

Our ref: New CWNP Design Guidelines consultation

Date: 20 January 2025

Sent by e-mail

Dear Sir / Madam

Copdock & Washbrook Neighbourhood Plan 2023 – 2037

Focused consultation on new Design Guidelines document (ends 5 February 2025)

We are contacting you because you are a statutory consultee or because you or your client have expressed interest in the Copdock & Washbrook Neighbourhood Plan 2023 -2037 [the CWNP].

Independent examination of the CWNP commenced in mid-July 2024 but, by mutual agreement, has been on hold since Autumn 2024 to allow the Parish Council time to address an issue with their Design Guidelines document.

A new CWNP ‘Design Guidelines’ document

The submission draft CWNP does not allocate any sites for housing development. The Design Guidelines document that was submitted with the draft plan also made it clear that any references contained therein to the former Back Lane site should be ignored. Despite this, confusion persisted. To resolve this, the Parish Council commissioned a new Design Guidelines document to replace all previous versions.

A copy of the new Design Guidelines document accompanies this letter.

The same can be found on our CWNP webpage: www.babergh.gov.uk/CopdockWashbrookNP

Interested parties are being invited to read the new Design Guidelines document and, if they wish to do so, to submit any comments they have on this in writing. Those comments must arrive by no later than 4:00pm on Wednesday 5 February 2025.

Please also note that:

- This is a focused consultation on the Design Guidelines document only. If you have previously made representations on the CWNP that are unrelated to the Design Guidelines document, you do not need to re-submit those. The Examiner already has a copy of these and they will be taken into account.
- Valid comments cannot be treated as confidential. With the exception of personal contact details, they will be published on our website at the end of this consultation period. They will also be shared with the Examiner and the Parish Council. The latter will also be given the opportunity to respond to any new issues raised.



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- You can email your comments to: communityplanning@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk. If that is not possible, please post them to: CWNP Consultation, c/o Mr Paul Bryant, Planning Policy Team, Babergh District Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX
- It will not be possible to accept late representations.

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Future updates relating to the Copdock & Washbrook Neighbourhood Plan will continue to be published on the above mentioned webpage as and when required.

Yours faithfully,

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