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Introducing the Development Plan Documents – Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies and Felixstowe Peninsula AAP

Both documents currently being examined form part of the Local Plan for Suffolk Coastal District and assist in the delivery of the spatial visions, objectives and strategy set out in the Core Strategy. All the Development Plan Documents that comprise the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan interrelate and work together, along with 'made' and emerging Neighbourhood Plans of which there are several now well progressed.

The Core Strategy and Development Management policies were adopted in June 2013 and look to 2027, with a base date of 2010. The Core Strategy provides the scale and distribution of growth and the infrastructure to support it as the context for the preparation of the two DPDs. As you will be aware, the Core Strategy was adopted on the basis that an early review is undertaken to plan collaboratively to meet the full, objectively assessed housing needs for the Housing Market Area i.e. working with Ipswich Borough Council, Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils and thereby boosting the supply of housing. This review is already well underway.

Therefore the Council is particularly pleased to have reached this advanced stage in preparing these two documents, to complete the current phase of plan making and have a truly plan led approach to development. Not only will the adoption of these documents provide greater clarity and certainty for local communities, developers and decision makers in shaping and delivering growth and infrastructure across the District but this will enable the Council to shift more resources to the Local Plan review and plan for the longer term future to 2036.

In preparing the two documents there has been extensive and on-going consultation with the local community, parish and town councils, stakeholders and neighbouring authorities. In evolving the documents, the Council has taken a positive approach to engagement and collaboration and wherever possible has sought to respond to and reflect the requirements of the local community and stakeholders, and increase community ownership of the policies. Many town and parish councils in particular have put many hours into helping shape the documents, including through the two joint District and Parish working groups. The Council are very grateful for this input and to all who have engaged in the preparation of the documents and determining the future shape and development of the many different communities in the District.