

At the last Westhorpe parish council I was asked about the Joint Local Plan process, timetable and whether comments submitted to the consultation had definitely been received. I can report that there have been 26 comments received from Westhorpe on the draft proposal, these can be viewed by following this link:

<https://baberghmidsuffolk.oc2.uk/readdoc/8>

Click on the relevant part you wish to view and then click the green magnifying glass icon to view the comment as shown below. It can take some time to load.



The screenshot shows the top of a website with the 'opusconsult' logo on the left and 'Next Chapter >>' on the right. Below this is a green magnifying glass icon followed by the heading '01 - Introduction'. Underneath the heading is a sub-heading: '01.01 The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Draft Joint Local Plan (hereafter referred to as 'th the growth of Babergh and Mid Suffolk. It will set out the strategy for development and replace the existing local planning policies for both Babergh and Mid Suffolk.'

If you have any problems viewing the comments, and particularly **if you have submitted a comment but it is not shown**, please contact the Strategic Planning team via localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk and also let me know at Andrew.Mellen@midsuffolk.gov.uk

The submissions are currently being analysed and will then go to working groups of councillors. The timetable depends on how much work/amendment of the plan is required, and then requires approval from central government, it is now anticipated that the plan will not be in place until late 2020.

For clarification, the Joint Local Plan gains “weight” in the planning process as it goes through the various stages until it is fully approved. It can therefore potentially have some bearing, (alongside other policies and documents) on the current planning application under consideration.

Regards,

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