidence) of additional greenfield housing development adjacent to the Brantham site
- Clarification of renewable energy policy
- Inclusion of additional text to support the approach towards gypsy and travellers, in line with national policy
- Additional emphasis on viability in relation to affordable housing policy

All of the changes recommended in this report are based on proposals put forward by the Council in response to points raised and suggestions discussed during the public examination. They do not alter the thrust of the Council's overall strategy.