



# East Suffolk Housing Action Plan (August 2019)

## Information for Developers

East Suffolk Council has produced a Housing Action Plan as part of a new Government initiative to improve housing delivery. The Plan analyses reasons for past under delivery, the ways to reduce future risk and sets out the actions the Council intends to take to improve delivery.

East Suffolk Council has recently prioritised the development of the emerging Suffolk Coastal Local Plan and the newly adopted Waveney Local Plan. These Plans set out a new housing strategy and a range of new site allocations. The Local Plans offer developers certainty regarding the locations for new housing developments and the number of dwellings to be delivered.

This Housing Action Plan sets out a range of actions (in Chapter 3) that the Council intends to take in the coming year. A key action is the adoption of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan which is currently being Examined, with the hearings taking place in August/September 2019, and is expected to be adopted in early 2020. The Waveney Local Plan was adopted in March 2019. The implementation and monitoring of the two Local Plans and the site allocations within them is therefore crucial to housing delivery and the Council is putting resources into the delivery of key sites. The Plan identifies procedural actions which seek to further improve the efficiency of the service offered by the Council in relation to Development Management and Policy, including the setting up of a Major Sites and Infrastructure Team and reviewing a number of Development Management procedures. The Housing Action Plan will be reviewed and published each year as a tool to 'check' the progress and effectiveness of actions. The Council is also committed to ensuring it has the right resources to support housing delivery.

We welcome the involvement of all those involved in delivering new homes across East Suffolk and in the implementation of the Housing Action Plan. Developers across all sectors, including self builders, should not hesitate to contact the Council to offer feedback, suggestions or advice that would enable the Council to further improve its services or to implement initiatives that would collectively improve housing delivery. The Council holds regular Developer Forums which are an opportunity for the development sector to receive information on topical planning matters and to provide their own input. If you are not on our mailing list but would like to be please email the Planning Quality Outcomes Officer below.

The Council's website contains information related to the Planning service in East Suffolk including pre-application advice and submitting a planning application, Community Infrastructure Levy, Planning Policy and monitoring.

[www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning)

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Should you wish to contact the Council directly, please use the contact details below:

**For information on the Housing Action Plan or on Planning Policy and Local Plans contact the Planning Policy and Delivery team:**

Tel: 01502 523029 / 01394 444557

Email: [PlanningPolicy@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:PlanningPolicy@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

Planning Policy webpage: [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy-and-local-plans](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy-and-local-plans)

**For information on the pre-application advice service contact the Development Management team:**

Email: [planning@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:planning@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

Pre-application advice webpage: [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/pre-application-planning-advice](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/pre-application-planning-advice)

**For general Development Management enquires contact the Development Management Duty Officer between 10am-4pm (a voicemail service operates out of hours):**

Tel: 01502 523100

Email: [dutyplanner@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:dutyplanner@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

**For site specific issues on large sites contact the Major Sites and Infrastructure Team:**

Tel: 01394 444593

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**For details of upcoming Developer Forums contact the Planning Quality Outcomes Officer**

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Email: [lisa.mills@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.mills@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

Developer Forum webpage: [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/developers-forum/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/developers-forum/)