

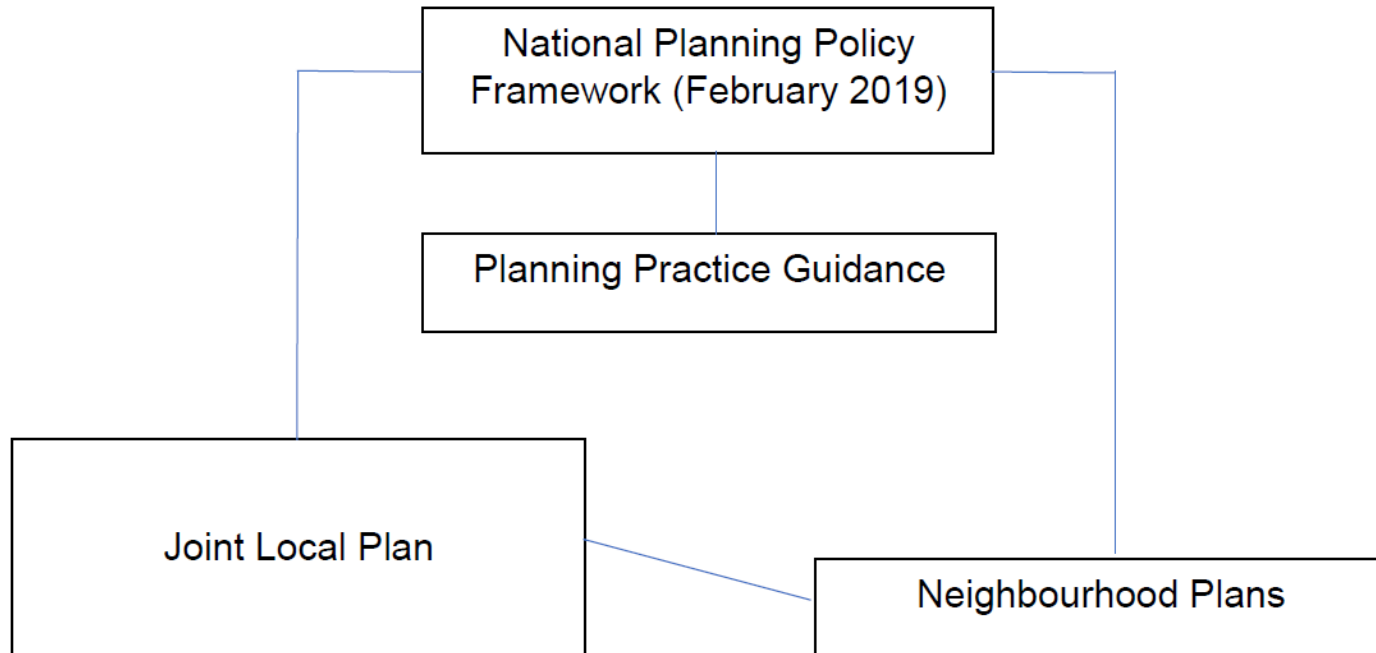
Joint Local Plan – Preferred Options Briefing for Neighbourhood Plan Groups

31st July & 1st August 2019

Purpose of this briefing is to explain:

- The relationship between the Joint Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans
- How the Preferred Options document has been developed
- Overview of the Preferred Options document
- Role of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Actions going forward
- Questions

National context



Development of the Joint Local Plan

- Joint Local Plan (JLP) Options consultation in 2017
- Preferred Options responds to consultation comments
- Comprehensive evidence base
- Call for sites, assessment of deliverability, viability, physical constraints
- Changing National Policy and Guidance
- Iterative process.

Relationship between Joint Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans

- Will be differences between the JLP and Neighbourhood Plans (NPs)
- Some NPs produced before JLP Preferred Options
- Changing National Policy environment
- JLP covers period 2018-2036, common end date
- Development plans subject to reviews
- Ongoing updated evidence base

Number of Neighbourhood Plans

Early stages – designating areas and objective setting

Babergh: 5 Mid Suffolk: 7

Formulating the plan – drafting policies and identifying sites

Babergh: 16 Mid Suffolk: 5

End or reviewing the plan Examination onwards to adoption

Babergh: 5 Mid Suffolk: 9

Total

Babergh: 26 Mid Suffolk: 21

Setting a housing requirement

- Babergh = 7,500 homes (420 per year)
- Mid Suffolk = 10,000 homes (556 per year)
- At 1st April 2018 outstanding planning permissions totalled 4,000 in Babergh and 4,000 in Mid Suffolk
- Residual requirement: 3,500 in Babergh and 6,000 in Mid Suffolk

Housing requirement for NP Areas

The starting point for preparing Neighbourhood Plans is the Joint Local Plan and within this is a housing number that has been constructed from:

- All dwellings not completed from outstanding planning permissions at the base date of the Joint Local Plan – 1st April 2018.
- Sites which are considered the most suitable, available and achievable based on the list identified in the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) and with regard to infrastructure capacity and opportunities.

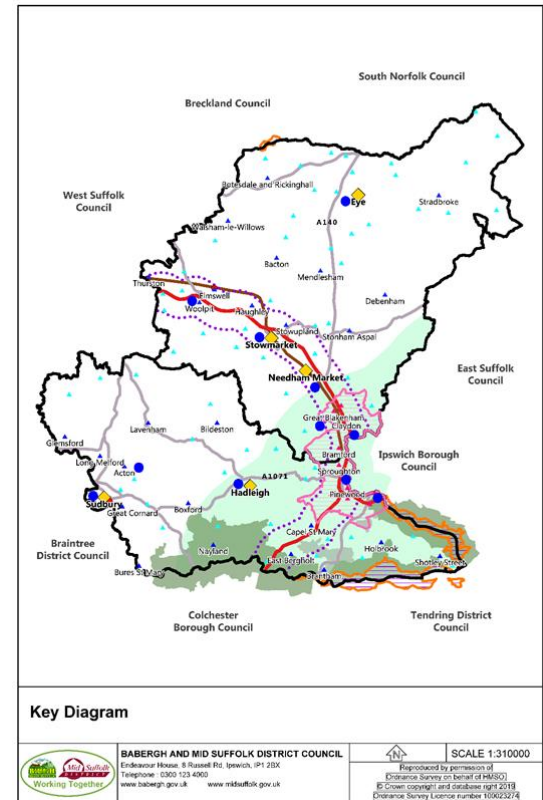
Spatial Distribution of JLP

Informed by:

- Consultation feedback
- Availability and deliverability of sites
- Constraints (flood zone etc..)
- Infrastructure capacity and opportunities

Plan Approach:

- Market town / rural balance and strategic transport corridors
- Large number of homes needed already granted planning permission



Overview of the Joint Local Plan – Themes

- Housing
- Economy
- Environment
- Healthy Communities and Infrastructure

Key themes within Neighbourhood Plans

- Local Housing
- Environment and Open Space
- Infrastructure
- Transport
- Parking

Overview of the JLP and evidence base for NPs

- Government's standard method for calculating district-wide housing need
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment informs housing mix
- Supported by Local Housing Needs Assessments for NPs
- Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Open Space Audit
- Neighbourhood Plans can encourage development to go beyond Government standards for environmental sustainability, accessibility standards, subject to viability

Infrastructure Delivery Plan

- Underpins the strategic priorities identified in the JLP.
- Document based on work undertaken for JLP and discussions with infrastructure providers and will be used to help inform neighbourhood plans.
- Provides specific information on the main items of infrastructure, when they are likely to be provided, by which provider, and how they will be funded.
- Addresses schools and other educational facilities, health, transport, emergency services, utilities, digital connectivity, waste, social and community facilities, green infrastructure and open space.
- Bids to the Community Infrastructure Levy are prioritised where proposed infrastructure included within the IDP.

Actions Going forward

- To plan positively about what collectively we want to achieve through new development and plan for effective delivery of infrastructure.
- We need to ensure conformity across all levels of policy and plans.
- Government sets the parameters of what is required in Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans however there is more discretion for specific priorities to be set at a local level.
- Ultimately, ensuring together that the Joint Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans form an effective development plan across Babergh and Mid Suffolk.



Questions

Making Comments on the Joint Local Plan

- Comments made at these briefings will need to be made in writing and must be received by us by **4pm on Monday 30th September 2019**.
- Comments can be made electronically through the Councils' online system at www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan or www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan;
- by email to localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk;
- or in writing to Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 2BX.
- To deliver written comments in person please telephone 0300 123 4000 (option 5 then option 4).