

Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan

Questions for Babergh and Mid Suffolk planning officers (development management and planning policy).

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Introduction:

The Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan became part of the district's statutory development plan in 2016. Five years on we have taken upon ourselves to review and update thus ensuring our changing needs are reflected. In this period Babergh District Council (jointly with Mid Suffolk District Council) is updating its district-level Local Plan. The new Joint Local Plan (JLP) is expected to be finalised in 2022, and to cover the 15-year period to 2037.

We welcome comments and insight from both development management officers and members of the planning policy team in order to ensure the end result is a useful tool for all.

Q1: Do you have any comments on the overall approach we have taken in the adopted Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan (LNP). We will be reviewing this as part of our revised Neighbourhood Plan and we value your views on how it could be improved?

Q2: Overall, has the LNP been an effective tool in influencing planning outcomes?

Q3: Have the policies relating to new homes and housing development been effective in securing high quality outcomes?

Q4: Please tell us your views on planning policies in the LNP which work well and whether any of the planning policies do not work well from a practitioner's perspective.

Q5: Do development management officers at Babergh and Mid Suffolk use the LNP planning policies alongside the Local Plan policies when determining planning decisions in the LNP area? Please let us know any specific issues we ought to be aware of with respect to this.

Q6: Do you think the parish councillors at Lavenham Parish Council are using the LNP policies as intended when assessing development proposals in the plan area?

Q7: Please provide any specific advice to improve any of the planning policies in the LNP

Q8: We are considering commissioning a Village Design Guide and are interested to understand if this would be considered a useful document to sit alongside the LNP?

Q9: Finally, please confirm what role you undertake for example, development management, planning policy, other? If there is anything else you feel would help us please add it in to your response.

Thank you for your time.

Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan Revision Group
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Link to LNP: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Lavenham-NP-July16.pdf>

Link to Supporting Documents (including Landscape Character Assessment:

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Lavenham-NP-Appendix3.pdf>