



Date: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Consultee,

**Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Call for Sites 2025**  
**Babergh and Mid Suffolk Draft Five-Year Housing Land Supply Position Statements**

Following adoption of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 2018-2037 Development Plan Document (DPD) in November 2023, and the December 2024 National Planning Policy Framework, the Councils are progressing with the production of a Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Review, which will set out a framework for guiding planning development decisions to the mid-2040s. At this initial point of the plan-making process, the Councils are inviting site submissions to be put forward for a variety of land uses for consideration for future development.

This is known as the 'Call for Sites' process. It is important to note that the Call for Sites exercise will not in itself determine whether a site should be allocated for future development. All sites will need to be further assessed, and the overall strategy for the Local Plan will be informed by a number of evidence base documents and feedback from consultations. The submission of a site through the Call for Sites process does not give them any planning status, nor does it in itself determine any future planning status.

Sites submitted in the Call for Sites for residential use exercise in January and February 2024 do not need to be re-submitted and are still being considered for any potential inclusion in the Local Plan as it develops. The Councils have published a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment which documents and assesses all sites received at that time. The Councils are requesting further residential sites to prepare for the increase in the future housing requirements set by the Government.

We will only consider non-residential sites over 0.25ha or residential sites that can deliver 5 or more dwellings.

The Councils recommend submission through our electronic online portal, which is available at [baberghmidsuffolk.oc2.uk/](http://baberghmidsuffolk.oc2.uk/). Further information including a guidance note and paper version of the form is available to download on our websites at [www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan) and [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan).


A separate submission must be made for each site using the online portal or form, and these must be received by **5pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

East Suffolk Council and Ipswich Borough Council are running separate call for sites also beginning on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Details are available on their respective websites at <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/local-plans> and <https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy>



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The Councils have also published their Draft Five-Year Housing Land Supply Position Statements for consultation. The documents can be viewed on the consultation portal at: [baberghmidsuffolk.oc2.uk/](http://baberghmidsuffolk.oc2.uk/) Comments should be received via the consultation portal or email by **5pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**.

If you have any questions regarding the 'Call for Sites' exercise or the Five-Year Housing Land Supply Position Statements, please contact a member of the Strategic Planning Policy team via the telephone or e-mail details below.

Yours faithfully,

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