

# Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

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## **[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](#)**

A new 1.17 million square foot warehouse unveiled in Stowmarket.

## **[Free insulation upgrades in new £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](#)**

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

## **[Financial aid for flood-affected properties in Suffolk](#)**

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

## **[£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](#)**

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?](#)**

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

## **[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](#)

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

### [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](#)

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 Battsford and Combs. ***NB: The consultation period has now been extended to January 10.***