

# Elmsett Neighbourhood Plan



**The Parish Council has decided to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the village so that we can influence where any new development goes over the next 20 years.**

**Here's your chance to find out about Neighbourhood Plans and how you might help**

## What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

It is a new kind of planning document designed to allow local people to play an active part in planning their area. It can guide the development and conservation of the village.

It can, for example, also identify proposals for:

- Improving areas;
- Providing new facilities;
- Sites for new development;
- Protecting sites of environmental or historic quality;

When complete, it will form part of the statutory development plan for the area, meaning Babergh District Council and Planning Inspectors will have to take note of what it says when considering development proposals.

## Why we're doing it

Our village is coming under increasing pressure for new development. Babergh have just decided to approve 41 new homes off Hadleigh Road and it's likely that more homes will be needed over the next 20 years.

Preparing our own neighbourhood plan gives us the opportunity to shape the future by deciding how and where the village will grow and what is needed to support that growth.

## YOUR VILLAGE



## NEEDS YOU

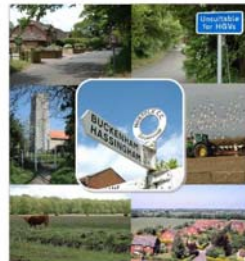
EAST BERGHOLT  
neighbourhood plan  
2015-2030



LAWSHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
2016-2036



Strumpshaw Parish Council  
Neighbourhood Plan



Neighbourhood Plans have been produced for:  
East Bergholt Lavenham  
and are underway at  
Lawshall  
Hadleigh  
Hartest  
Glemsford  
Great Waldingfield  
Little Waldingfield  
Long Melford

## YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD YOUR PLAN





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## How it is prepared

There are a number of stages that have to be completed, as illustrated. Some of these stages are governed by the regulations for preparing neighbourhood plans and so there is no short cut

## What a Neighbourhood Plan can and cannot do

A Neighbourhood Plan can...

- Decide where and what type of development should happen in the parish
- Promote more development than is set out in the Local Plan.
- Include policies, for example regarding design standards, that take precedence over existing policies in the Local Plan for the parish – provided the Neighbourhood Plan policies do not conflict with the strategic policies in the Local Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan cannot...

- Conflict with the strategic policies in the Babergh Local Plan.
- Be used to prevent development that is included in the Local Plan.

## Who prepares the Plan?

The Plan will be prepared by a Working Group that consists of Parish Councillors and volunteers from the village.

We have secured the support of Town Planning Consultants who have considerable experience in the preparation of local and neighbourhood plans.

If you would like to get involved then please let us know. We'll need people to distribute questionnaires, gather information and analyse surveys.

Community Involvement is a major part of the process and it must be approved in a local referendum before it can be used.

- Babergh Designate Neighbourhood Plan Area

- Establish Working Group

### WE'RE HERE

- Community Engagement
  - Household Surveys
  - Information Gathering

- Gather Evidence

Community Engagement

- Identify Key Issues
- Prioritise Issues and Themes
- Develop Aspirations
- Consider options

- Test Options
- Agree Plan Content

- Community Engagement
  - Minimum 6 weeks
  - Opportunity to comment

- Write the Plan
- Consult on Plan

Final Consultation Babergh

- Amend Plan and
- Submit to Babergh Council

VILLAGE REFERENDUM

- Independent Examination

BABERGH COUNCIL ADOPT





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## New Babergh Local Plan

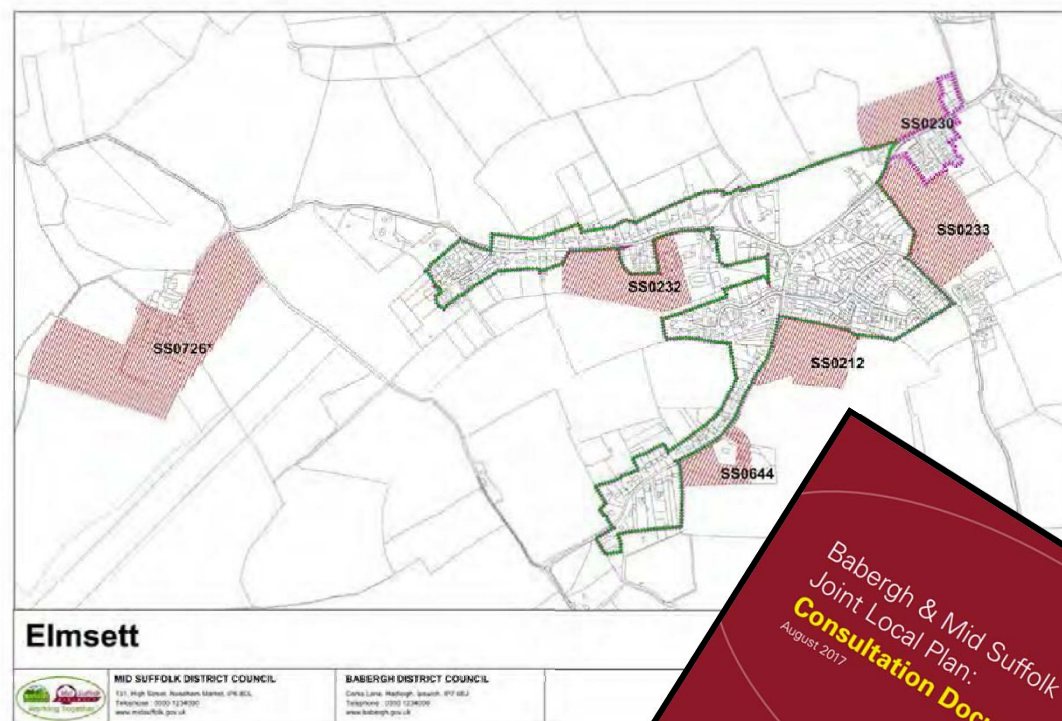
Local Plans set out where future development will take place

The new Local Plan is planning for the next 20 years

There will be some expectation for Elmsett to take more new homes.

The recent consultation document identified five possible sites for new homes plus one site for employment uses.

By producing a neighbourhood plan, we can decide where that development will be



## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

*Come to the drop-in event at the Village Hall on  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 6.00-8.30pm  
&*

*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9.30-12.30pm  
to find out more and  
contribute to the early stages of the Plan*

