



POLICIES, FRAMEWORKS & GUIDANCE

Suffolk Local Authorities

LOCAL PLANNING IN SUFFOLK - JUNE 2020



INVESTING IN OUR OWN JOINT WORKING & TRAINING

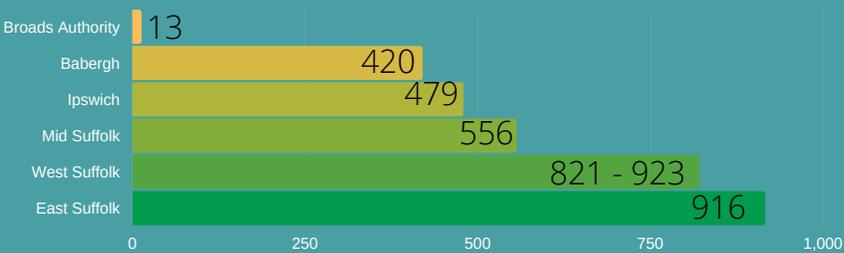
SUFFOLK'S GROWTH FRAMEWORK

Suffolk's Growth Framework is available on our [website here](#). It draws together existing plans and strategies for growth and development and list our infrastructure priorities. The SGF will be updated to reflect our longer term vision and economic recovery plans.



ANNUAL HOUSING TARGETS

The 2020/21 annual housing target for each local authority are shown below. The annual Suffolk target is 3,192-3,294.



Suffolk Design

Suffolk Design focuses on ensuring all future developments are fit for future communities and embed good design.

Our team have been working closely with internal and external stakeholders to develop our Design Charter & Management Process. This includes local authority staff including: planners, housing & community officers, health colleagues, highways & floods teams; private developers, housebuilders and architects.

We have commissioned Stantec to develop detailed guidance for streets and highways, including design codes and specifications for new streets. We will focus on promoting active travel alongside vehicle use. This work is due to go for public consultation in Summer 2020.

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TIMELINE OF LOCAL PLANS

Babergh and Mid Suffolk: Joint local plan currently in development.

Ipswich Local Plan: Review submitted in June 2020 to MHCLG for examination.

Suffolk Coastal Local Plan: Aiming for adoption in September 2020.

Waveney Local Plan: Adopted on 20 March 2019.

West Suffolk Local Plan: Ongoing work on new joint plan anticipated adoption by 2023.

SCC Minerals & Waste Local Plan: Adoption July 2020.

Broads Authority Local Plan: Adopted in May 2019

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON PLANNING AUTHORITIES

All Local Authorities are continuing to operate their planning service.

Teams in planning policy, development management and building control are available to support our local developers and construction firms.

Internal & statutory consultations have not been affected and are being responded to in a timely manner by highways, LLFA & other stakeholders

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

Councils are embracing digital technology and operating their planning & development committees via virtual meetings, whilst live streaming using platforms, such as YouTube Live

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN SUFFOLK

- Jaynic appointed as development manager for Gateway 14 in Stowmarket
- Amazon announced as occupier at Sproughton
- Building work is progressing on Abbey Gate Sixth-Form in Bury St Edmunds
- EDF Energy submitted DCO for Sizewell C
- Ipswich Garden Suburb is on track to deliver 3,500 new homes
- We continue to lobby for investment in our infrastructure, including coastal protection, rail & roads, broadband & digital and green space.

SUFFOLK TOWN PLANNING APPRENTICES

We recruited 8 Level 3 Town Planning Apprentices in August 2019. They have now completed the first year of their two year programme, including:

Continuous on-the-job training through workplaces
Four week long sessions at Chichester College. Two additional virtual learning sessions during lockdown.
Five additional training days and site visits facilitated by Suffolk Growth to support their training, including:

- NALEP infrastructure manager presentation and Q&A session
- Coastal Partnership East Lowestoft Flood Defences project presentation and site tour
- Taylor Wimpey Lark Grange presentation and site tour
- Concertus and Morgan Sindall The Bridge School presentation and site tour

We thank everyone who is supporting us to develop our own highly skilled workforce!

"LIFE IN A DAY" WORK SHADOWING OPPORTUNITIES

More information to follow shortly.

NETWORKING & TRAINING GROUPS

Suffolk Growth and Heads of Planning work together to share best practice, develop consistent approaches to service delivery (where relevant) and expand understanding, networking and shared training opportunities across our planning and development teams. SGP currently facilitates regular meetings with planners, highways & floods colleagues, infrastructure officers and external stakeholders (e.g. Water Resources East, Greater South East Energy Hub) and have coordinated a number of training sessions, including:

- Public art & community cohesion: The role of local planners
- Transport Impact Assessments: The Suffolk approach
- Suffolk Design: Training for staff
- Financial site viability

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