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[**Blueprint for districts’ development adopted by councils**](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/blueprint-for-districts-development-adopted-by-councils)

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have formally adopted their Joint Local Plan - the blueprint for the districts' future development until 2037.

[**New unit for The Range completed at Gateway 14**](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/new-unit-for-the-range-completed-at-gateway-14)

A new 1.17 million square foot warehouse unveiled in Stowmarket.

[**Free insulation upgrades in new £2m Mid Suffolk initiative**](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/-warmer-homes-lower-bills-free-insulation-upgrades-in-2m-mid-suffolk-initiative)

Hundreds of people could qualify for free home insulation upgrades under the council’s new £2million initiative.

[**Extra £1.6m set for council home repairs and improvements**](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/extra-1-6m-set-for-council-home-repairs-and-improvements)

Additional funds will help clear backlog of work which mounted during Covid pandemic.

[**Financial aid for flood-affected properties in Suffolk**](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/financial-aid-for-flood-affected-properties-in-suffolk-imminent-as-number-of-reports-hits-750)

Financial support is going out to residents whose properties flooded during Storm Babet.

[**£1.4m to tackle criminal exploitation in Suffolk**](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/-1-4m-to-tackle-criminal-exploitation-in-suffolk)

Suffolk Public Sector Leaders have awarded £1.4m in funding to the Safer Stronger Communities Board to tackle criminal exploitation in the county.

[**Council urges green energy developers to listen to communities**](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/council-urges-green-energy-developers-to-listen-to-communities)

Mid Suffolk District Council is urging developers to listen to the concerns of local communities.

[**Time to make our listed buildings ready for the future?**](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/time-to-make-our-listed-buildings-ready-for-the-future-)

Consultation into new measures which would streamline sensitive energy efficiency upgrades.

[**Call for land to support nature recovery**](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/call-for-land-to-support-nature-recovery)

Both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are calling on local landowners to help them increase the districts’ tree coverage and improve biodiversity.

[**Councils launch new winter grant to tackle social isolation**](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/councils-launch-new-winter-grant-to-tackle-social-isolation)

The councils have launched a new grant to help communities this winter.

[**Postal and proxy voting changes**](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/postal-and-proxy-voting-changes)

Changes to postal and proxy voting came into force on 31 October 2023, and will apply to all elections in England.

[**Residents have their say over potential boundary changes**](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/residents-have-their-say-over-potential-boundary-changes)

Mid Suffolk District Council is carrying out a community governance review.  The council has been asked to consider possible changes with electoral arrangements for Onehouse and Stowmarket, and Battisford and Combs.  ***NB: The consultation period has now been extended to January 10.***