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Induction of the new Rector, Simon Pitcher (left), led by the Bishop of Dunwich Mike Harrison, 20 March

Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan Revision Our Village - Our Future. April update

For the revision group this April will be a busy month as we complete all the changes necessary to prepare the Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan 2023 for the next stage of consultation. We've listened to the comments that the local community and the Statutory Consultees (eg Babergh, Anglian Water, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and others) made on the Regulation 14 pre-submission version of the Plan. Where appropriate, changes have been proposed and corrections made. The big gap, the missing data from the 2021 Census (released on 30 March 2023) and the Lavenham Housing Needs Survey, can now be filled. We also now have a clearer picture of the emerging

shape of the Babergh Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan, with which our Plan must comply.

The revision group hope that the updated draft Plan (the 'submission' version) will be agreed by Lavenham Parish Council when it meets on 27 April 2023. The Parish Council will then submit the Plan to Babergh District Council, who have responsibility for the next Consultation stage (Regulation 15).

Future updates about the Neighbourhood Plan Revision will explain the remaining stages of the formal process, which will require a local referendum before formal 'adoption' by Babergh District Council. Until this is achieved the 2016 Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan remains the reference for local planning applications.