

Councillors' briefing notes for town and parish councils



September 2019

Draft Joint Local Plan Consultation Continues

Over the past month Mid Suffolk and Babergh have held 9 public events discussing the draft Joint Local Plan with residents, with 11 more planned this month before the consultation ends on 30 September.

The draft Joint Local Plan proposes a set of planning policies that will be used to inform decisions on planning applications and appeals over the next 18 years, up to 2036. Residents can take part online, or by visiting one of 18 public consultation events planned across the two districts. Find out more [online](#).

Gateway 14 expansion set to deliver multi-million pound boost for region

Mid Suffolk District Council's subsidiary company Gateway 14 Ltd has completed the purchase of a key site at Stowmarket East, unlocking development plans and a potential multi-million-pound boost for the local economy. Read the full story [online](#).

Crews bed-in to new collection routes

Thank you to everyone for their patience while we transitioned to our new collection rounds. This was a huge undertaking for our waste team, as well as an essential step to make the routes more fuel efficient, ensure we have the capacity to meet future home growth and to reduce our environmental impact in line with [our climate change ambitions](#). Our crews are bedding into their new routes with the support of the team.

If you have any questions about the collection day changes please visit the [FAQs on our website](#) or alternatively, [get in touch with the waste team](#).

Talking with our Towns and Parishes

We try to keep our town and parish councils up to date with the latest news. To do that we need to have the right contact details. We currently have lists of Parish Clerks in

both [Babergh](#) and [Mid Suffolk](#) (links to Connect for District Councillor use), but we want to be sure they're up to date. Please could all Members check that the correct details are listed for their towns and parishes: any corrections can be sent through to the [Support Services](#) team.

We also request that Members encourage their Town and Parish Clerks to inform our Democratic Services team of any changes in future: this will ensure our records remain up to date and that we can stay in touch with our communities. Thank you.

Hot topics on social media

- Expansion of Gateway 14
- Bin Collections
- Joint Local Plan drop-in events
- Chairman's Charity Hog Roast and Drinks

Meetings

- 4 September – Development Control Committee B
- 11 September – Shared Revenues Partnership
- 18 September – Development Control Committee A
- 19 September – Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 26 September – Full Council

For agendas and minutes, please visit the [Democratic Services homepage](#).