

**Our ref:** Lavenham NP2 - Basic Conditions Letter

**Date:** Friday 24 November 2023

*Sent by e-mail*

Dear Sir / Madam

**1. Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan 2**

**2. Focused consultation: General conformity with Basic Conditions (27 Nov to 11 Dec 2023)**

We are contacting you because you are a statutory consultee or because you made a representation on the submission draft Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan 2 (LNP2). We published the latter for consultation between 3 July and 18 August this year.

All neighbourhood plans must meet a number of Basic Conditions before they can proceed to a local referendum or, where appropriate, otherwise be adopted. Those conditions include:

- a. having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State,  
*and*
- e. the making of the neighbourhood plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area).

Since our consultation on LNP2 ended, two events have taken place that we consider now need bringing to your attention. The first of these was the publication of the new National Planning Policy Framework (the NPPF) on 5 September 2023. The second is our formal adoption of Part 1 of the Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan. Both may be relevant to the basic conditions test.

On behalf of the LNP2 Examiner, we are inviting you to revisit the submission draft LNP2 document and to consider the following question:

***‘Does publication of the new NPPF and/or the adoption of the Joint Local Plan Part 1 have any implications for LNP2 with regard to it meeting the relevant basic condition tests?’***

Additional guidance notes are provided overleaf. Please read and understand these before deciding whether or not to respond.

**This focused consultation exercise will end at 4:00pm on Monday 11 December 2023.**

Yours faithfully

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### **Additional guidance notes**

- A link to the submission draft LNP2 can be found under the 'Previous stages...' section of our website: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/web/babergh/w/lavenham-neighbourhood-plan>. There is also a link to the Basic Conditions Statement (April 2023) that was submitted along with the Plan.
- This is a focused consultation. As stated, the question is: ***'Does the publication of the new NPPF and/or our adoption of the Joint Local Plan Part 1 have any implications for the LNP2 with regard to it meeting the relevant basic condition tests?'***
- If you have previously submitted a written representation on LNP2 that is unaffected by either the revised NPPF or by our adoption of JLP Part 1, you do not need to re-submit your comments. The Examiner has a copy of these and will take them into account.
- This is not an opportunity to submit new comments or to provide additional information connected to any previously made representation that is not relevant to the question being asked.
- At the end of the consultation, all valid representations will be shared with the Examiner and with Lavenham Parish Council. The latter will be given an opportunity to respond to any new issues raised. Your representation(s) and any response from the Parish Council will be published on website.
- **Comments should be sent by email to:** [communityplanning@babermidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:communityplanning@babermidsuffolk.gov.uk). If that is not possible, please post them to: LNP2 Consultation, c/o Mr Paul Bryant, Spatial Planning Team, Babergh District Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX
- **All comments must arrive by the stated deadline.**

### **National Planning Policy Framework (5 Sept 2023)**

The latest version of the NPPF can be found on the '.gov.uk' website by following the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

The updates appear in Chapter 14 (Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change), and relate specifically to policy on planning for onshore wind development in England. They seek to address some of the barriers to gaining consent for onshore wind turbine proposals.

Within LNP2, you may wish to look at Objective 3: Renewable Energy Infrastructure, and at Policies LAV5: Lavenham renewable energy and low carbon infrastructure and LAV 13: A spatial strategy for Lavenham.

### **Joint Local Plan Part 1 (2018 - 2037)**

On Tuesday 21 November Babergh District Council adopted the Joint Local Plan Part 1 (JLP Part 1) as part of its Development Plan. See our website for details: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/joint-local-plan>

The policies in JLP Part 1 replace most of the saved policies from the Babergh Local Plan (2006) and the policies in the Babergh Core Strategy (2014). Where policies have been saved, these also form part of the Development Plan. See <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/web/babergh/w/saved-policies> for a 'live' list of all saved policies.

When LNP2 was submitted to us in May 2023, the most up to date version of the JLP would have been our Proposed Modifications Consultation document (dated March 2023). This was a track-change document setting out all the main modifications to the JLP that our Inspectors considered were necessary to ensure that it was sound and legally compliant. LNP2 contains a number of references to the JLP, including the Proposed Modifications document.

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