

Local Plan update

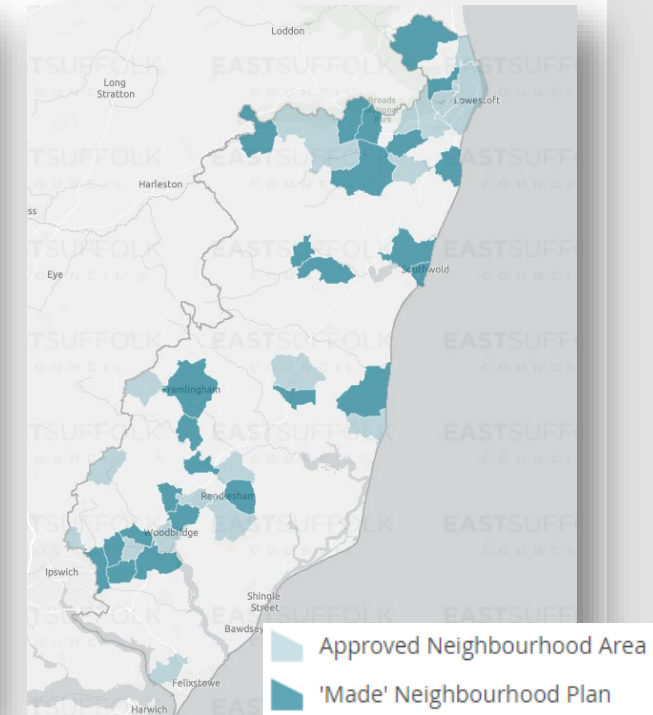
Major Home Builders Forum – 24th October 2024

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Local Plans

- Suffolk Coastal Local Plan (adopted September 2020)
- Waveney Local Plan (adopted March 2019)
- 25 'Made' Neighbourhood Plans



Local Plans

- Focus on implementation of current plans
- Implementation includes – preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents; monitoring (incl. Housing Action Plan).
- Waveney Local Plan – Review Assessment (required prior to 5th anniversary of adoption) approved in March 2024 – concluded that it isn't necessary to undertake a review of the Plan
- Housing Land Supply (annual update to be published shortly).
Nov 2023 update:

Suffolk Coastal Local Plan area – 6.34 yrs

Waveney Local Plan area – 5.62 yrs

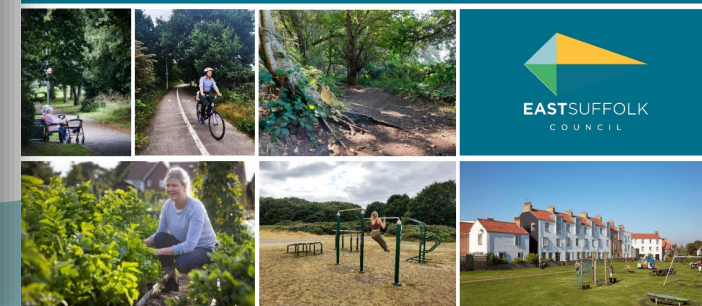
RURAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT April 2024



CUSTOM AND SELF-BUILD HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT May 2024



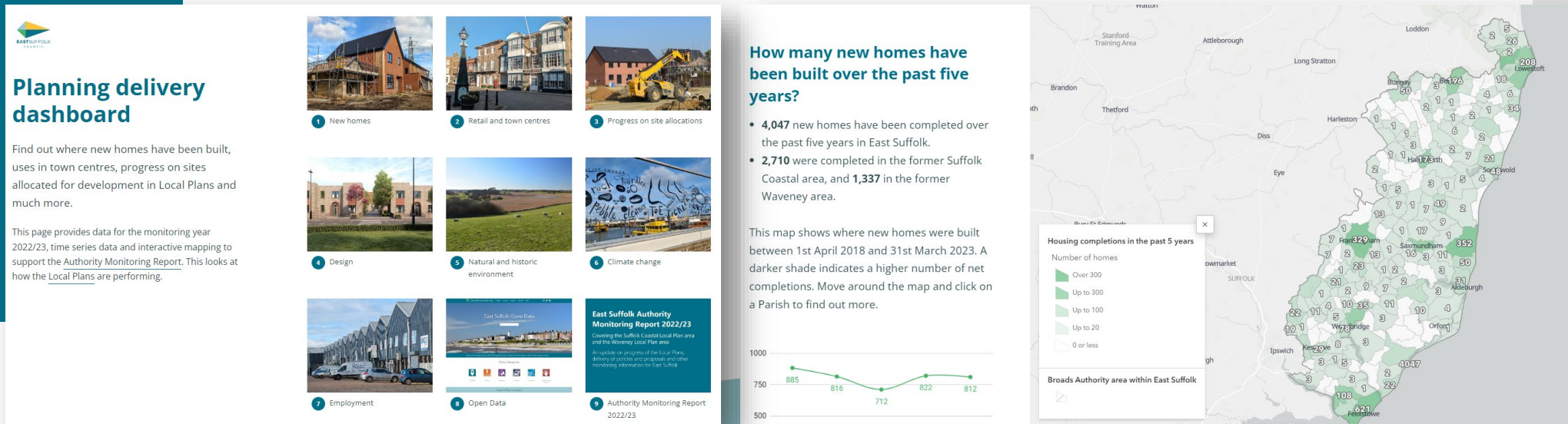
HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT June 2024



Planning Delivery Dashboard

- First published alongside the 2022/23 Authority Monitoring Report
- Interactive data on housing, retail and town centres, employment development, allocations, and more
- Finalist in the 2024 Royal Town Planning Institute national awards in the category of Excellence in Digital Planning Practice.

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East Suffolk Local Plan

- Local Development Scheme – approved March 2024.
Indicative timetable for a Local Plan review.

Document	East Suffolk Local Plan
Subject matter	<p>Comprehensive Local Plan review (dependent on topics to be covered under future National Development Management Policies). The Plan would update and supersede the current Waveney Local Plan and Suffolk Coastal Local Plan.</p> <p>The plan period will cover at least up to 2044, based on planning ahead at least 15 years from adoption.</p>
Geographical area	East Suffolk (outside of the Broads Authority Executive Area)
Indicative timetable	<p>This indicative timetable is based on formal commencement in Spring / Summer 2025 - a detailed timetable will be established at the point at which the Council commences a review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Early consideration of scope and detailed timetable, including through the Council's Local Plan Working Group meetings, and including resourcing considerations (2024/2025)▪ Initial evidence gathering and early engagement (2025)▪ Draft the Local Plan, including 2 public consultations (2026 - 2028)▪ Submit Plan to Secretary of State (2028)▪ Examination (2028 - 2029)▪ Adoption (2029)

Plan-making reforms

Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 – some key elements

- National Development Management Policies
- Supplementary Plans (no SPDs)
- Removes Duty to Co-operate
- Regard to Neighbourhood Priorities Statements

Previous Government consulted on detailed proposals on the plan-making process in Summer 2023, including

- 30 – 37 month timetable for plan preparation
- Gateway checks at points throughout preparation
- Digitisation
- Consultation and engagement a key part of the process

Plan-making reforms

New Government

- Intend to implement plan-making reforms as set out in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023, from Summer or Autumn 2025.
- Intend to act swiftly to implement reforms, to then bring about stability and certainty
- Not known which specific elements of the previous detailed plan preparation proposals will be taken forward
- Consultation on NPPF changes and other changes to the planning system July-Sept 2024
- Expecting further consultations over the coming months e.g. National Development Management Policies