



Key Facts

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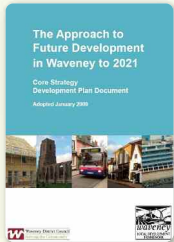
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Waveney Local Development Framework Progress

The Local Development Framework is the local plan for the Waveney district, setting out how the area should be developed. The framework is made up of a number of local planning documents.

Adopted Development Plan Documents



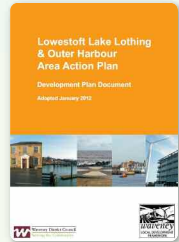
The approach to future development in Waveney to 2021



Policies to help make decisions on planning applications



Sites for future development

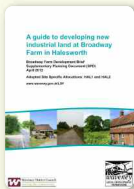


Lowestoft Lake Loothing and Outer Harbour Area Action Plan

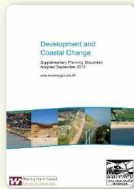
Adopted Supplementary Planning Documents



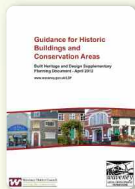
Affordable housing



Developing industrial land at Broadway Farm in Halesworth



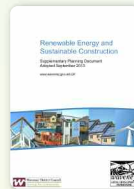
Development and coastal change



Guidance for historic buildings and conservation areas



Open Space provision and developer contributions



Renewable energy and sustainable construction



Sustainable Urban Neighbourhood and Kirkley Waterfront

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Town Update

Lowestoft (+ Carlton Colville & Oulton)

Population: 69,497
New homes: 79 ↓
New employment floorspace: 819m² ↓
Town centre units in use: 83% ↓



Beccles with Worlingham

Population: 13,868
New homes: -1* ↓
New employment floorspace: 1,265m² ↑
Town centre units in use: 94% ↓



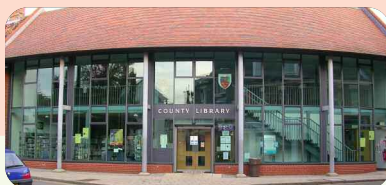
Bungay

Population: 5,127
New homes: 2 ↓
New employment floorspace: 0m²
Town centre units in use: 93% ↑



Halesworth

Population: 4,726
New homes: 15 ↓
New employment floorspace: 0m²
Town centre units in use: 95% (no change)



Southwold with Reydon

Population: 3,680
New homes: 38 ↓
New employment floorspace: 559m² ↑
Town centre units in use: 96% (no change)



Arrows indicate an increase or decrease from the last available data.
Population figures from Suffolk County Council (Census 2011).
New homes figure is net additional dwellings.

* net loss of dwellings in Beccles/Worlingham due to demolition of 20 flats at former Tan House.

Environment

Previously developed land

64% of new housing and 100% of new employment floorspace was built on previously developed land.

Flood risk

No planning applications have been granted against Environment Agency advice on flood risk grounds.

Listed buildings

No change to the number of Listed Buildings has been recorded. There are 41 grade I, 75 grade II* and 1,478 grade II buildings in the District.

Sites of special scientific interest

The number of sites of special scientific interest in favourable condition has fallen by 3% in the past year to 49%.

Housing density

On sites of 10 or more homes, an average density of 40 dwellings per hectare has been achieved.

Renewable energy

Waveney has approximately 9MW of installed renewable energy generating capacity. This is 17% of the target of 215GWh by 2021.

Nature conservation sites

There has been no recorded loss of nature conservation sites in the District.

Carbon dioxide emissions

Carbon dioxide emissions have fallen to 5.6 tonnes per person per year. This is significantly lower than the Suffolk average of 6.4 tonnes (2011).

Open space

£208,000 of Section 106 contributions has been used for new play equipment, seating, landscaping and planting schemes.

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Renewable energy

The amount of installed renewable energy generating capacity this year has been disappointing at just 0.38MW when compared to last years total of 8MW. However, not all installations require planning permission so cannot be monitored accurately. Actual installed capacity is likely to be higher than reported.



If all outstanding permissions are implemented the Council is already committed to about 50% of the 2021 target of 215GWh, which overall is showing good progress.

Data sourced from Waveney District Council except Environment Agency and WDC: Flood risk. Department for Energy and Climate Change: Carbon dioxide emissions. Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Suffolk Biological Records Centre and Natural England: Nature conservation sites. Natural England: Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Economy

Town centre shops

Compared to last year, there are 0.6% fewer town centre shop units in Lowestoft and the market towns. The percentage of A1 'shop' uses in town centres is currently 52%.

Town centre vacancies

The number of vacant units in Lowestoft town centres has increased to 17%. The market towns vary between 4% and 7%. The average national vacancy rate is 14%.

House price to income ratio

The ratio between house prices and income has increased this year to 6.94. This is a rise of 0.35 over the last year, but still lower than the 2008 peak of 8.13.

Wages

The average full-time annual wage in Waveney has decreased by approximately £1,400 since last year. The average wage for England shows a fall of £200.

Jobs

The amount of employee jobs has fallen to 39,300. However, a further 3,000 self employed people were conducting business in Waveney at this time.

Available employment land

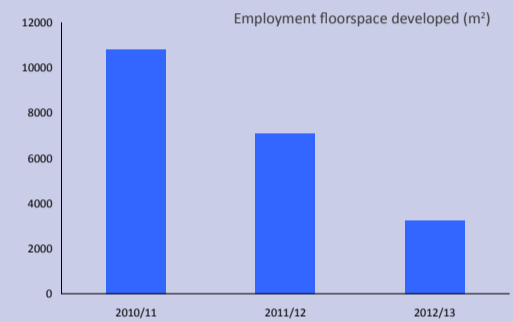
There are 89 hectares of land available for employment development. This rises to 98 hectares if taking into account vacant sites within existing employment sites.

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Employment development

Employment development includes offices, research and development, light industry, general industrial and storage or distribution. In the last financial year, 3,237m² of employment development was completed. This included:

- ✓ 3 factory extensions totalling 1,659m² in Beccles, Lowestoft and Halesworth
- ✓ a two storey 146m² storage and distribution unit at South Lowestoft Industrial Estate
- ✓ Four sites in Lowestoft and Ellough have Enterprise Zone status. A notice for commencement has been received for 3 industrial units at Mobbs Way in Oulton.



Data sourced from Waveney District Council except Communities and Local Government: House price to income ratio. Office for National Statistics: Wages, Jobs

Housing

Number of bedrooms

The type of housing delivered this year has been predominantly two and three bedroom units at 79% of all completions. 13% have been one bedroom dwellings with 18% having 4 bedrooms or more.

The requirement of Policy DM17 'Housing type and mix' to shift towards provision of smaller dwellings (40% one and two bedrooms) has been met, achieving a total of 47% of all completions.



Affordable housing

Affordable housing completions this year at 38.4% (61 in total) is above Core Strategy requirement of 30% and 35% requirement of Policy DM18.

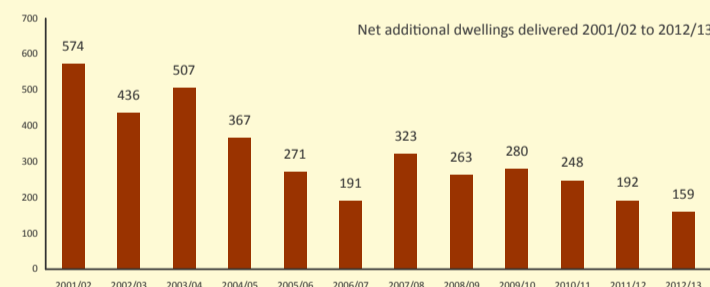
Delivery of housing

Overall delivery of housing in Waveney has been relatively low this year but reflects the national situation and is not unexpected. Improvements are anticipated as sites in the Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document and Area Action Plan are implemented.

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Housing completions

159 new dwellings have been delivered this year. This is below the target of 290 per annum. However the historic delivery rate and predicted delivery average over the plan period is still above the Core Strategy requirement of 6,960 dwellings by 151 units.



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Land allocated for housing

The housing elements on three sites in the Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document have progressed this year.

The housing element of the mixed use allocation on land at the former Eversley School playing field in Southwold has delivered the first 29 of a total of 38 homes. Construction works commenced for 23 homes on the mixed use allocation at the Town Hall in Lowestoft. Works have also commenced at the former fire station in north Lowestoft which will deliver 32 homes.

Data sourced from Waveney District Council

Society

Adult obesity

Around 27% of the adult population are considered to be obese. This is an increase of 2% from the previous year.

Life expectancy

Life expectancy at birth for those born in Waveney between 2007-11 is 79 years for males and 83 years for females.

Deprivation

The proportion of Waveney's population living in areas within the 25% most deprived wards in the country increased from 20% in 2004 to 21% in 2010. While this shows that more needs to be done to reduce deprivation, many of the most deprived areas are located in Lowestoft, in areas that should benefit from longer-term plans for job and housing growth set out in the Core Strategy.



Child obesity

11% of children aged 4-5 are considered to be obese, which is slightly higher than the previous figures. This increases to 18% of children aged 10-11 years old, although this is 3% lower than previous figures.

Crime

Recorded crimes and anti-social behaviour incidents both decreased significantly between 2001 and 2012. In 2012 there were 1,000 fewer recorded crimes than in 2011 and nearly 1,000 fewer anti-social behaviour incidents.

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Qualifications

8% of the adult population do not have any qualifications. This is an improvement of almost 4% when compared to the previous year, and 28% better than in 2001.

However, the percentage of year 11 pupils gaining 5+ A*- C grades at GCSE including English and Maths has fallen.



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Neighbourhood Planning

A Neighbourhood Development Plan allows communities to create a vision and planning policies for the use and development of land in a neighbourhood, for example, where new homes should be built and what they should look like. Neighbourhood development plans can be general or more detailed but must be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the Council's adopted Core Strategy.

With a Neighbourhood Development Order communities can grant planning permission for development they want to see go ahead in a neighbourhood, for example allowing home extensions to be built without the need to apply for planning permission.

So far, no Neighbourhood Development Plans or Neighbourhood Development Orders have been adopted in Waveney. Several Town and Parish Councils have expressed an interest in developing a Neighbourhood Plan, however, only Kessingland has progressed this further with an application to designate a Neighbourhood Area. This was approved in December. To find out more about Neighbourhood Planning, visit www.waveney.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning

Travel

Modes of school transport

Walking to school has increased significantly since 2004 reaching 56% in January 2011. Car use still remains high at 25% for this type of journey.

Access to services

Only 25% of the rural population live in a parish with 5 key services of a food shop / general store, post office, pub, primary school and meeting place. Around 9,850 residents do not have a food shop in their parish.

Traffic movement

Traffic volumes have decreased slightly at three key locations in Lowestoft, although overall traffic volume has increased since 2001.

Location of new homes

96% of all new residential development has taken place in Lowestoft, the market towns and larger villages since 2001.

Data sourced from Waveney District Council except **Census 2011**: Travel to work. **Suffolk Rural Services Review**: Access to services. **Suffolk County Council and Highways Agency**: Traffic movement. **Suffolk County Council**: Modes of school transport

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Travel to work

22% of people travel to work using a sustainable mode of transport such as a walking, cycling or public transport. 72% of people travel to work using a non-sustainable mode of travel, such as a car (as a driver or passenger), taxi or motorbike.

For every 100 people travelling to work:

72 will use a car

11 will walk

6 will cycle

5 will work from home

4 will use public transport

2 will use another method.

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