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YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR FUTURE



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In addition, work was commissioned from independent experts that has resulted in two supporting documents to the draft LNP2: an updated Lavenham Landscape Character & Sensitivity Assessment 2023, and a Lavenham Design Guide 2023. Together these three documents describe Lavenham and the current issues the village faces – and to-

gether they set out changes that address the concerns of people living and working in Lavenham.

The draft LNP2 must be submitted to our local planning authority (Babergh District Council), who will organise the process of deciding whether it should be adopted to replace the current Plan. If approved the revised Plan will cover the period 2023 to 2037.

Before submission, the Parish Council will hold a public consultation on the draft LNP2. Subject to final approval by the Council on 1 December 2022, public consultation on the pre-submission draft revised Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan will run from Thursday 8 December 2022 to Wednesday 1 February 2023.

The pre-submission draft revised Plan can be viewed from 8 December on the Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan website: bit.ly/LNPhome.

Paper copies of the pre-submission draft revised Plan will be available to view at the Library and Village Information Point during their normal opening hours.

Comments on the pre-submission draft Plan can be made in the following ways:

- * By email to lavenhampc@yahoo.co.uk
- * Paper based comments delivered to the Village Information Point
- * Completing the on-line questionnaire found on the website: bit.ly/LNPhome
- * In person at the Village Hall Drop-In Event on 17 January 2023

Drop-In Information Event: Village Hall, Tuesday 17 January 2023, 4pm to 7pm

The Lavenham community is invited to have its say, and all comments are welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 6th October 2022, commencing 7.30 pm. in the Village Hall. Full reports and supporting documents can be found on the Parish Council website under Meetings, October 2022 Meeting Pack. Paper copies are also available.

Present Cllr Irene Mitchell, Chairman.

Cllrs Lizzie Falconer, Mary Morrey, Janice Muckian, Tony Sheppard, Iain Lamont, Matt Chick, Michael Sherman
9 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Rob Macro and. Paul Thompson. Apologies also from County Councillor Robert Lindsay, Babergh District Councillors Margaret Maybury and Clive Arthey, all are attending the full Babergh Councillors' meeting which was postponed due to the mourning period.

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