



Statement of Representations Procedure

Statement of Representations Procedure and Availability of Documents Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 – Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan

Title of Document

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan

Subject Matter and Area Covered

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils has prepared the pre submission version of the Joint Local Plan for Regulation 19 stage, which relates to the soundness of the plan. The Joint Local Plan sets out the broad spatial planning, policy framework and vision for Babergh and Mid Suffolk Districts for planned growth up to 2037, as well as the necessary development sites and infrastructure to support this growth. The policies in the Plan will be used to make decisions on planning applications and the monitoring framework sets out how the Plan will be monitored.

Period of Pre Submission for Representations

Representations are invited on the legal compliance and soundness of the Joint Local Plan Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) Document. **The period for submission of representations will run for six weeks between Thursday 12th November and 12 noon on Thursday 24th December 2020.** Duly made representations must be received by the Councils within this period. No representations will be accepted outside of this period.

How to view the documents

During the representations period, copies of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan and other proposed submission evidence base documents will be available to view on the Council's website at:

Babergh: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/>

Mid Suffolk: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/>

Due to the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, all documentation will only be published online in accordance with the latest Government guidance.

Representations

Representations on the plan can be made throughout the representations period. Please note that late representations cannot be accepted. **Comments must be made in writing either through the published online consultation portal, or on the Council's official Joint Local Plan Pre-Submission Regulation 19 paper representations form.** It is recommended that representations are made through the published online consultation portal which is available through the website addresses above. Representations cannot be accepted outside of the above methods.

Representation forms and guidance notes are available to download from the Council's website. Duly completed representation forms should be emailed to: localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

Or posted to: Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils, Planning Policy Team, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX.

All individual representations received will be submitted to the Secretary of State, together with a summary of the main issues raised during the representations period and considered as part of a public Examination by an independent Planning Inspector. Representations at this stage should only be made on the legal and procedural compliance of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan, the soundness of the Joint Local Plan and whether the Joint Local Plan is in conformity with the Duty to Cooperate.

Further guidance and advice on the Examination process is available on the Government website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-plans>

Receiving notification of the progress of the Local Plan

By using the representation form you can request to be notified of the following steps:

- The submission of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for independent examination.
- Publication of the Planning Inspector's Report on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan
- Adoption of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan

For further details, please contact the Planning Policy Team on 0300 1234 000 option 5 then 4 or email localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk (Please make clear in the email subject heading if submitting a 'JLP *formal representation*', so it is easily identifiable to filter and file).