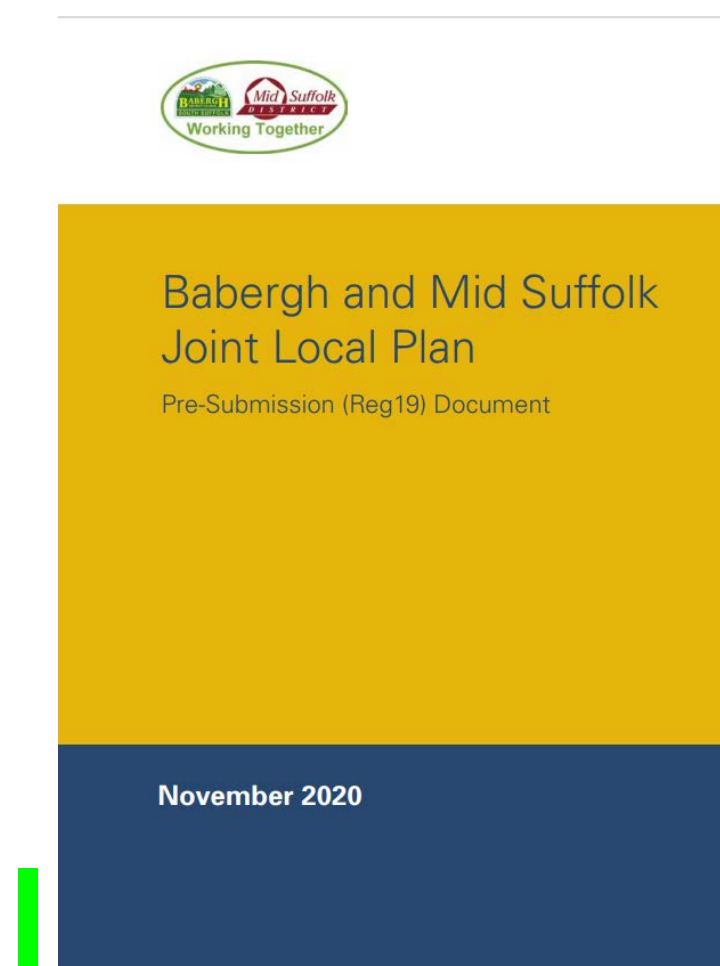


4 BACKGROUND

Why is the site available for development?

- The site is private land with no public access and will be made available for development by Suffolk County Council, as landowner and prospective developer.
- The site is adjacent to the village of Bramford, close to the local amenities and Ipswich and therefore is considered a suitable location for development. Suffolk County Council have identified this site as suitable to deliver housing over the next 24 months.

What does Planning Policy say about the development of the Site?



The site is located adjacent to the village boundary and within the countryside. The current Local Plan does not propose any development on this site, but its housing policies are 'out of date'. This supports determination in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

- The NPPF sets out the Governments expectations for the delivery of housing, among other planning policies, with a focus in delivering sustainable development.



- The NPPF also supports housing in rural areas, such as Bramford, where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities i.e., support existing or new services, such as local shops, public transport.
- Bramford is to be re-classified in the Babergh Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan settlement hierarchy as a Core Village. Core villages are expected to act as a focus for development to be delivered through the Joint Local Plan.
- Bramford Parish Plan and Village Design Statement (2012) aspires to development that would enhance the village for future generations, including the requirement of making a positive contribution to energy and resource conservation and Action Plan A9 (b) to encourage the building of cycle path to Ipswich (which is intended by SCC proposal).

Has a planning application been submitted?

- No, not yet but it is proposed to be submitted in July 2021 following further detailed consideration of the proposals and the responses received as part of this public consultation event.
- The Council has received a pre-application proposal for 120 new homes (more than now proposed) and have acknowledged a balanced decision is required should the proposed benefits of the development be delivered.

What consultation has taken place thus far?

- Pre-application consultation with the District Council; and
- This consultation event.