

LITTLE Waldingfield

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
2018 - 2036

Consultation Statement

September 2020

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This consultation statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 in respect of the Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.2 The legal basis of this Consultation Statement is provided by Section 15(2) of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, which requires that a consultation statement should:
- contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
 - explain how they were consulted;
 - summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.
- 1.3 The policies contained in the Neighbourhood Plan are the culmination of extensive engagement and consultation with residents of Little Waldingfield as well as other statutory bodies. This has included a household survey, public meetings and consultation events at appropriate stages during the preparation of the Plan.

2. Background to the Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan

- 2.1 In September 2016, a public meeting was held at the Parish Rooms to provide residents with information on the options available for the preparation of a community led plan for Little Waldingfield. A subsequent parish wide ballot identified that 87.4% of the votes cast were in favour of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. In the following November the Parish Council which, for purposes of the Localism Act, is the “qualifying body” resolved to commence work on the Neighbourhood Plan and to establish a Steering Committee of volunteers to manage its preparation. Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan has been supported by ‘Places4People’ Planning Consultancy.
- 2.2 On 13 March 2017, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, Babergh District Council formally designated the whole parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area, as illustrated on Map 1. Details of the application, its publication and the designation can be viewed on the District Council’s website under ‘Neighbourhood Planning in Little Waldingfield’. There are no other designated neighbourhood plan areas within the Parish boundary.

Map 1 - The Neighbourhood Plan Area



3. How the plan was prepared

3.1 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Government’s Neighbourhood Planning Regulations and, in particular, has involved considerable local community engagement to gather evidence for the content of the plan and later inform the plan’s direction and policies. The content of the Neighbourhood Plan has been generated and led by the community and shaped by results of surveys and drop-in events, to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the aspirations of the community.

July 2017

3.2 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee (“the SC”) was formed, comprising Tim Sheppard (Chair); Jennie Jordan; Chris White; Barbara Campbell and Richard Furlonger.

December 2017

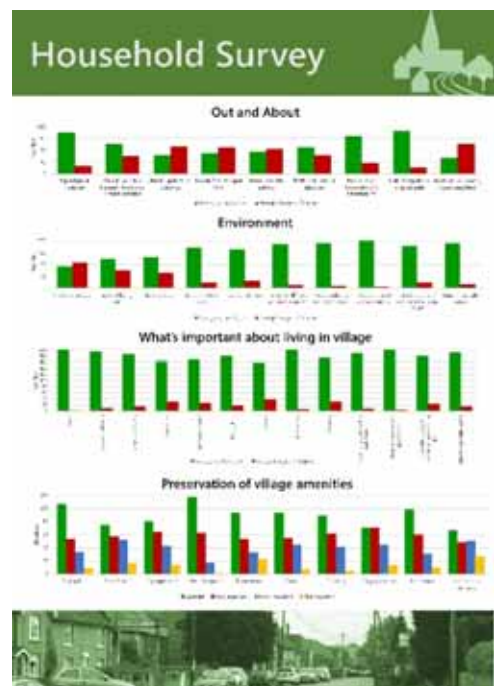
3.3 The Household Survey was circulated to all residents. The results were collated in early 2018. There were over 200 completed questionnaires, meaning that an impressive 64 percent of residents completed the Survey. The Household Survey Results are published under the Evidence Base section of the Little Waldingfield website Neighbourhood Plan pages.

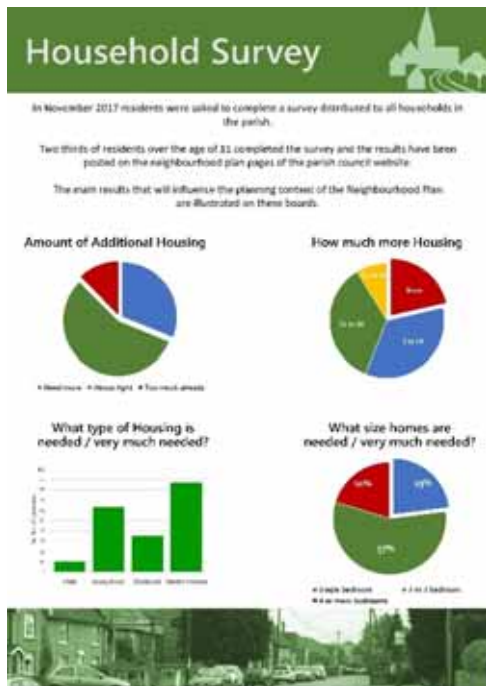
March 2018

3.4 A photographic competition for residents was held, asking people to contribute photographs that represented the essence of the village. The winning photograph was taken by Frances Gregor-Smith and is featured on the front cover of the Neighbourhood Plan.

June 2018

3.5 The first NP drop-in event for residents took place at the Parish Rooms on Saturday 8 June 2018. Every household received a leaflet about the even, at which the Household Survey Results and the draft Village Character Assessment was displayed, amongst other information about the Neighbourhood Plan process. The turnout was pleasing, and examples of the display boards are illustrated below. All the display boards used are also available on to download on the Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Little Waldingfield Parish Council website.





May 2019

3.5 A further drop-in event was held at the Parish Rooms on Saturday 4 May 2019. The event provided information on the work undertaken to date and sought feedback on:

- 1 - how we meet the housing needs of the village to 2036;
- 2 - sites that could be suitable for providing part of this housing;
- 3 - other possible designations in the Plan; and
- 4 - the topics to be covered by planning policies.



3.6 Copies of the display boards from the event are included as Appendix 1 of this Statement. Attendees were asked to complete a questionnaire, which was also made available online for those that couldn't attend the event or wanted more time to consider their responses. Over 50 people submitted responses, the results of which were published on the Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Parish Council website and are included at Appendix 2 of the Statement.

September 2019

- 3.7 In July 2019 Babergh District Council published the Preferred Options Joint Local Plan for consultation. A public meeting was held at The Parish Rooms on Saturday 7 September to consider the content of the Local Plan document and its potential impact on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

Ongoing publicity and community engagement

- 3.8 During the whole neighbourhood plan process, there has been regular publicity, awareness raising and community engagement.
- 3.9 There have been regular updates at Parish Council meetings and events have been advertised in "Box River News", delivered free to all 1800+ households within the Box River Benefice consisting of Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Little Waldingfield and Newton Green.

Steering Committee Meetings

- 3.10 The Steering Committee has met on a regular basis and notes of all meetings are available on the Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Parish Council website.

4. Regulation 14 Pre-submission Consultation

4.1 On 12 March 2020 the formal Pre-submission Draft Plan was approved for publication by the Parish Council. It was originally intended to commence consultation with a drop-in event on Saturday 4 April 2020. However, the imposition of “Lockdown” restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic meant that the consultation had to be cancelled as it was felt that the requirements and regulations of making the Plan accessible could not be achieved.

4.2 On 14 May 2020 the Parish Council approved minor amendments to the draft Plan and agreed that consultation should proceed in the light of the Government’s easing of some of the lockdown restrictions.

4.3 The statutory consultation period ran from 5 June to Friday 24 July 2020. A period of 7 weeks.

How we publicised the consultation

4.4 In order to ensure that all residents and others operating in the Neighbourhood Area were aware of the consultation, a copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan together with a comments response form was printed and distributed to every address in the parish in the week commencing 1 June. The comments form, reproduced in Appendix 3 of this Consultation Statement, explained how to respond to the consultation and when the consultation ended. For those unable to respond to the consultation online, arrangements were made for the comments forms to be left at the address of a Parish Councillor / Steering Group Member.

4.5 At the start of the consultation, all the statutory Regulation 14 consultees, as advised by Babergh District Council, were consulted. The full list of bodies consulted is shown in Appendix 4 and the letter used to notify them is included at Appendix 5.

4.6 Given the restrictions on social gatherings, an online “Zoom” drop-in session was held and details were publicised on the front of the comments form. Only two residents joined the session, but they were able to ask questions of the Steering Committee and our planning consultant.

4.7 An open-air drop-in event was organised for 8 July on the Playing Field. A leaflet providing details of the event, as well as providing summaries of the policies and listing some Frequently Asked Questions, was distributed to every household in the village. Four residents attended the event and were able to ask questions about the Plan and get answers from the Steering Committee and our planning consultant.

4.8 The Plan was made available on the Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Parish Council website together with the supporting documents that had been prepared to inform the content of the Plan. The comments form referred to above was also available for downloading and an online version of the form was provided to enable responses to be made electronically.

4.9 Details of the responses received during the pre-submission consultation period are detailed later in this Consultation Statement.

5. Pre-Submission Consultation Responses

5.1 A total of 69 people or organisations responded to the Pre-Submission Consultation as listed below.

The following individuals or organisations submitted comments:

Alan & Mary Baker	James Kossick
Rita Baker	Diana Langford
Chris Banks	The Lister Family
P Beavis	Alan and Rose MacNeill
Ian & Sue Bowen	Rosemarie Marriott
Mr & Mrs D Bowyer	Helen Martin
Stewart Braybrook	Nick Mason
Barbara Campbell	Margaret Maybury
Alan Campbell	Sandra McGuinness
Ivan and Jan Carter	Linda and Michael Pease
Clampin	Susan Ranson
Lorraine Clarke	Rick Ridgeon
R M Collins	Andy Sheppard
Lynn & Ian Davidson	Tim Sheppard
Patricia Eddington	Rebecca Simpson
Michael Ewen	Joy Squirrel
Joanne Francis	Delme Thompson
Alex Francis	Mary Thorogood
Richard Furlonger	Brian Tora
Sally Furlonger	Robert Wheeler
George Furlonger	Barbara Wheeler
Elena Garcia	Christopher White
Felicity Gardiner	Ann White
Diane Gearing	Anonymous x 2
Terence and Joanne Grantham	
Frances Gregor-Smith	Babergh District Council
Gillian Harritt	Suffolk County Council
Jon Hart	Anglian Water
Brian Harvey	Environment Agency
John Haywood	Highways England
Ray and Sue Horsley	Historic England
Stan Ireland	Natural England
Jennie Jordan	Avison Young on behalf of National Grid
Lauren Kilgour	Suffolk Preservation Society

5.2 The schedule of comments and the responses of the Parish Council are set out in Appendix 8 of this Statement. As a result, the Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan has been appropriately amended as identified in the "changes made to Plan" column of the Appendix. Further amendments were made to the Plan to bring it up-to-date and Appendix 9 provides a comprehensive list of all the modifications to the Pre-Submission Plan following consultation.

Welcome



Thank you for visiting the Neighbourhood Plan Drop-in event today.

We would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date with progress on the Plan and ask you to assist us coming to some key decisions.

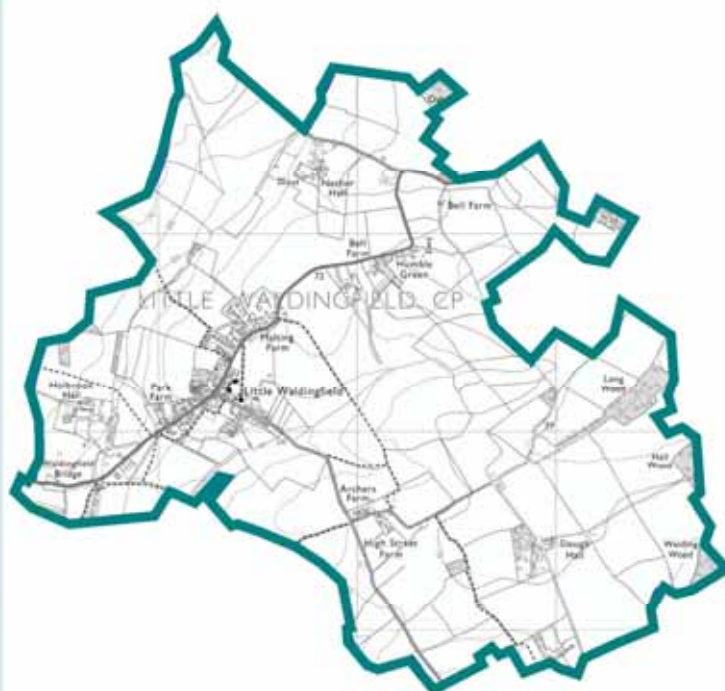
What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

It is a new kind of town planning document designed to allow local people to play an active part in planning their area. It can guide the development and conservation of the villages and can, for example, also identify proposals for:

- Protecting sites of environmental or historic quality
- Providing new facilities
- Improving areas
- Sites for new development

When complete, it will form part of the statutory development plan for the area, meaning that Babergh District Council and Planning Inspectors will have to take note of what it says when considering planning applications.

Community Engagement is a major part of the process of developing the Neighbourhood Plan and it must be approved in a local referendum before it can be used.



Where it covers

The Neighbourhood Plan will cover the whole of the Little Waddingfield Parish as shown on the map.

Why we're doing it

Our village is coming under increasing pressure for new development and preparing our own Neighbourhood Plan gives us the opportunity to shape the future by identifying areas that should be protected and areas where new homes could be built.

The alternative is for Babergh District Council to decide through their Local Plan or for developers to dictate where housing goes.

The process

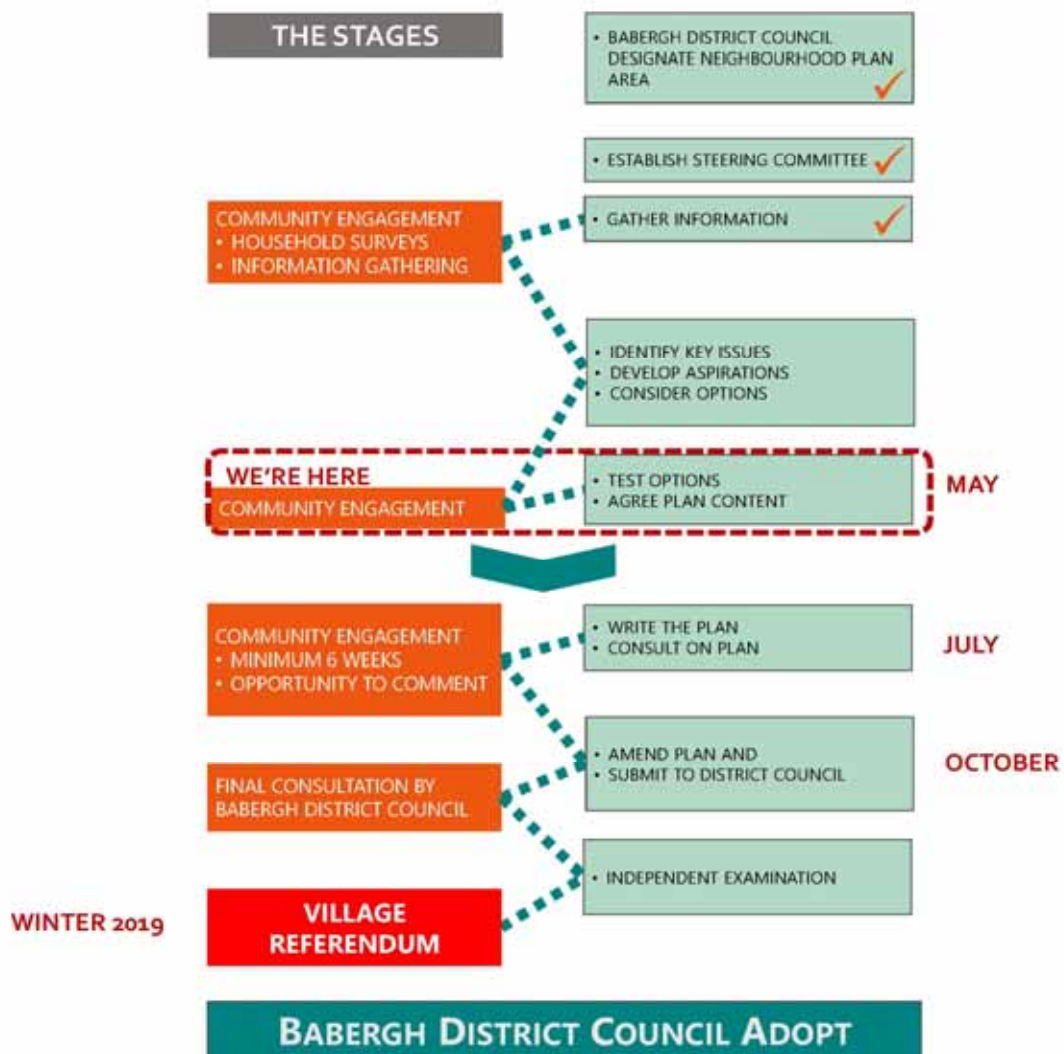


How it's prepared

There are a number of stages that have to be completed, as illustrated. Some of these stages are governed by the regulations for preparing Neighbourhood Plans and so there is no short cut. The Neighbourhood Plan will be prepared by the Steering Committee advised by specialists when necessary. We encourage YOU to get involved too at the various consultation stages like today.

At the end of the day, it's YOU that will decide whether the Plan should be approved.

Community Involvement is a major part of the process and it must be approved in a local referendum before it can be used.



Today



Before we complete work on the draft Neighbourhood Plan, we want to receive your feedback on matters that we're proposing to include in it.

In particular, we'd like your thoughts on:

- 1 - how we meet the housing needs of the village to 2036
- 2 - sites that could be suitable for providing part of this housing
- 3 - other possible designations in the Plan
- 4 - the topics to be covered by planning policies

There will be an open discussion on the Plan at 11.30 and 2.30



Please let us have your thoughts and provide feedback on the form provided. It will help us complete the Neighbourhood Plan and get it ready for the extensive consultation in July.

Housing Provision



In order to stand up to potential future challenges from developers, the Neighbourhood Plan needs to identify how it meets the new housing requirement for the village to 2036

Across Babergh, the average number of new homes built every year over the last 18 years is 256

In the next 18 years, this figure is set to increase to 420 a year to meet predicted needs.

An independent Government funded assessment of Housing Needs for the village has identified what the likely housing requirement for the village will be, based on the potential distribution of housing proposed across Babergh in the 2017 Local Plan consultation.

The assessment concludes that between 7 and 21 new homes could be needed in the village between 2018 and 2036.

Option description	Percentage of district growth for all Hinterland Villages	Little Waldingfield Housing Need Figures
Option BHD1 – County Town focused growth. This will see most development occur in the Ipswich fringe area and larger towns and provide opportunities for these areas to regenerate, whilst other areas will benefit from these improved centres.	5%	7
Option BHD2 – Market Town/rural area balance. A mix of urban and rural development is seen as most sustainable, and has been historically been the growth pattern in the district.	15%	21
Option BHD3 – Transport Corridor focused – Sustainable development should be achieved by exploiting existing transport connections that enable access to facilities and services across the district and beyond.	10%	14
Option BHD4 – New Settlement focused – Rather than to expand existing settlements, this option would be to create new, stand-alone settlements.	5%	7

Given the lack of services in the village we consider that the appropriate amount of growth to plan for is 14 new homes.

Planning officers at Babergh have not objected to this approach.



Housing Provision



DELIVERING THE REQUIREMENT

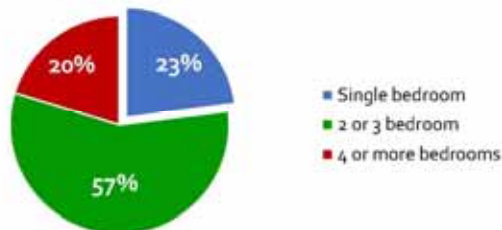
The calculation below explains how we propose that the housing requirement should be provided.

Requirement 2018 – 2036	14
New homes granted planning permission since 1 April 2018	3
Allowance for infill plots * and “windfall”* homes coming forward	6
Site allocation/s in the Neighbourhood Plan	5

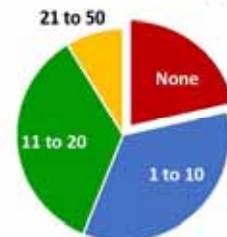
- Making a site allocation in the Neighbourhood Plan will mean that the Plan can be used to resist planning applications for housing that do not accord with our Plan if Babergh District Council cannot identify a 5 year’s supply of housing sites.
- Without an allocation we are vulnerable to rogue applications.
- We will need to demonstrate that any sites we include in the Plan are available for development and capable of being built by 2036

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FINDINGS

What size homes are needed / very much needed?



How much Housing?



GOVERNMENT FUNDED HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

- about 45% of new homes should be between 1 or 2 bedrooms, while 50% should be 3 bedrooms and a further 5% 4 bedrooms.
- it is important to acknowledge that building slightly more 1 or 2 bedrooms will cater for the growing older population and allow older households to downsize.
- there is clear evidence of Affordable Housing need within the parish.
- only Market, Affordable and Social rent tenures, in addition to shared ownership homes at 50% and 25% are affordable to those that earn the average (total annual) income in Little Waldingfield.
- for those who earn within the Babergh’s lower quartile income (£19,821 per annum), the only tenure that is affordable is Social Rent.

* Windfall housing is defined as new homes sites which become available for development unexpectedly and are therefore not included as allocated land. Barn conversions are a typical example.

* Infill plots are sites within the defined Built-Up Area Boundary that are acceptable for housing and comply with planning policies and other considerations.



Housing Provision



Considering the Potential locations for new housing

Three sites had been put forward to Babergh District Council by landowners as being available for development, as illustrated below. The District Council assessed the sites and concluded that Sites 1 and 2 could be suitable for housing subject to overcoming constraints. They concluded that Site 3 was not suitable due to access issues to the site and poor connectivity to the settlement pattern.

We have had an independent assessment undertaken of the two sites as part of our Government funded support package for preparing the Plan.

The following illustrate the conclusions of the assessment and the matters that will have to be taken into account if housing is to go ahead at these locations.



- 1 Land rear of Enniskillen
- 2 Land to the south-east of The Street
- 3 Land to the north-west of The Street

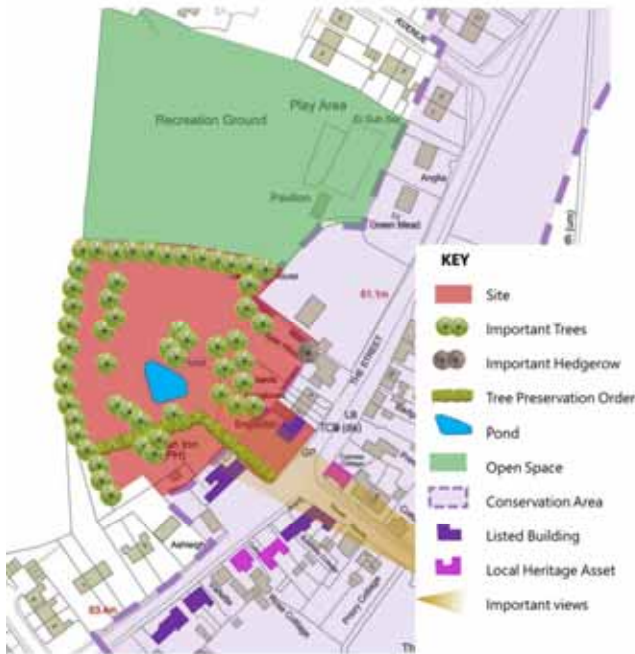
Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment

The primary purpose of the SHELA which local planning authorities are required to prepare is to:

- identify sites with the potential for housing or employment
- assess how many homes or floorspace they could provide
- assess when they could be developed

It is a technical document and an important evidence source to inform decision making on future housing and employment development, but does not determine whether a site will be allocated. It includes a high level strategic overview assessment of the deliverability/developability of each identified site in terms of its suitability, availability and achievability.

Site 1



The site is located to the rear of the Swan and has a number of important trees that contribute to the character of the village. Access to the site would be between two Grade II Listed Buildings, The Swan and Enniskillin.

Abbergh District Council desk-top assessment

Assessment Criteria	Findings
Net Site Area (ha)	0.8 Hectares
Existing Land Use	Orchard and residential garden
Access to site	Access possible from The Street / B1115. This will need further investigation/consultation with the highways authority.
Landscape, Strategic Gap and Agricultural Land	Agricultural land classification is partly Grade 2 to the north-east and Grade 3 to the south-west. No detrimental impact on local landscape identified.
Townscape	Partial or low density development of the site, may have a neutral impact on the townscape. However this would need further investigation to ensure any impact can be mitigated to protect the historic townscape.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity	Mature trees and woodland within the site.
Historic	The site is adjacent to and partly within the Little Waldingfield Conservation Area. The site is located to the rear of Grade 2 listed buildings. The site is also in proximity to County Historic Environment Records. The historic environment will need to be considered to ensure that the impact of the development could be mitigated.
Open Space	Development of the site would not result in the loss of open space. There is an Outdoor Sports Facility area immediately to the east of the site.
Availability	Site is under multiple ownership. Site was submitted by a planning agent on behalf of the landowners. Enquiries have been received for the site. Land available in 0-5 years.
Achievability	The submission confirms that the site could come forward in 0-5 years. The submission confirms that there are no legal restrictions on the land and no known abnormal costs which would affect viability. The submission does not provide indication of the likely annual build out rate.
Suitability	Site is potentially suitable, but the following constraints have been identified which would require further investigation: - Highways – regarding access, footpaths and infrastructure required - Impact on the historic environment.
Estimated Dwellings Yield	Estimated Dwellings Yield: 8

Site 1



ASSESSMENT OUTCOMES



Appearance, Layout and Relationship to Village Character

- Orchard and residential garden with potential access gained through the curtilage/garden of the Grade II listed 'Enniskillen House' to The Street.
- Largely constrained by trees, while access to the site has the potential to have an impact on the settings of two Grade II listed buildings (not only Enniskillen but also The Swan Pub) in very close proximity to the proposed access point.
- To minimise impact on the listed buildings, proposed residential development would have to be located to the rear of buildings along The Street, though even this does not rule out an impact on their settings.
- Backland development, the comprehensive development of land behind an existing frontage, can be found to be acceptable in principle if new housing is in keeping with the character and quality of the local environment.
- Unlikely that proposed development would provide a residential aspect onto The Street to integrate with and relate to the existing built form of the village without adversely impacting on the setting of the Grade II listed buildings and adjoining Conservation Area.
- Development has the potential to depart from the character of the settlement and existing housing schemes such as those at Croft Lea, Wade Crescent and Grove Avenue, which all provide residential aspects onto The Street.

Means of Access

- Access through garden of a Grade II listed building
- Development of the access road would have to be sensitive to its setting.
- Proposed access would require the approval of the local Highways Authority.
- A Road Safety Audit may find potential access arrangements onto an existing T-junction to be unsafe.

Landscape Impact and Scale

- Site screened from view by vegetation identified as 'important trees and hedgerows' in the Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan Village Character Assessment.
- Although there are no tree preservation orders present on site, historically the site is an orchard and garden of a Grade II listed building.
- When considering the setting of the listed building and conservation area, and arboriculture sensitivities of this setting, the SHELAA considerably reduced the developable area of the site to estimate a lower yield of 8 dwellings.

Assessment Conclusion

Housing on garden and orchard of and behind a Grade II listed building, has potential to adversely impact on setting of listed buildings, conservation area and character of village through development on what is considered as backland.

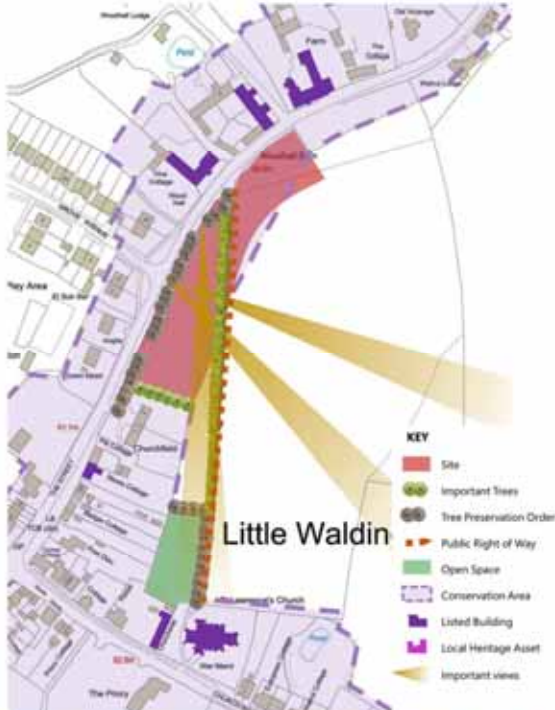
In accordance with Babergh Local Plan policies, proposals should be well related to existing settlement. Development of this site will not directly front onto The Street.

National and local policy encourage the preservation, enhancement and retention of a curtilage area and/or setting which is appropriate to the listed building and the relationship with its setting. In this respect development of this site would be contrary to Local Plan policy. National policy also requires that proposed development respects those features which contribute positively to the setting of a listed building.

Development would require a clear and convincing justification setting out where harm to the significance of listed buildings should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal.

Proposed access has potential to have an impact on the setting of the Grade II listed building in addition to raising road safety concerns due to being located opposite a road junction. An upgraded access would require traffic safety measures such as traffic lights or roundabout to mitigate right of way and safety issues.

Site 2



The site fronts onto The Street, is with the Conservation Area and contains a number of trees protected by Preservation Orders. The northern end of the site is opposite Listed Buildings and there are important views to open countryside and the Church

Barbergh District Council desk-top assessment

Assessment Criteria	Findings
Net Site Area (ha)	0.78 Hectares
Existing Land Use	Agricultural
Access to site	Access possible from The Street / B1115. This will need further investigation/consultation with the highways authority.
Landscape, Strategic Gap and Agricultural Land	Agricultural land classification Grade 2. TPO's are identified the length of the western boundary; therefore assessment of impact upon TPOs will be required.
Townscape	Partial development of the site, along The Street/B1115 only, may have a neutral impact on the townscape. However, this would need further investigation to ensure any impact can be mitigated to protect the historic townscape.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity	There are Tree Preservation Orders along the boundary of the site which runs along the B1115 / The Street.
Historic	The site is within the Little Waldingfield Conservation Area and fronts two Grade 2 listed buildings. The site is also in proximity to County Historic Environment Records. The historic environment will need to be considered to ensure that the impact of the development could be mitigated.
Open Space	Public right of way passes through the site.
Availability	Site is under single ownership - title deeds have been submitted. Site has not been marketed. Land available in 0-5 years.
Achievability	The submission confirms that there are no legal restrictions on the land and no known abnormal costs which would affect viability.
Suitability	Site is potentially suitable, but the following constraints have been identified which would require further investigation: - Highways – regarding access, footpaths and infrastructure required - Impact on the historic environment - Tree Preservation Orders along the boundary of the site which runs along the B1115 / The Street. Open Space - public rights of way passes through the site.
Estimated Dwellings Yield	Proposed Development: 23 dwellings Estimated Dwellings Yield: 12

Site 2



ASSESSMENT OUTCOMES



Appearance, Layout and Relationship to Village Character

- Site is not without constraints, but presents opportunity to deliver housing need in line with the character of the village where the built form fronts onto the street.
- Largely a paddock within Conservation Area that is located adjacent to the villages' settlement boundary.
- Site exhibits high to medium landscape sensitivities from north to south respectively, as views of open countryside and the landmark Grade I listed St. Lawrence's Church dissipate to intimate and contained views of agricultural paddocks and hedgerows.
- Site has greater potential to achieve a coherent and legible built form that relates better to the village character when compared to Site 1.



Means of Access

- Access plans would have to consider potential impacts on trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders along the shared boundary with The Street.

Landscape Impact and Scale

- Neighbourhood Plan Village Character Assessment identifies important views from the Little Waldingfield Conservation Area across the northern tip to the Grade I Listed Church of St Lawrence. These views are intermittent of the church framed between trees, hedgerow and shelter belt as viewed from The Street across the northern half of the site.
- Views across the paddock and southern half of the site are contained by the shelter belt, mature trees and hedgerow.
- Public right of way follows a shelter belt that bisects the northern tip of the site, creating a natural boundary that allows views of the landmark building to be seen along the public path and from the northern half of the site.
- Views of the church and open countryside across the northern half of the site contribute to the village character, with views along the public right of way also of high landscape value.
- Shelter belt and public right of way form logical boundary that have potential to define the developable area to the southwest of the site, when important views across the northern part of the site are considered. This is in line with the SHELAA site conclusions, which considers the partial development of site to potentially deliver 12 dwellings.



Assessment Conclusion

Part development is considered to be a more sustainable option when assessed against the core elements of achieving planning consent, namely impact on designated heritage assets, appearance and layout, means of access, landscaping, and scale.

Development would have to consider built and natural heritage implications of the site and surrounding setting.

Site contains views of listed buildings and the conservation area across the northern part of the site and multiple TPOs on the western boundary.

A reduced developable area, taking these significant heritage constraints into consideration, presents an opportunity to deliver housing need in line with the character of the village where the built form can front onto the street.

Which site?



It's clear that each site has issues to overcome to make it suitable for housing development

We need to allocate a site or sites that, in total, could deliver at least 5 houses

Each site has the capacity to deliver more homes than we need by 2036 but each has some restrictions which prevents it from being developed to full capacity.

We therefore consider that, if either or both of these sites are chosen for development, the developable area should be dictated by the built and natural environment.

We've therefore asked the Government Neighbourhood Plan support service to prepare indicative site development proposals to indicate how each could be developed while having regard to the restrictions that have been identified for each site.

Development Design



Analysis carried out by independent consultants

The Neighbourhood Plan aims to develop design guidelines for future development, to retain and enhance the character of the village and protect the rural, tranquil character and scenic beauty of the area as a whole.

As part of the Government funded Neighbourhood Plan support package, independent consultants have prepared a Design Guide for new development in the village.

Based on established good practice, the AECOM Design Report provides a number of questions (below) against which the design proposal should be evaluated.

The aim is to assess all proposals by objectively answering the questions below. Not all the questions will apply to every development.

The relevant ones, however, should provide an assessment as to whether the design proposal has taken into account the context and provided an adequate design solution.

Using 5 red dots and 5 green dots identify what you consider to be the most important and least important criteria



Key elements to consider when assessing applications: Do the		Most Important	Least Important
1	Harmonise and enhance existing settlement in terms of physical form, pattern or movement and land use		
2	Relate well to local topography and landscape features, including prominent ridge lines and long distance views		
3	Reinforce or enhance the established village character of streets, squares and other spaces		
4	Reflect, respect, and reinforce local architecture and historic distinctiveness		
5	Retain and incorporate important existing features into the development		
6	Respect surrounding buildings in terms of scale, height, form and massing		
7	Adopt appropriate materials and details		
8	Integrate with existing paths, streets, circulation networks and patterns of activity		
9	Provide adequate open space for the development in terms of both quantity and quality		
10	Incorporate necessary services and drainage infrastructure without causing unacceptable harm to retained features		
11	Ensure all components e.g. buildings, landscapes, access routes, parking and open space are well related to each other, to provide a safe and attractive environment		
12	Make sufficient provision for sustainable waste management (including facilities for kerbside collection, waste separation, and minimisation where appropriate) without adverse impact on the street scene, the local landscape or the amenities of neighbours		
13	Use of energy efficient technologies		

Plan Content



The Neighbourhood Plan will contain policies that will need to be taken into account when proposals for new development are considered.

The policies should not repeat those already contained in the Babergh Local Plan or National Planning Policies.

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Policies



The Neighbourhood Plan will contain policies that will need to be taken into account when proposals for new development are considered.

There are already planning policies in place at a national and at Babergh level and our Neighbourhood Plan policies can add local value to but should not repeat them.

Affordable Housing on Exception Sites

Small rural exception sites seek to address identified housing needs of the local community by providing homes in perpetuity for those who are either current residents or have an existing family or employment connection and cannot afford local open market house prices.

Housing Space Standards

Small rural exception sites seek to address identified housing needs of the local community by providing homes in perpetuity for those who are either current residents or have an existing family or employment connection and cannot afford local open market house prices.

Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity

Protecting an area of high landscape value in the north of the parish. It is already designated as a Special Landscape Area in the Babergh Local Plan but it's unclear whether this designation will continue in the new Local Plan.

Local Green Spaces

Protects locally important green spaces from development.

Local Heritage Assets

Identifies buildings which, although they're not listed, are important locally and where possible, should not be lost or harmed by inappropriate development.

Heritage Assets

Protects listed buildings and other historic sites from inappropriate development.

Protecting existing services and facilities

Seeks to prevent the loss of village facilities unless it can be demonstrated that:

- they are no longer viable to remain,
- there is no demand for them
- alternative and/or better facilities will be provided elsewhere in the village centre.

Design Considerations

Provides a list of criteria against which proposals for development will be assessed, including:

- the character of the area
- important views
- biodiversity including trees and woodland
- provision of energy saving considerations
- car parking and access.

Holbrook Park Special Character Area

See next display board.



Special Character Area



Holbrook Park, including Brookwood Manor, contains a number of important buildings set within a parkland. The Hall is a large detached three storey Victorian manor house while the grounds were described as pleasure gardens and there was a brick bridge over the stream, near the fishpond, which was demolished in the 1950s.

However, none of the buildings are listed and that have no designations. We therefore propose to designate a "Special Character Area" to include the Hall and its grounds where proposals for new development will be required to have regard to the distinct characteristics of the site and not have a detrimental impact on the setting of the buildings.



What next.....



Following today's event we'll be continuing the preparation of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan with a view to commencing the formal consultation on it in July.

This consultation will have to last for at least six weeks and will provide residents, government bodies and developers the opportunity to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Following the completion of the consultation, the Neighbourhood Plan will be amended to take account of any required changes before it is submitted to Babergh District Council for them to complete the process.



We hope that you will feedback your views to us today by completing the Feedback Form and leaving it in the box as you leave.

We also invite you to stay for the short presentations at 11.30am and 2.30pm and the chance to raise any questions you may have.



Thanks for your support

Appendix 2 – Feedback from May 2019 Consultation Event



1. Do you agree that the appropriate amount of housing growth to plan for is 14 homes (up to 2036)?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	YES		75.93%	41
2	NO		24.07%	13
			answered	54
			skipped	28



2. Do you agree that we should allocate a site, or sites, for 5 homes?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	YES		87.76%	43
2	NO		12.24%	6
			answered	49
			skipped	33

3. Do you agree with the proposed policies for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	YES		79.25%	42
2	NO		20.75%	11
			answered	53
			skipped	29

4. Do you agree with the designation of Holbrook Park as a Special Character Area?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	YES		88.46%	46
2	NO		11.54%	6
			answered	52
			skipped	30

Appendix 3 – Pre-Submission Consultation Comments Form

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

The Parish Council is pleased to be able to enclose a copy of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for your consideration and comment.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

It is a new kind of planning document designed to allow local people to play an active part in planning their area. It can guide the development and conservation of Little Waldingfield and, for example, also identify proposals for:

- Improving areas;
- Providing new facilities;
- Sites for new development;
- Protecting sites of environmental or historic quality.

When complete, it will form part of the statutory development plan and both Babergh District Council and Planning Inspectors will have to take note of what it says when considering development proposals.

Consultation

This consultation runs from on or before 5 June 2020 until **Friday 24 July 2020**.

We cannot receive comments after this date.

Online Drop-in - Thursday 11 June 5.00pm to 6.00pm

If you have questions about the Plan, the Steering Committee are hosting a "Zoom" online drop-in event. Please feel free to log on anytime between 5.00pm to 6.00pm and one of the Committee will be available to answer your questions. You don't have to stay for the hour, just log on when you are free. You can join the Drop-in event by clicking on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81301458856> You do not have to download software and can join by clicking on "join from your browser".

How to comment

Given the current restrictions we would prefer to receive your comments online by following the link to the Neighbour Plan section of the Village website, where you can view a copy of the Plan and complete an online version of the consultation response form:

<http://littlewaldingfield.onesuffolk.net/neighbourhood-plan/>.

If you do not have online access, however, please use this consultation response form and the envelope provided. Instructions for its return are set out overleaf.

What next?

Following completion of this consultation, all comments received will be considered and any necessary amendments to the Plan will be made before the Parish Council submits the Plan to Babergh District Council. At that stage there will be further consultation followed by an independent examination of the Plan. This will then be followed by a Parish Referendum to decide whether the Neighbourhood Plan should be approved.

A lot of work has gone into the Plan so far. Please let us have your comments by 24 July 2020.

LITTLE
Waldingfield

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
2018 - 2036

Pre-Submission Stage Draft Plan
June - July 2020

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

This form should be completed in conjunction with the draft of the Neighbourhood Plan – June 2020.

We would prefer receiving responses via the online feedback form to avoid potential contamination during this as it will make the task of collating views much easier. However, if this is not possible then please complete this form.

Further copies of this form are available from:

The Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Parish Council website <http://littlewalingfield.onesuffolk.net/neighbourhood-plan/>.

- A box outside Barbara Campbell's at Appeleton House, Church Road

If you can't complete the form online, you can submit your completed form in one of the following ways:

- Email as an attachment to – barbaracampbell56@hotmail.co.uk
- Drop off at the **collection box** at Barbara Campbell's at Appeleton House, Church Road

If you have mobility issues and are unable to drop it off, please phone Barbara Campbell on 01787 249941 and we'll arrange to collect it while respecting current social distancing requirements.

Please ensure your response is received by Friday 24 July 2020

NAME				
ADDRESS (optional)				
ORGANISATION / CLIENT YOU'RE REPRESENTING (Where applicable)				
EMAIL (optional)				
Would you like to be notified when the Parish Council submits the Plan to Babergh District Council? (if yes, please provide either address or email address)	Yes		No	
<p><i>Data Protection Notice: All information collected and processed by the Parish Councils at this stage is by virtue of our requirement under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).</i></p> <p><i>Please note: All comments received will be made publicly available and may be identifiable by name / organisation. All other personal information provided will be protected in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.</i></p>				
<p>CONSULTATION RESPONSE</p> <p><i>Please continue on a separate sheet if the box isn't big enough</i></p>				
1. Do you support the content of Sections 1, 2 and 3?			YES / NO / No opinion	
Comments (please specify chapter and paragraph number)				

2. Do you support the Vision and Objectives in Section 4?	YES / NO / No opinion
Comments (please specify the Topic and Objective number if appropriate)	
3. Do you support Policy LWD 1 – Spatial Strategy?	YES / NO / No opinion
If No, please state what changes you would like	
4. Section 5. Planning Strategy - Not including Policy LWD 1, do you support Section 5?	YES / NO / No opinion
Comments (please specify paragraph number)	

5. Do you support Policy LWD 2 – Housing Development? YES / NO / No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

6. Do you support Policy LWD 3 – Housing Allocations? YES / NO / No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

7. Do you support Policy LWD 4 – Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites? YES / NO / No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

8. Do you support Policy LWD 5 – Measures for New Housing Development	YES / NO / No opinion
If No, please state what changes you would like	
9. Do you support Policy LWD 6 – Housing Mix	YES / NO / No opinion
If No, please state what changes you would like	
10. Section 6 - Housing. Other than Policies LWD 2 to LWD 6 do you support the remaining contents of Section 6?	YES / NO / No opinion
Comments (please specify paragraph number)	

11. Do you support Policy LWD 7 – Special Landscape Area? YES / NO / No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

12. Do you support Policy LWD 8 – Dark Skies? YES / NO / No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

13. Do you support Policy LWD 9 – Local Green Spaces? YES / NO / No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

14. Do you support Policy LWD 10 – Protection of Important Views? YES / NO / No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

15. Do you support Policy LWD 11 – Biodiversity?

YES / NO / No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

16. Section 7 – Natural Environment. Other than Policies LWD 7 to LWD 11 do you support the remaining contents of Section 7?

YES / NO / No opinion

Comments (please specify paragraph number)

17. Do you support Policy LWD 12 – Buildings of Local Significance? YES / NO / No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

18. Do you support Policy LWD 13 – Heritage Assets? YES / NO / No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

19. Do you support Policy LWD 14 – Holbrook Park Special Character Area? YES / NO / No opinion

If No, please state what changes you would like

20. Section 8 – Historic Environment. Other than Policies LWD 12 to LWD 14 do you support the remaining contents of Section 8?	YES / NO / No opinion
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Comments (please specify paragraph number)

21. Do you support Policy LWD 15 – Design Considerations?	YES / NO / No opinion
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If No, please state what changes you would like

22. Do you support Policy LWD 16 – Sustainable Building?	YES / NO / No opinion
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If No, please state what changes you would like

23. Do you support Policy LWD 17 – Flooding and Sustainable Drainage?	YES / NO / No opinion
If No, please state what changes you would like	
24. Section 9 – Development Design. Other than Policies LWD 15 to LWD 17 do you support the remaining contents of Section 9?	YES / NO / No opinion
Comments (please specify paragraph number)	
25. Do you support Policy LWD 18 – Protecting Existing Services and Facilities?	YES / NO / No opinion
If No, please state what changes you would like	

26. Do you support Policy LWD 19 – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities?	YES / NO / No opinion
If No, please state what changes you would like	
27. Section 10 – Services and Facilities. Other than Policies LWD 18 and LWD 19 do you support the remaining contents of Section 10?	YES / NO / No opinion
Comments (please specify paragraph number)	
28. Do you support the contents of the Policies Map, including the Village Centre Inset Map?	YES / NO / No opinion
If No, please state what changes you would like	

29. Appendices. Do you have any comments on the Appendices?	YES / NO / No opinion
(Please state which appendix)	
30. Do you have any other comments on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan?	YES / NO
Comments	

Thank you for providing your feedback. We will take your comments into account in deciding whether amendments are required to the Neighbourhood Plan.

A Consultation Report for the Neighbourhood Plan will be published when the Plan is submitted to Babergh District Council.

Appendix 4 – List of Statutory Consultees notified of Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

Mr James Cartlidge, MP for South Suffolk
Cllr Colin Spence, County Cllr to Sudbury East & Waldingfield Division, Suffolk County Council
Cllr Robert Lindsay, County Cllr to Cosford Division, Suffolk County Council
Cllr James Finch, County Cllr to Stour Valley Division, Suffolk County Council
Cllr Clive Arthey, Ward Cllr to Lavenham, Babergh District Council
Cllr Margaret Maybury, Ward Cllr to Lavenham, Babergh District Council
Cllr Bryn Hurren, Ward Cllr to Box Vale, Babergh District Council
Brent Eleigh Parish Council
Milden Parish Meeting
Edwarstone Parish Council
Great Waldingfield Parish Council
Community Planning, Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council
Neighbourhood Planning, Suffolk County Council
Transport Policy, Suffolk County Council
Planning Obligations Manager, Suffolk County Council
Area Manager, Norfolk & Suffolk Team, Homes & Communities Agency (HCA)
Land Use Operations, Natural England
Essex, Norfolk & Suffolk Sustainable Places Team, Environment Agency
East of England Office, Historic England
East of England Office, National Trust
Town Planning Team, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
Highways England
Stakeholders & Networks Officer, Marine Management Organisation
Vodafone and O2 - EMF Enquiries
EE (part of the BT Group)
Three (Mobile Phones)
Estates Planning Support Officer, Ipswich & East Suffolk CCG & West Suffolk CCG
Transco - National Grid
Infrastructure Planning North, UK Power Networks
Strategic and Spatial Planning Manager, Anglian Water
Essex & Suffolk Water
National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups
Norfolk & Suffolk Gypsy Roma & Traveller Service
Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich
Chief Executive, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Senior Growing Places Fund Co-ordinator, New Anglia LEP
Strategy Manager, New Anglia LEP
Conservation Officer, RSPB
Conservation Officer (Essex, Beds & Herts) RSPB
Senior Planning Manager, Sport England (East)
Suffolk Constabulary
Suffolk Wildlife Trust
Director, Suffolk Preservation Society
Community Development Officer – Rural Affordable Housing, Community Action Suffolk
Senior Manager, Community Engagement, Community Action Suffolk
Dedham Vale Society
AONB Officer (Joint AONBs Team), Suffolk Coast & Heath AONB
Theatres Trust
East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board
Little Waldingfield Playing Field Trustees
St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Diocesan

Appendix 5 - Letter used to notify Statutory Consultees

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD (SUFFOLK) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION (REGULATION 14)

Dear Sir/Madam

As part of the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2015 (as amended), Little Waldingfield Parish Council is undertaking a Pre-Submission Consultation on the Draft Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan. As a body/individual we are required to consult, we are hereby seeking your views on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The draft Plan and supporting documents can be viewed [here](#) together with information on how to send us your comments.

This Pre-Submission Consultation runs until Friday 24 July 2020.

We look forward to receiving your comments.




Simon Ashton
Clerk, Little Waldingfield Parish Council




Appendix 6 - Responses received to Pre-Submission Consultation and Responses to Comments




The graphs on the following pages illustrate the answers received to the “Yes/No” questions on the comments form. They illustrate an overwhelming support of the proposed planning policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.



The tables that follow the graphs set out the full comments that were received during the Pre-Submission Consultation Stage, the responses to those comments from the Parish Council and the changes made to the Plan as a result of the comments. The table is laid out in Plan order with the general comments following the comments on the policies. Comments received on the Community Actions are set out at the end of the table.

Online Comments Form – Responses to questions




1. Sections 1 – 3 Do you support the content of Sections 1, 2 and 3?					
				Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes			91.23%	52
2	No			7.02%	4
3	No opinion			1.75%	1
				answered	57
				skipped	2

2. Do you support the Vision and Objectives in Section 4?					
				Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes			91.38%	53
2	No			6.90%	4
3	No opinion			1.72%	1
				answered	58
				skipped	1




3. Policy LWD 1 - Spatial Strategy. Do you support the policy?					
				Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes			85.71%	48
2	No			12.50%	7
3	No opinion			1.79%	1
				answered	56
				skipped	3

4. Section 5 - Planning Strategy. Not including Policy LWD 1, do you support this section?					
				Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes			89.29%	50
2	No			10.71%	6
3	No opinion			0.00%	0
				answered	56
				skipped	3




5. Policy LWD 2 - Housing Development. Do you support the content of this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		80.70%	46
2	No		17.54%	10
3	No opinion		1.75%	1
			answered	57
			skipped	2




6. Policy LWD 3 – Housing Allocations. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		86.21%	50
2	No		8.62%	5
3	No opinion		5.17%	3
			answered	58
			skipped	1




7. Policy LWD 4 – Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		67.27%	37
2	No		30.91%	17
3	No opinion		1.82%	1
			answered	55
			skipped	4




8. Policy LWD 5 - Measures for New Housing Development. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		94.74%	54
2	No		3.51%	2
3	No opinion		1.75%	1
			answered	57
			skipped	2



9. Policy LWD 6 – Housing Mix. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		80.70%	46
2	No		15.79%	9
3	No opinion		3.51%	2
			answered	57
			skipped	2



10. Section 6 - Housing. Other than Policies LWD 2 to LWD 6, do you support the remaining contents of Section 6?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		76.79%	43
2	No		16.07%	9
3	No opinion		7.14%	4
			answered	56
			skipped	3



11. Policy LWD 7 – Special Landscape. Area Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		96.55%	56
2	No		3.45%	2
3	No opinion		0.00%	0
			answered	58
			skipped	1



12. Policy LWD 8 – Dark Skies. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		96.49%	55
2	No		3.51%	2
3	No opinion		0.00%	0
			answered	57
			skipped	2



13. Policy LWD 9 – Local Green Spaces. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		83.93%	47
2	No		16.07%	9
3	No opinion		0.00%	0
			answered	56
			skipped	3



14. Policy LWD 10 - Protection of Important Views. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		94.74%	54
2	No		5.26%	3
3	No opinion		0.00%	0
			answered	57
			skipped	2




15. Policy LWD 11 – Biodiversity. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		94.74%	54
2	No		5.26%	3
3	No opinion		0.00%	0
			answered	57
			skipped	2




16. Section 7 - Natural Environment. Other than Policies LWD 7 to LWD 11, do you support the remaining contents of Section 7?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		98.21%	55
2	No		1.79%	1
3	No opinion		0.00%	0
			answered	56
			skipped	3



17. Policy LWD 12 – Buildings of Local Significance. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		94.83%	55
2	No		1.72%	1
3	No opinion		3.45%	2
			answered	58
			skipped	1



18. Policy LWD 13 – Heritage Assets. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		94.64%	53
2	No		3.57%	2
3	No opinion		1.79%	1
			answered	56
			skipped	3




19. Policy LWD 14 - Holbrook Park Special Character Area. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		96.55%	56
2	No		0.00%	0
3	No opinion		3.45%	2
			answered	58
			skipped	1




20. Section 8 - Historic Environment. Other than Policies LWD 12 to LWD 14, do you support the remaining contents of Section 8?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		96.30%	52
2	No		0.00%	0
3	No opinion		3.70%	2
			answered	54
			skipped	5


21. Policy LWD 15 - Design Considerations. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		94.83%	55
2	No		3.45%	2
3	No opinion		1.72%	1
			answered	58
			skipped	1




22. Policy LWD 16 - Sustainable Building. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		94.83%	55
2	No		3.45%	2
3	No opinion		1.72%	1
			answered	58
			skipped	1

23. Policy LWD 17 - Flooding and Sustainable Drainage. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		100.00%	57
2	No		0.00%	0
3	No opinion		0.00%	0
			answered	57
			skipped	2

24. Section 9 - Development Design. Other than Policies LWD 15, LWD 16 and LWD 17, do you support the remaining contents of Section 9?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		94.64%	53
2	No		3.57%	2
3	No opinion		1.79%	1
			answered	56
			skipped	3

25. Policy LWD 18 - Protecting Existing Services and Facilities. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		90.91%	50
2	No		3.64%	2
3	No opinion		5.45%	3
			answered	55
			skipped	4

26. Policy LWD 19 - Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities. Do you support this policy?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		98.18%	54
2	No		1.82%	1
3	No opinion		0.00%	0
			answered	55
			skipped	4




27. Section 10 - Services and Facilities. Other than Policies LWD 18 and LWD 19, do you support the remaining contents of Section 10?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		92.86%	52
2	No		1.79%	1
3	No opinion		5.36%	3
			answered	56
			skipped	3



28. Policies Map. Do you support the contents of the Policies Map, including the Village Inset Map?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		94.64%	53
2	No		5.36%	3
3	No opinion		0.00%	0
			answered	56
			skipped	3

29. Appendices. Do you have any comments on the Appendices?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		20.00%	11
2	No		70.91%	39
3	No opinion		9.09%	5
			answered	55
			skipped	4

30. Do you have any other comments on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		45.45%	25
2	No		54.55%	30
			answered	55
			skipped	4

Responses received to Pre-Submission Consultation, Responses to Comments and Proposed Changes

The tables in this appendix set out the comments that were received during the Pre-Submission Consultation Stage and the responses and changes made to the Plan as a result of the comments. The table is laid out in Plan order with the general comments following the comments on the policies. Comments received on the Community Actions are set out at the end of the table.

Name	Group / Organisation	Comments (as submitted)	Neighbourhood Plan Response	Proposed changes to Plan
Sections 1, 2 and 3				
A Sheppard		<p>I support Section 1 without comment</p> <p>I support Section 2 with the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chart in S2.6 incorrectly has 1971 appearing twice. S2.8 advises that Holbrook Hall was destroyed by fire; this is incorrect, it was intentionally demolished and then rebuilt on a site close by. S2.8 also advises that Archer's Farm dates from C17th; this is incorrect, it was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in the late C20th. <p>I support Section 3 with reservations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft NP does not fully support the strategic development needs of the Local Plan, as set out in S3.2, 	<p>Noted</p> <p>The chart will be amended</p> <p>The Plan will be amended</p> <p>The Plan will be amended</p>	<p>Amend chart on page 9 to replace 1971 with 1871 and the first 1931 with 1831</p> <p>Amend para 2.8 as follows: The Village had three medieval manors, Holbrook Hall (originally <u>located elsewhere in Holbrook Park, but demolished destroyed by fire in the 1870s and but rebuilt on its current site close by</u>);</p> <p>Amend para 2.8 as follows: Archers Farm (<u>originally late Seventeenth Century but the house was destroyed by fire and a replacement house built in the early 21st Century</u>)</p> <p>None</p>

Name	Group / Organisation	Comments (as submitted)	Neighbourhood Plan Response	Proposed changes to Plan
		<p>because it only caters for 10 new dwellings during the period of the NP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft NP does not fully support local development in S3.2 because No new development sites have been identified - the two sites marked in red on the village centre plan having already received planning permission. 	<p>Babergh DC have stated that they support the minimum provision of 10 dwellings in the Plan.</p> <p>There is no need to allocate additional sites to meet the minimum housing requirement.</p>	None
F Gregor-Smith		3.4 For those who don't drive, Lavenham is not an easy option, unless a pavement can be created down to the main road to enable people to catch the 753 Chambers bus. At the moment the only option is the twice-weekly 112 GoStart minibus to Sudbury.	Noted	None
M Ewan		Beautifully presented	Thank you	None
D Langford		<p>Particularly agree with: 1-6 The local community wishes to preserve the character...</p> <p>1:9 "The wishes and opinions of the local community have been sought"</p> <p>2:10 2:11 2:12</p> <p>3:5 1. Design is sympathetic to its rural surroundings</p> <p>111. Hedgerows and treelines are protected</p>	Noted	None
S Ranson		<p>Policy LWD 1</p> <p>It does not seem to me that any local need would justify destroying the 'Important views' in Map 5, by which I understand the historic and therefore irreplaceable views towards and from the church. These have probably existed since the first church was built on the site. Attempted mitigation of the damage would be meaningless, since any new build would obtrude into a view</p>	Noted	None

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		that has so far not been damaged in that way. An undamaged view of this historic type is rare locally. One small building, and its impact would be lost 'at a stroke'.		
S Braybook		<p>The Introduction is generally not specific to Little Waldingfield, however the Plan fails to deliver on many of the points raised in these sections.</p> <p>1.12 The housing requirements for Little Waldingfield can not be determined until a housing assessment need has been carried out. The plan is assuming Little Waldingfield's housing need based only on the proposed Joint Local Plan that has yet to be agreed and on our Hamlet status also to be approved in the Joint Local Plan.</p> <p>1.14 "Has involved considerable local community engagement in order to gather evidence for the content of the Plan". Indeed, the results of the questionnaire that was issued to every household and should guide the decision making process was enlightening. Not so good was the fact that multiple questionnaire's were available to non-residents and with no means of identifying who completed the questionnaire, multiple questionnaire's could have been returned by one individual with a view to skewing the feedback in a particular direction.</p> <p>1.17 "Shaped by the results of the survey's" As above 1.14. I see very little evidence in the Plan of much consideration being paid to the survey. Results of the survey show, 36.4% think Little Waldingfield needs more affordable housing, 37.2% think we need more starter homes and 34.1% want more bungalows.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Babergh DC have stated that they support the minimum provision of 10 dwellings in the Plan.</p> <p>The Household Survey is one element of the evidence gathered and provides information on the views of residents. It was restricted to residents; had an age limit; was in a standard form and used standard questions. Also the Data Protection Act was adhered to in terms of not identifying respondees. Decisions on the Plan content are therefore not made on the survey alone but informed by a range of evidence.</p> <p>The Plan makes provision for the potential delivery of affordable housing, including starter homes.</p>	None

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		<p>Smaller site developments ranked higher on the survey than infill development and is not reflected in the plan. Many other points residents raised have been omitted from the plan.</p> <p>1.17 October – No mention of the initial Site Options and Assessment delivered by AECOM 22 October 2018 on the two sites SS0874 (Church Fields) and SS0545 (Enniskillen)</p>	<p>It has not been possible at this time to identify small sites that are available, deliverable and would be acceptable.</p> <p>This is referred to on page 7 of the Plan. The document was published in January 2020.</p>	
D Gearing		<p>The Introduction is fairly generic to this type of document and not specific to Little Waldingfield.</p> <p>1.8 mentions that the draft NP has consulted with parishioners and it reflects the aspirations of the local community, but as far as I can see the planning policies detailed within the Plan are fairly limiting and don't appear to reflect some of the results of the household survey results from February 2018.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The Household Survey is one element of the evidence gathered and provides information on the views of residents. Decisions on the Plan content are not made on the survey alone but informed by a range of evidence.</p>	None
J Francis		Good context provided about our village.	Noted	None
A Francis		The background context is very useful.	Noted	None
M Maybury		<p>1.6 is well put together and states objectives of the community. Section 2 gives very useful information to anchor the history of the village into modern day context and gives a sense of something the community would wish to hold on to.</p> <p>2.10 echoes the ethos of surrounding villages who also enjoy "Ancient Rolling Farmlands".</p>	Noted	None
R Wheeler		<p>Yes means broadly yes.</p> <p>There is a factual error in 2.4. It states, " In 1636 Samuel Appleton of Holbrook Hall emigrated to the United States of America and helped to found Massachusetts". The USA did not exist, and did not do so until over 140 years later. It would be</p>	Agree. The Plan will be amended.	Amend para 2.4 as follows: In 1636, Samuel Appleton of Holbrook Hall emigrated to the <u>United States of North America</u>

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		<p>accurate instead to substitute "United States of America" with "North America".</p> <p>2.8: Does seventeenth century Archers Farm still exist? was it not destroyed in a fire some years ago?</p> <p>3.4/3.5 So, is Little Waldingfield a hinterland village or a hamlet? If it is a hinterland village, is it really a hinterland within the functional cluster of Lavenham? Few people use Lavenham as their local provider compared with Sudbury. Sudbury is the local town to which people drift for their services. Equally, there is a case to be made for listings which seek to protect Little Waldingfield rural character to prevent it becoming part of the urban and suburban area of Sudbury. Perhaps that is why there is reference to Lavenham.</p>	<p>Agree it was replaced by a modern house in early 21st century.</p> <p>The emerging Joint Local Plan is proposing the designation as a Hamlet. The matter as to which "functional cluster" the village is located in is a matter for Babergh's Local Plan.</p>	<p>and helped to found Massachusetts.</p> <p>Amend para 2.8 as follows: Archers Farm (<u>originally late Seventeenth Century but the house was destroyed by fire and a new house built in the early 21st Century</u>)</p> <p>None</p>
R & S Horsley		<p>Chapter 3 - Clause 3.3 Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council announced their intention to produce a new Joint Local Plan. It is unlikely this will be completed before the Neighbourhood plan. So what effect will this have on the contents of the consultation? And when will the new Joint Local Plan be available for review?</p>	<p>Babergh DC have reviewed the draft Neighbourhood Plan and have not raised any significant objections in relation to the emerging Joint Local Plan. It is understood that the final draft of the Joint Local Plan will be published in the Autumn.</p>	None
B Wheeler		<p>Broadly support except: 3.4 is confusing. If Little Waldingfield is Hinterland village to Lavenham, Lavenham itself doesn't provide a Bank or Post Office. it is not possible to get there unless a car is used. There is no direct bus service either. Residents of Little Waldingfield are likely to travel to the nearest services they require. There is no petrol station in Lavenham any more so people are drawn</p>	<p>The matter as to which "functional cluster" the village is located in is a matter for Babergh's Local Plan.</p>	None

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		<p>towards Sudbury for main trips, including to bank, supermarket shopping, post offices (one on route), recycling amongst main ones. Lavenham is more for pleasure and leisure.</p> <p>3.5 First mention of Little Waldingfield as Hamlet as up to that point described as a village. We have a church, parish room and a well-used playing field.</p>	<p>The "hamlet" designation is a planning term within the emerging Joint Local Plan</p>	<p>None</p>
	<p>Babergh District Council</p>	<p>Para 1.12</p> <p>While the threat of speculative development always exist we suggest that this paragraph could be more positively worded: "The Plan, in particular, sets out how Little Waldingfield can do its part to meet the identified housing needs of the area over the period to 2036. As such, it has been prepared to conform with paragraph 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework ("the NPPF").</p> <p>You will also know that protection from speculative development will only hold for two years from the date of adoption, hence, the important of keeping the NP under review.</p> <p>Page 7</p>	<p>The Plan will be amended to reflect the comment.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Amend Para 1.12 as follows:</p> <p>The Plan sets out, in particular how <u>Little Waldingfield can play its part in meeting the identified housing requirements</u> will be met needs of the area over the period of the Plan (to 2036) in order to <u>while safeguarding</u> Little Waldingfield from speculative planning applications should the District Council be unable to demonstrate a five-years' supply of land for housing. As such, the Plan <u>it</u> has been prepared to conform with paragraph 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework ("the NPPF").</p> <p>None</p>

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		A polite reminder to ensure this part of the plan is kept updated at all stages.	The Submission version of the Plan will be amended to bring it up-to-date	The Plan will be amended to bring it up-to-date.
Section 4 - Vision and Objectives				
A Sheppard		It is incorrect to say in S4.2 that Little Waldingfield has no permanent services, because we have mains water, mains sewerage, mains electricity, phones and broadband. That said, we are clearly lacking in many other permanent services with no local shop, currently no pub and with buses just twice a week.	Noted. The reference is intended to refer to shops, schools, doctors surgeries etc that Babergh District Council considered when determining where in the settlement hierarchy villages would be placed. Reference is made in paragraph 10.1 to the services that Little Waldingfield does have.	None
H Martin		It would be especially nice to see some of the development built using carbon reduction techniques.	Noted	None
F Gregor-Smith		Housing Objectives 1. I fail to understand why we should need any more housing in Little Waldingfield, given the huge amount of new building work in Gt. Waldingfield and Chilton. We are a small village and want it to stay this way, and not turn into a suburb and lose its friendly atmosphere.	The housing growth in the Plan recognises these concerns.	None
R Marriott		We prefer quiet, peaceful and natural to 'distinct and vibrant' (vision)	Noted	None
D Langford		4:2 Very important that future growth reflects the lack of services but also recognises the significance of historic and natural environment 4:3 Natural environment 2. Protect and enhance the rural setting of the village	The Plan recognises this.	None

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Mr & Mrs D Bowyer		Especially natural environmental objectives Historic + a positive side to how the development is carried out.	Noted	None
S Braybrook		4.1 The community engagement i.e survey / questionnaire was not carried out in such a way as to be neutral or fair. All the evidence in the AECOM report 22 October 2018 has been ignored.	The Household Survey is one element of the evidence gathered and provides information on the views of residents. Decisions on the Plan content are not made on the survey alone but informed by a range of evidence. The AECOM report assessed the potential to develop land at the rear of Enniskillen and The Swan and considered it suitable. However, a planning application for residential development was refused on this site in November 2019 and the Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate the site as the reasons for refusal suggest that the site is deliverable.	None None
D Gearing		Vision – How can we be vibrant and provide services and facilities that meet the local needs of the community, when the Plan appears to support no development at all apart from those already approved and maybe limited windfall / infill sites which are very limited within the current settlement boundary. 4.3 Housing Objectives – I am not sure the Plan is responding to the identified local needs of the village when looking at the results of the household survey published in February 2018.	The Plan supports growth in accordance with Little Waldingfield's role in the Settlement Hierarchy of the adopted and emerging Babergh Local Plan	None
J Francis		I fully support the vision and objectives for Little Waldingfield's future.	Noted	None

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A Francis		The vision and objectives outlined in section four meet my expectations for the future of the village	Noted	None
L & I Davidson		<p>The Vision is potentially contradictory. The existing community size does not sustain facilities and services and so, if there is only limited development, it is highly unlikely that there would be any development of facilities or services as they would still be unsustainable.</p> <p>We are not advocating growth, merely suggesting the Vision should be more pragmatic about what can be achieved.</p>	The Vision is reflective of the size of the community and supports the maintenance and improvement of existing services.	None
M Maybury		4.2 technological connection needs to be pursued and enhanced for local households to be able to connect to the wider world and to enable working from home.	Noted	None
R Wheeler		<p>Broadly Yes.</p> <p>4.1 'Little Waldingfield ... has no permanent services'. It is true that it has very few, and they seem to be under permanent threat, but is it accurate to say it has none? The village has a church, a (currently closed) pub, a twice weekly bus service, superfast broadband, a visiting mobile library, a visiting mobile butchers.</p>	Agree that reference should be made to these services. Paragraph 10.1 lists some and it will be amended to add additional services.	<p>Amend Paragraph 10.1 as follows:</p> <p>10.1 The Village currently has very little in the way of services and facilities, reflected by its "hamlet" designation in the emerging Joint Local Plan. The current services can be listed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Rooms • The Swan Public House (currently closed but being refurbished) • The Playing Field including play equipment • <u>The Parish Church</u> • <u>A twice weekly bus service</u> • <u>Mobile library</u> • <u>Mobile butcher</u>
RM Collins		Housing objectives and Natural Environment Objects. There should be no development of residential properties that require the removal of any Trees with Preservation orders or the	Noted	None

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		<p>changing/closing of Historic Footpaths and Views around the village.</p> <p>There should be no loss of green or recreational space already located in and around the village.</p>		
B Wheeler		<p>Broadly again. Development design Objectives : There needs to be considerable education and support to mitigate the Climate Crisis within existing households.</p> <p>Services and Facilities Objectives: I'd be interested to know what the Vision for 2036 in the way of "facilities and services" would entail as we are struggling to meet everyone's needs now.</p>	<p>Noted. The scope of this is outside the powers of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The Services and Facilities Objective states: 1. Retain existing facilities and encourage the provision of new services and facilities.</p> <p>It is difficult to know what the community might want and need in the longer term, particularly during times of change. The Plan will be reviewed on a regular basis and it is to be hoped that the community will inform the consideration of what is needed and how the community will support them.</p>	None
J Dalziel	SRL Technical Services Ltd	4.2 No mention of businesses or the part they play in the wider community.	Paragraph 4.2 will be amended	Amend Paragraph 4.2 as follows: Little Waldingfield is a small rural community <u>with some local businesses but</u> that currently has no permanent services.
	Babergh District Council	Para 4.3 Under 'Natural Env' Objectives', the letter 'i' is missing from the word 'impact'	The spelling error will be corrected	Amend Natural Environment Objective 1 on page 12 as follows:

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				"Minimise the impact....."
Policy LWD1 – Spatial Strategy				
A Sheppard		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWD1 permits development outside the Settlement Boundary, albeit in the most exceptional circumstances. This sounds reasonable, until policy LWD4 on Rural Exception sites is read, as this explicitly permits affordable housing thereon, with little or no control over their location. I believe that policy LWD1 should control the spatial development for ALL new development. No new sites have been identified for housing within the Settlement Boundary, which when combined with a failure to plan for BMSDC's requirement for a minimum of 16 homes, I believe then places the draft NP at considerable risk of being unacceptable to the authorities, including also the independent examiner. I believe that some limited ribbon development opposite and down from Grove Avenue, but NOT crossing or otherwise affecting the existing footpath, would complement the rest of The Street AND meet the BMSDC housing requirement. Additionally, and for information, note that there was no such footpath in 1995, as the photo on pages 6 and 7 of the updated village history shows. 	<p>All proposals, whether inside or outside the Settlement Boundary, have to be judged against all the relevant policies in the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan including impact on the natural and built environment.</p> <p>Babergh DC have stated that they support the minimum provision of 10 dwellings in the Plan.</p> <p>The site suggested has significant constraints to achieving a satisfactory development, including a tree preservation order along the frontage and the potential to have a detrimental impact on the conservation area and the setting of listed buildings. The County Council definitive footpaths maps for the village, published 3/12/1988, identifies the existence of this path.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lastly, I believe that policy LWD1, as currently written, neither supports the strategic development needs of the Local Plan nor positively supports local development - refer S3.2. 	It is considered that Policy LWD1 conforms with the Local Plan and has not raised significant objections from Babergh DC.	
F Gregor-Smith		Yes, in theory, but cannot imagine how any new housing could be squeezed in between what we already have, even if it was needed, which I dispute. The only exception would be the one house to be built next to The Swan.	Noted	None
R Marriott		Support minimal development within the settlement boundary	Noted	None
D Langford		Yes	Noted	None
R Furlonger		Provision should be made for PPS7 (Gummer's Law) to apply. A house (single) can be built outside Settlement Boundary if it is of sufficient architectural merit. This assumes that any development that meets this criteria isn't to the detriment of other policies such as protection of views and other village historical or architectural assets.	Para 79 of the NPPF facilitates this.	None
S Ranson		It does not seem to me that any local need would justify destroying the 'important views' in Map 5, by which I understand the historic and therefore irreplaceable views towards and from the church. These have existed since before it was built. Attempted mitigation of the damage would be meaningless, since any new build would obtrude into a view that has so far not been damaged in that way. Full historic impact of such a rare view would be lost for good.	Noted	None
S Braybrook		It will be impossible to meet the needs and wishes of residents within the settlement boundary as identified on Map 3. We have seen services severely hit. Our bus service has all but ceased, the pub has been closed for at least 4 years and work on it is extremely slow with no sign of work on the two properties adjacent. This does nothing to help make the village a more sustainable place to live. The village must adapt.	The Plan identifies how it will enable additional housing to come forward in accordance with the village's status in the Babergh Settlement Hierarchy. There is no need to identify additional sites.	None

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		If no alternative area for development can be found then it's regrettable that the land identified in AECOM report 22 October 2018 should be considered.		
D Gearing		<p>It will be impossible to meet the needs and wishes of residents within the settlement boundary as identified on Map 3. So maybe it shouldn't say 'in the most exceptional circumstances' approval for development will be given outside of the settlement boundary, because in reality any small size (6 -8 houses) development can only be accommodated by extending this boundary.</p> <p>Services and facilities are already very limited. Our bus service is likely to cease very shortly and the pub has been closed for at least 4 years, with any work on it extremely slow. This does nothing to help make the village a more sustainable place to live and the designation of the village as a hamlet (if adopted within the JLP), can only accentuate this.</p>	<p>This is one view but other residents are concerned about the amount of housing the Plan proposes.</p> <p>The designation reflects the current level of services in the village.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>
L&I Davidson		Based on the lack of (a) facilities and services, (b) lack of identified identified need for housing, (c) urbanisation of the countryside spreading from Sudbury to Gt Waldingfield and the otherwise rural nature of the area surrounding the village, we do not agree that there should be housing development outside the existing Settlement Boundary. We would prefer to see limited development on previously identified sites (albeit opposed by some) eg 4 dwellings on Church Fields, rather than extend the village.	The site suggested is outside the Settlement Boundary.	None
M Maybury		Although I would advocate a rural development area at Archers Farm (for example) if deemed suitable but access may be an issue.	Development of the nature suggested would be contrary to current national planning policy.	None
R Wheeler		Broadly yes, but if development were to take place, the south western approaches to the village, i.e. immediately south west of Park Farm, should be considered. This would have the advantages of not entailing development in the village centre or conservation area or important areas such as Church Field, while	There is no need to identify additional sites outside the Settlement Boundary to meet the Babergh Local Plan	None

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		providing for extending the highways footpath area as far as the SRL turning.	minimum housing requirement.	
B Tora		I believe some opportunity for modest controlled housing development outside the Settlement Boundary exists, Where the impact on the rest of the village would be minimal, which would exclude Churchfields.	Noted	None
	Babergh District Council	<p>Suggest first paragraph reads: "The Neighbourhood Plan area will accommodate development commensurate with Little Waldingfield's designation in the adopted settlement hierarchy and where it also acknowledges the identified lack of services and facilities."</p> <p>The NPPF uses the phrase 'exceptional circumstances' very sparingly. We suggest a re-wording of the third paragraph that retains what is intended and confirms that we are dealing with just the one settlement boundary in this case: "Proposals for development located outside the Settlement Boundary, and which are essential for the operation of existing businesses, agriculture, horticulture, forestry and outdoor recreation, will be permitted where: i) it can be satisfactorily demonstrated that there is an identified local need for the proposal; and ii) it cannot be satisfactorily located within the Settlement Boundary.</p>	<p>Agreed. The first paragraph will be amended but to reflect where it is expected that the Joint Local Plan preparation will have reached at the time the NP is examined.</p> <p>Agreed. The third paragraph will be amended to reflect the comment.</p>	<p>Amend the first paragraph of Policy LWD1 as follows: The Neighbourhood Plan area will accommodate development commensurate with Little Waldingfield's <u>designation as a Hamlet in the emerging Joint Local Plan, and reflecting the lack of day-to-day services and facilities. and its designation as a Hamlet in the emerging Joint Local Plan.</u></p> <p>Amend the third paragraph of Policy LWD1 as follows: Only in the most exceptional circumstances will p Proposals for development located outside the Settlement Boundary <u>will only be permitted where it-Such exceptional circumstances will be for development that complies with Policy LWD4 or it is essential for the operation of existing businesses, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, and outdoor recreation, or utility infrastructure and where:</u></p>

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				<p>i It can be satisfactorily demonstrated that there is an identified local need for the proposal; and</p> <p>ii It cannot be satisfactorily located within the Settlement Boundary ies.</p>
	Anglian Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference is made to development being permitted in the designated countryside where it is essential for the operation of agriculture, horticulture, forestry, outdoor recreation only. • • Anglian Water’s existing infrastructure is often located in the countryside at a distance from built up areas. We would ask that the infrastructure provided by Anglian Water for our customers is considered to be an exceptional use for the purposes of this policy. • • The policy also states that the need for applicants to demonstrate a need for exceptional uses to be in the designated countryside. It is unclear why such uses should have to demonstrate a need to be located in the countryside as these are considered to be exceptional uses for the purposes of the policy. • • It is therefore suggested that the third paragraph of Policy LDW1 is amended as follows: • 	Agreed. The third paragraph will be amended to reflect the comment.	<p>Amend the third paragraph of Policy LWD1 as follows:</p> <p>Only in the most exceptional circumstances will p Proposals for development located outside the Settlement Boundary <u>will only be permitted where it</u> Such exceptional circumstances will be for development that complies with Policy LWD4 or it is essential for the operation of existing businesses, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, and outdoor recreation, or utility infrastructure and where:</p> <p>i It can be satisfactorily demonstrated that there is an identified local need for the proposal; and</p> <p>ii It cannot be satisfactorily located within the Settlement Boundary ies.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only in the most exceptional circumstances will proposals for development located outside the Settlement Boundary be permitted. Such exceptional circumstances will be for development that is essential for the operation of existing businesses, agriculture, horticulture, forestry and outdoor recreation and utility infrastructure where: • • i It can be satisfactorily demonstrated that there is an identified local need for the proposal; and • ii It cannot be satisfactorily located within the Settlement Boundaries. • • In addition the following supporting text should be added to the Neighbourhood Plan: • • 'For the purposes of policy LWD1 this would include development required by a utility company to fulfil their statutory obligations to their customers.' • 	Paragraph 5.8 will be amended.	Amend first sentence of paragraph 5.8 as follows: There may be situations where it is necessary for development to take place outside the Settlement Boundary, but this will be limited to that which is essential for the operation of existing businesses, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, outdoor recreation, <u>utilities infrastructure</u> and other uses that need to be located in the countryside. <u>In exceptional circumstances, and only where there is a proven need, affordable housing to meet identified local needs will be permitted provided that the proposal is in accordance with the provisions of Policy LWD4.</u>
Section 5 – Other comments				
A Sheppard		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S5.8 caters for situations where development outside the Settlement Boundary would be permitted, but makes NO mention of the fact that the spatial strategy for affordable housing would ensure that all / any such housing for the 	Paragraph 5.8 and Policy LWD1 will be amended.	Amend first sentence of paragraph 5.8 as follows: There may be situations where it is necessary for development to take place outside the Settlement Boundary, but this

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		<p>village would be outside the Settlement Boundary, which is disingenuous.</p> <p>I believe that S5.8 should be amended to explicitly address the planning situation relevant to affordable housing, in order to avoid any possible future confusion as to the true situation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I believe that ribbon development beyond the current edges of the village (i.e. beyond Park Farm, Pink Cottage or The Haymarket) quite rightly should Not be permitted. I believe that limited 'infill' ribbon development along The Street or Church Road, where space is available, would be appropriate and would help meet the BMSDC housing requirement; I therefore believe that S5.8 should reflect this. 		<p>will be limited to that which is essential for the operation of existing businesses, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, outdoor recreation, <u>utilities infrastructure</u> and other uses that need to be located in the countryside. <u>In exceptional circumstances, and only where there is a proven need, affordable housing to meet identified local needs will be permitted provided that the proposal is in accordance with the provisions of Policy LWD4.</u></p> <p>Amend the third paragraph of Policy LWD1 as follows: Only in the most exceptional circumstances will p Proposals for development located outside the Settlement Boundary <u>will only be permitted where it-Such exceptional circumstances will be for development that complies with Policy LWD4 or it</u> is essential for the operation of existing businesses, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, and outdoor recreation, <u>or utility infrastructure</u> and where: i It can be satisfactorily demonstrated that there is an</p>

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				identified local need for the proposal; and ii It cannot be satisfactorily located within the Settlement Boundary ies.
F Gregor-Smith		5.5 Agreed.	Noted	None
G Harritt		5.7 - reference map 3. It is felt that the existing settlement boundary should be expanded to include land further out of the village where existing developments are already in place, for example, around Archers Farm and beyond Park Farm.	If the Settlement Boundary were extended in this way it would effectively allow development to take place in the whole area between the existing settlement and the farms referred to.	None
M Ewan		Especially 5:7	Noted	None
I & J Carter		As a hamlet Little Waldingfield cannot provide the facilities that further development would need. No shops, post office, pub, or bus service. No school.	Noted	None
The Lister Family		CS2 states that most new development will be directed to towns. Does this apply to Little Waldingfield as a hamlet? CS11/CS15 Development should minimize need to travel by car. A car is essential in a village without daily public transport. There is a danger development will effect biodiversity/wildlife corridors etc.	The current Babergh policy designates Little Waldingfield as a "Hinterland Village". Such villages across Babergh have witnessed significant levels of growth over recent years. Agree. This is one reason why the village is designated only for a limited amount of development. Agree	None

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		The spatial strategy must provide for day to day needs of local community with services such as shops, post office, pub, petrol station etc... This hamlet cannot provide these services.		
S Braybrook		<p>5.6 – The Plan supports limited growth, but maybe from reading the rest of the proposed Plan, it should be changed to inconsequential growth.</p> <p>5.7 – This limits any new building to infill only. This has already had a detrimental impact on several houses within the village – e.g. the new properties next to Cypress House (a proposed Local Heritage Asset) and in the Haymarket. Building on infill also limits the type of housing that could be built.</p>	<p>The Plan is in general conformity with the adopted and emerging Babergh Local Plan.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan is supported by new Design Guidance and a Character Appraisal which will be used in considering planning applications.</p>	None
D Gearing		<p>5.6 – The Plan supports limited growth, but really should say no growth. This section is a contradiction – it suggests that any growth is focused within the existing built-up area but recognises the presence of heritage and historic assets in that area. How can it be possible to develop it any further without looking crammed in and destroying the current landscape of the village, which is exactly what this Plan is proposing by concentrating on infill or windfall development. It also mentions the stop of “ribbon” development, but really apart from Church Road and the two newer estates, the village is developed in a ribbon format along the B1115.</p> <p>5.7 – This limits any new building to infill only. This has already had a detrimental impact on several houses within the village – e.g. the new properties next to Cypress House (a proposed Local Heritage Asset) and in the Haymarket. Building on infill also limits the type of housing that could be built to be in accordance with the Plan.</p>	The Neighbourhood Plan is supported by new Design Guidance and a Character Appraisal which is referred to in policies in the Plan and will be used in considering planning applications.	None
J Francis		I believe it is important restrictions on development are maintained to ensure the character of the village is not harmed.	Noted	None

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A Francis		Being a small hamlet this strategy is really important to maintain the character of the village.	Noted	None
L&I Davidson		While not agreeing housing outside the Settlement Boundary, we should be open to business opportunities outside the Settlement Boundary which will make the village more sustainable and sympathetic to the area, eg farm shop.	The Plan does not rule this out	None
M Maybury		See above. 5.5 Also there may well be a need for a designated cycle route connecting the village to core villages.	Noted	None
R Wheeler		5.3 It can be argued there is again some lack of clarity in the text as to whether the village is a hinterland village or a hamlet.	The higher level policy framework (the Local Plan) is changing, hence the change from Hinterland Village to Hamlet.	None
B Tora		5.5 The land behind Enniskillen Lodge is both suitable and available for a small development which would have little impact on the rest of the village and would be close to the centre of the community.	A planning application for the erection of 6 dwellings on this site was refused by Babergh District Council in November 2019.	None
J Dalziel	SRL Technical Services Ltd	5.5 Connectivity by bicycle should be considered and promoted.	This is not something that the Neighbourhood Plan can directly deliver as it is a highways matter	None
	Babergh District Council	Para 5.7, Map 3, LWD 1 & Policies Map This draft NP proposes a different Settlement Boundary to that shown in the July 2019 Joint Local Plan (JLP). The reasons for that are understood. As work continues on the next iteration of the JLP our thoughts on some proposed Settlement Boundary changes have also changed and, while we cannot share that with you now, a discussion outside of this consultation period would be mutually beneficial.	The Settlement Boundary will be amended where considered appropriate to correct minor discrepancies with the Joint Local Plan, with the exception that the JLP boundary opposite Grove Avenue will not be amended.	Amend Settlement Boundary in relation to the treatment to the South-west of Park Farm and to the rear of Heathfield House, adjacent to the Playing Field

Policy LWD2 – Housing Development

Name	Group / Organisation	Comments (as submitted)	Neighbourhood Plan Response	Proposed changes to Plan
A Sheppard		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I believe the NP should support development for up to 16 new homes in identified sites across the village, and that catering for just 10 new dwellings puts the acceptability of the NP at considerable risk. There is no location restriction on the building of new affordable homes outside the Settlement Boundary, which as noted previously I believe to be a significant omission. 	<p>Babergh DC have stated that they support the minimum provision of 10 dwellings in the Plan.</p> <p>All proposals, whether inside or outside the Settlement Boundary, have to be judged against all the relevant policies in the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan including impact on the natural and built environment.</p>	None
F Gregor-Smith		Ten new homes is a ridiculous amount and totally out of proportion to the size of the village.	The new homes already have planning permission and some have been built.	None
M Ewen		No development to the east of the street	Noted	None
D Langford		Yes to ii Small brownfield windfall sites and infill plots of one or two dwellings within the settlement boundary that come forward during the plan.	Noted	None
I & J Carter		No more building sites	Noted	None
The Lister Family		Less than 10 preferable.	Noted	None
S Braybrook		<p>This Plan seeks to stop any further development in the village until after 2036 other than the sites already identified or any small windfall or infill sites that may come forward during the Plan period.</p> <p>The survey completed by residents was strongly against infill and thus a site needs to be secured that offers the potential of expansion over the course of this plan and future plans. Until this is achieved the proposed built up area boundary Babergh have proposed should remain.</p>	The housing number is expressed as a minimum and does not preclude new homes being developed, perhaps through the conversion of existing buildings or the redevelopment of a site in the Settlement Boundary where it would not have a detrimental impact on the landscape,	None

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			heritage and other considerations identified in the Plan.	
D Gearing		The Plan seeks to limit further development in the village until after 2036, with the sites already identified or any small windfall or infill sites that may come forward during the Plan period as the only areas for development.	The housing number is expressed as a minimum and does not preclude new homes being developed, perhaps through the conversion of existing buildings or the redevelopment of a site in the Settlement Boundary where it would not have a detrimental impact on the landscape, heritage and other considerations identified in the Plan.	None
S Furlonger		Single dwellings should be permitted outside the Settlement Boundary if they are not to the detriment of their immediate surroundings and add to the architectural quality of the village.	Noted	None
R Wheeler		I broadly support the policy. There is a concern though, that insufficient opportunity is given to any new development to include affordable housing. If the content and policy are designed to ensure the future of the village be more for affluent people, it fails to ensure a proper social mix or to provide for people with ties to the village. Those people are often the ones who would use services which the village would wish to retain.	The minimum threshold for the provision of affordable housing as part of a market housing development is ten dwellings. Development of this magnitude would potentially have significant detrimental impacts on the character and landscape character of the village.	None
R & S Horsley		We support this policy, especially the fact that there is objection to the extension of the settlement boundary to include the field directly opposite Grove Avenue. We strongly believe that driving into, and out of, this site would create a very high risk of road traffic collisions as the access is on a blind bend. Therefore it would not be appropriate for housing development on this site.	Noted	None

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RM Collins		Until such a time that road, communication and other associated items are improved there should be no further housing development. only point ii should be included.	Noted	None
G Furlonger		Proposed new individual houses outside of the settlement boundary should not be prohibited automatically, provided they of good architectural value and are in keeping with the character of the village.	Noted	None
B Tora		I believe a slightly higher allocation of houses appropriate - say 15 or 16.	The housing number is expressed as a minimum and does not preclude new homes being developed, perhaps through the conversion of existing buildings or the redevelopment of a site in the Settlement Boundary where it would not have a detrimental impact on the landscape, heritage and other considerations identified in the Plan.	None
R Simpson		I am happy for more than 10 houses to be built in the village as this would ensure the villages sustainability	The housing number is expressed as a minimum and does not preclude new homes being developed, perhaps through the conversion of existing buildings or the redevelopment of a site in the Settlement Boundary where it would not have a detrimental impact on the landscape, heritage and other considerations identified in the Plan.	None

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	Suffolk Preservation Society	<p>We are pleased that the plan allows for proportionate levels of growth (LWD2) while safeguarding the qualities of the historic environment of the parish. In particular we support the exclusion of the site east of The Street and opposite Grove Avenue for housing (to the north of the church along the historic footpath. This is a sensitive area, as noted by SPS in our response to the 2019 Joint emerging local plan consultation, and we therefore endorse the policies in the plan to protect it from development.</p>	Noted	None
	Suffolk County Council	<p>Policy Context and Housing Numbers</p> <p>The Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan makes housing allocations for an additional 10 dwellings. However, it is strongly recommended by SCC that the Neighbourhood Plan has regard to the strategy set out in the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan (JLP), which is for 16 dwellings.</p> <p>In the examination of the Woolpit Neighbourhood Plan, the parish council disagreed with the housing numbers identified in the Babergh and Mid Suffolk JLP and allocated significantly lower housing numbers. The examiner for the plan identified this as a “fatal flaw” in correspondence with the parish council, and is now recommending that any policy relating to housing strategy is removed from the neighbourhood plan and that the housing strategy is left to the JLP. While the level of growth and disparity in the number of houses between the JLP and neighbourhood plan is far smaller in Little Waldingfield, the same principles can apply.</p> <p>A neighbourhood plan should be in line with the local strategy and while the JLP is not yet adopted, it is guided by the most up to date evidence. In the County Council’s view, it is in the best interest of the Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan to have regard to the JLP, as there is the risk that the Neighbourhood Plan may become out of date relatively quickly. However, as the number of houses is small, it may be possible to find a compromise between the draft Neighbourhood Plan and draft JLP.</p>	Babergh DC have stated that they support the minimum provision of 10 dwellings in the Plan. In the Woolpit example, the District Council did not agree with the numbers proposed in the draft neighbourhood plan.	None

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Policy LWD 3 – Housing Allocations				
A Sheppard		I believe policy LWD3 should be extended so that it provides for 16 additional dwellings within the Settlement Boundary over the life of the plan.	The housing number is expressed as a minimum and does not preclude new homes being developed, perhaps through the conversion of existing buildings or the redevelopment of a site in the Settlement Boundary where it would not have a detrimental impact on the landscape, heritage and other considerations identified in the Plan.	None
F Gregor-Smith		i. Yes ii No	Noted	None
J Hart		Not happy about Grange overlooking our back gardens and bedrooms.	This development already has planning permission and the Neighbourhood Plan cannot overturn existing permissions.	None
D Langford		Yes	Noted	None
S Braybrook		Permission has been granted for these developments but we have little or no idea when they will be fit for occupation. The site of the Swan pub is now 3 years plus.	Noted	None
D Gearing		Permission has already been granted for these developments.	Noted	None
L&I Davidson		Should it be exclusive to just those two sites? (an explanatory note may have been helpful to explain why others not included). Limited development (eg 4 dwellings) on Church Fields is a potential site that would help deliver housing need without going outside the Boundary. (We seem to remember a statement from a member of the NP Committee that a number of forms objecting to the Church Fields site appeared to be from the same person. Have the Parish Council / NP Committee	The site suggested has significant constraints to achieving a satisfactory development, including a tree preservation order along the frontage and the potential to have a detrimental impact on	None

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		sought to establish objectively the true consensus of the village on this site?	the conservation area and the setting of listed buildings.	
R Wheeler		I broadly support the policy. There is a concern though, that insufficient opportunity is given to any new development including affordable housing. If the content and policy are designed to ensure the future of the village be more for affluent people, it fails to ensure a proper social mix or to provide for people with ties to the village. Those people are often the ones who would use services which the village would wish to retain.	Policy LWD7 enables the provision of affordable housing to meet local needs. The minimum threshold for the provision of affordable housing as part of a market housing development is ten dwellings. Development of this magnitude would potentially have significant detrimental impacts on the character and landscape character of the village.	None
	Suffolk County Council	It is also unclear as to why Policy LWD3 only shows the allocation of two sites (a total of three dwellings), when paragraph 6.7 states that five dwellings have been granted planning permission between 1 April 2018 and 1 January 2020, with an additional five dwellings having outstanding permissions prior to April 2018, but are not yet completed. The number of dwellings granted planning permission, contributing to the housing needs of the village should be clarified.	Noted. This matter will be clarified through the addition of an appendix.	Add new appendix to identify the planning permissions for housing not complete at 1 April 2018 and new permissions granted since 1 April 2018
Policy LWD 4 – Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites				
A Sheppard		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective 1 of S6 is to meet the projected housing requirement of the village out to 2036, which is 16 dwellings, but the draft NP provides only for 10 additional dwellings, so this objective will not be met. Objective 2 of S6 is to ensure that the NP responds to the identified local needs of the village; however, this section 	Babergh DC have stated that they support the minimum provision of 10 dwellings in the Plan.	None None

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		<p>does not accommodate affordable housing other than as potentially uncontrolled development outside the village Settlement Boundary. I do not consider this to be an acceptable response or potentially acceptable development outcome.</p> <p>I believe it unacceptable that only affordable housing will be considered outside the Settlement Boundary; clearly this would be new development and I strongly believe that ALL potential new development should be subject to the same planning rules. I believe the only exception to this should be in regard to special provisions for agriculture etc, as identified in the draft NP.</p> <p>I also believe that sites within the Settlement Boundary should be earmarked for affordable housing as well as other new housing development, perhaps including a partial ribbon development terrace of say 6 or 8 dwellings on The Street, down from and opposite Grove Avenue, but not crossing over the existing footpath.</p>	<p>The strict controls elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan concerning impact on heritage, landscape and residential amenity would still apply in this instance. A local affordable housing need has to be identified, normally instigated by the Parish Council, before consideration on how this might be delivered is even considered.</p> <p>The Exceptions approach in LWD4 is in line with paragraph 77 of the NPPF.</p> <p>The land values of sites within the Settlement Boundary would be such that affordable housing would not be viable. The idea of 6 to 8 dwellings as a ribbon would be insufficient to trigger the national policy threshold whereby affordable housing has to be provided as part of the development.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>
B Campbell		<p>I am concerned that this policy could allow development on the Churchfield site if it is designated as a Rural Exception Site. I would like it made plain in the plan that no development would be allowed on the Churchfield site at all due to its importance to the village in terms of the significant role it plays to the character of the village.</p>	<p>A rural exception site would still need to satisfy other planning considerations, such as, in this instance, the loss of protected trees, impact on the conservation area and heritage assets.</p>	None
A Campbell		<p>In general i agree with policy LWD 4 but need a specific reference to Churchfield and a statement that does NOT allow</p>	<p>A rural exception site would still need to satisfy other</p>	None

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		any type of development on that piece of land that does fall outside of the Settlement Area anyway.	planning considerations, such as, in this instance, the loss of protected trees, impact on the conservation area and heritage assets.	
H Martin		I agree with the majority of ? the policy but would like more clarity included on exactly what is a small scale development, and would it be a one off scheme or would this be a way for developers to encroach into the village with multiple social housing schemes.	A local affordable housing need has to be identified, normally instigated by the Parish Council, before consideration on how this might be delivered is even considered. It would be constructed by a housing association rather than developers of normal market housing.	None
F Gregor-Smith		Not necessary. Plenty of affordable housing already in the village, eg. Croft Lea.	A local affordable housing need has to be identified, normally instigated by the Parish Council, before consideration on how this might be delivered is even considered. It would be constructed by a housing association rather than developers of normal market housing.	None
L Kilgour		This cannot be supported where the development would impact upon the Conservation Area.	A rural exception site would still need to satisfy other planning considerations, such as, in this instance, the loss of protected trees, impact on the	None

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			conservation area and heritage assets.	
I&S Bowen		"Affordable housing" is open to interpretation, especially in an area where house prices are high. What determines whether a house is affordable? This has the potential to give access to considerable development under the umbrella of affordability when the level of	The definition of "affordable" is set out in the Glossary of the Neighbourhood Plan and such housing would only be constructed if it can be identified that a need exists through a village housing needs survey.	None
T&J Grantham		Is it possible to add a clause that only allows the market housing to be sold as a primary residence and not a Buy-to-Let or Second/Holiday home? This housing should be made in context with the infrastructure and support services.	Planning permissions cannot control the tenure of market housing in this way.	None
Mr & Mrs D Bowyer		This should not be allowed on exception sites outside the settlement boundary. Also a + b sounds like just another housing estate Put anywhere for the builders to get permission as they say its for affordable housing. Affordable housing does not work it just brings the wrong type into the area. Just look at past history?	A local affordable housing need has to be identified, normally instigated by the Parish Council, before consideration on how this might be delivered is even considered. The housing would be provided by a housing association and not "builders"	None
S Ranson		This would depend on the position chosen for such housing. The 'important views' (I specifically mean the historic views that have always existed) from and towards the church and its immediate surroundings (map 5) would be destroyed by any development. 'Mitigation' would be meaningless, since even a small new building would obtrude into a view that has so far not (probably since the building of the first church on the site) been obstructed or altered in that way. It would cause the view to lose full historic impact for good.	A rural exception site would still need to satisfy other planning considerations, such as, in this instance, the loss of protected trees, impact on the conservation area and heritage assets.	None

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		More modern views would be less important in this respect, provided a new building were modest in size and carefully designed, perhaps echoing local vernacular style.		
The Lister Family		Does not comply with section 3 of core strategy in sustainable development. All building should aim to be within settlement boundary. There is a danger of affordable housing where there are so few services of being unsustainable and causing social isolation to those living there. Transport (or lack of) would be an issue when considering appointments/schooling etc. It could lead to rural poverty and be harmful to the environment and biodiversity.	The housing would be for people with a proven connection with the village, either through family or working in the village.	None
R Ridgeon		See 10, section 6 Paragraph 6:11 "opposite"	Noted	None
B Harvey		We feel that small-scale affordable housing on rural exception sites outside the Settlement Boundary omits two important points of consideration: [1] All land outside the Settlement Boundary seems to be treated equally whereas one area outside the Settlement Boundary might be more favourable than another for any new housing (affordable or market); Perhaps this should policy should reference policies like LWD 10 (Protection of Important Views) and LWD 11 (Biodiversity)? [2] There should be a specification about the length of any access road to this new housing from the existing public highway.	A rural exception site would still need to satisfy other planning considerations, such as, in this instance, the loss of protected trees, impact on the conservation area and heritage assets.	None
S Braybrook		Although I agree with affordable housing being built outside the settlement boundary, it would appear that to secure a limited number of affordable houses of which 36.4% of residents said they wanted, a greater number of open market houses maybe	Market housing on such schemes would only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where the costs of development are unusually	None

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		<p>required to cover the cost. Unless the land is gifted to a housing association etc.</p> <p>This will only be achievable if a larger site for development is found so the settlement boundary should be amended.</p>	<p>high. Land outside a settlement boundary does not have development value and therefore would not command high prices. This is what makes the affordable housing deliverable.</p>	
D Gearing		<p>I am not sure there is anything that can be changed in this section and I am not against affordable housing being built in the village, especially as 36.4% of residents who answered the NP questionnaire said they wanted them. However, it would appear that to secure a limited number of affordable houses, a greater number of open market houses maybe required to cover the cost, unless the land is gifted to a housing association or by trust, etc., and this could lead to a larger scale development.</p>	<p>Market housing on such schemes would only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where the costs of development are unusually high. Land outside a settlement boundary does not have development value and therefore would not command high prices. This is what makes the affordable housing deliverable.</p>	None
L&I Davidson		See previous comments	Noted	None
M Maybury		<p>Although they need to be carefully planned, designed and landscaped.</p>	<p>A rural exception site would still need to satisfy other planning considerations, such as, in this instance, the loss of protected trees, impact on the conservation area and heritage assets.</p>	None
R Wheeler		<p>I broadly support the policy. There is a concern though, that insufficient opportunity is given to any new development including affordable housing. If the content and policy are designed to ensure the future of the village be more for affluent people, it fails to ensure a proper</p>	<p>The housing would be for people with a proven connection with the village, either through family or working in the village.</p>	None

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		social mix or to provide for people with ties to the village. Those people are often the ones who would use services which the village would wish to retain.		
R&S Horsley		<p>We support this policy, especially the fact that the design standards should be of the same level/quality as any market housing.</p> <p>We would, however, request that there is a better definition of what a “demonstrated local connection” means. Preferably with reference to a minimum tenure of residence in the village (or surrounding villages) of at least ten years.</p> <p>How will the Neighbourhood Plan ensure that affordable housing cannot be subsequently offered for sale by the purchaser at market rates rather than at affordable levels?</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Local connection would mean currently living with family in the village, needing to live in the village to care for family or working in the village and, in all cases, being unable to afford market price housing.</p> <p>The planning permission would have a legal obligation attached to it to prevent the sale at market rates.</p>	None
R M Collins		No affordable housing should be developed on sites of rural exception or outside of the Settlement Boundary. This restriction should include that, that is part of another brought forward with another development. The residents of such properties could have a detrimental effect on the village and its current residents.	Noted.	None
	Babergh District Council	We have no comment to make on this policy at this time.	Noted	None
Policy LWD 5 - Measures for New Housing Development				
A Sheppard		I believe that covered storage for wheelie bins is a nicety; sufficient space is the essential element, particularly as covered bin areas are usually not kept well and could, quite literally, become rat traps.	Noted	None

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R Wheeler		I broadly support the policy. There is a concern though, that insufficient opportunity is given to any new development including affordable housing. If the content and policy are designed to ensure the future of the village be more for affluent people, it fails to ensure a proper social mix or to provide for people with ties to the village. Those people are often the ones who would use services which the village would wish to retain.	Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan does not preclude the construction of further houses on acceptable sites in accordance with Policy LWD2.	None
R & S Horsley		We strongly support the focus on building smaller properties. However, we would like further information included in the Neighbourhood Plan on how appropriate levels of parking will be provided within any planned developments.	Noted. Parking provision will have to meet the minimum standards adopted by Babergh DC.	None
RM Collins		If new housing developments must take place they should include provision for car parking without the need for on-road parking. In fact on-road parking for new developments should be banned.	Noted. Parking provision will have to meet the minimum standards adopted by Babergh DC.	None
L & M Pease		All garages should be of an appropriate size to accommodate a family car and owner/tenant should be enforced to use the garage for its purpose and not use it as another room or storage facility.	Noted. Parking provision will have to meet the minimum standards, including garage sizes, adopted by Babergh DC	None
J Kossick		Consider that even 1 bedroom dwelling may need 2 parking spaces.	Noted. Parking provision will have to meet the minimum standards adopted by Babergh DC.	
	Babergh District Council	We have no comment to make on this policy at this time.	Noted	None
	Suffolk County Council	The County Council supports the provisions of cycle parking and storage in Policies LWD5 and LWD15	Noted	None

Policy LWD 6 – Housing Mix

Name	Group / Organisation	Comments (as submitted)	Neighbourhood Plan Response	Proposed changes to Plan
B Campbell		I think the village needs to attract young families and they often look for houses with 4 bedrooms to give spare spatial capacity. I would like the policy to be changed to five or more bedrooms.	The Housing Needs Assessment undertaken in support of the Neighbourhood Plan does not identify such a need at present.	None
A Campbell		In order to attract younger families i feel the proposals should read ".....FIVE or more bedrooms....."	The Housing Needs Assessment undertaken in support of the Neighbourhood Plan does not identify such a need at present.	None
I & S Bowen		The size of the house should be determined both by the size of the plot and the adjacent street scene rather than by a particular demonstration of need for that particular dwelling.	The built character of the setting of the plot would also be taken into account.	None
MR & Mrs D Bowyer		We believe that the village is made up of 2-4 bedroom homes + it should be kept this way.	Noted	None
S Braybrook		6.19 clearly states that planned growth in Little Waldingfield will not deliver sufficient housing to address the identified misalignment. However no effort has been made to address this in the Plan. Best efforts during the planning application is not an acceptable solution and needs addressing. It also seeks to stop development of certain types of house, i.e. 4 bed houses, however not extremely large 3 bedroom houses that could be adapted after building. Remove the policy as it only bulks up the document.	The Housing Needs Assessment prepared to support the Neighbourhood Plan suggested that around 30 1-3 bedroomed homes would be required by 2036 to redress the balance. In the household survey, only 8% of respondents supported more than 20 new houses by 2036. Internal adaptations would not normally require planning permission.	None
D Gearing		6.18 states that the AECOM Housing Needs Assessment concluded that to avoid misalignment 45% of new homes should be 1-2 bedrooms, 50% 3 bedrooms and only 5% 4 bedrooms	There is no need to mention this in the planning policy as it is evidence to support the	None

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		and 6.19 clearly states that planned growth in Little Waldingfield will not deliver sufficient housing to address the misalignment. But there appears to be no mention of this within LWD 6 and it should be mentioned, so potential developers are aware of this prior to purchasing and applying to develop a site. To be honest as it stands I believe any development will continue to be of larger houses where the site size allows.	policy stance and not a policy within itself.	
L&I Davidson		<p>Too arbitrary. Should be a spread of housing to obtain 'mix'. We are a small village, so a comparison of house sizes is easily skewed.</p> <p>Of the 3 dwellings in the Housing Allocation LWD3, two (66%) are 2 bedroom properties.</p> <p>The Housing Needs Assessment states 'there is a growing demand for medium to large 3-4 bedroom homes.</p> <p>There may be a growing older population or these older people may move into town as there is no bus service</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	None
R Wheeler		<p>I broadly support the policy.</p> <p>There is a concern though, that insufficient opportunity is given to any new development including affordable housing.</p> <p>Barn conversions are unlikely to provide for this, for example.</p> <p>If the content and policy are designed to ensure the future of the village be more for affluent people, it fails to ensure a proper social mix or to provide for people with ties to the village. Those people are often the ones who would use services which the village would wish to retain.</p>	These matters are addressed elsewhere in the Plan	None
R & S Horsley		We fully support the building of homes with less than four bedrooms and recognise that this in itself will not balance out the housing mix, but will not exacerbate the existing problem.	Noted	None
RM Collins		See previous comments on the construction of residential properties.	Noted	None

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B Tora		See section 5 above. However, I strongly support the objections to any development on Churchfields (6.4) which would have the potential to affect the very character of the village.	The Plan does not propose development Churchfields	None
	Babergh District Council	Qstn: Is there an opportunity to word this policy a little differently?: "Housing development must contribute to meeting the existing and future identified needs. <u>The Neighbourhood Plan area would normally expect to see developments of smaller homes (1 to 3 bedrooms), however, proposals that deliver homes with 4 or more bedrooms would be supported where it can clearly be demonstrated that there is a particular need for a dwelling of that size.</u> "	Agree to some extent. The wording of the policy will be reworded to positively promote smaller homes in accordance with the evidence gathered.	Amend Policy LWD6 as follows: Housing development <u>that provides homes with three bedrooms or less will be supported in order to</u> must contribute to meeting the existing and future identified needs of the Neighbourhood Plan Area. Proposals that deliver homes with <u>for</u> four or more bedrooms <u>homes</u> will not be supported unless it can be <u>clearly</u> demonstrated that there is a particular need for dwellings of that size.
	Suffolk County Council	Health and Wellbeing Ageing population Paragraph 6.18 of the Neighbourhood Plan discusses the findings from the AECOM Housing Needs Assessment, in which an ageing population is referenced, and the demand for smaller housing of two- and three-bedroom homes. SCC suggests that the Neighbourhood Plan could include the desire for adaptable homes, and recommends that the following statement is added into Policy LWD6 – Housing Needs: <i>"Support will be given for smaller 2 and 3 bedroomed homes that are adaptable (meaning built to optional M4(2) standards), in order to meet the needs of the aging population, without excluding the needs of the younger buyers and families."</i>	While the objective of this is supported, the Government introduced national technical standards for housing in 2015. A Written (25 March 2015) Ministerial Statement (2015) explains that neighbourhood plans should not set out any additional local technical standards or requirements relating to the construction, internal layout or performance of new dwellings. It cannot	None

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		<p>It is suggested that there could also be further considerations for the needs of residents who suffer from dementia, and the potential for making Little Waldingfield a “Dementia-Friendly” village. The Royal Town Planning Institute has guidance on Town Planning and Dementia, which may be helpful in informing policies. The Waveney Local Plan contains a good example of a “designing for dementia” policy</p>	<p>therefore be a requirement of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>While the approach and sentiment is agreed it is considered that this is more appropriate for the Joint LP to address</p>	None
Housing Section – Other Comments				
A Sheppard		<p>My support is however subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I believe that S6.5 overstates the significance that land East of The Street opposite Grove Avenue contributes to the character of the village, and also note that there was no footpath there in 1995 - refer aerial photo on pages 6 and 7 of the updated village history. I also believe the NP should cater for the 16 additional new dwellings identified by BMSDC, in order to gain their support to our NP. 	<p>The site suggested has significant constraints to achieving a satisfactory development, including a tree preservation order along the frontage and the potential to have a detrimental impact on the conservation area and the setting of listed buildings.</p> <p>Babergh DC have stated that they support the minimum provision of 10 dwellings in the Plan.</p>	None
F Gregor-Smith		6..3 Ten new houses have already been built recently. We don't need more, apart from what has already been approved, eg. next to The Swan.	The Neighbourhood Plan cannot place an embargo on new homes being built where they comply with planning policies.	None
M Ewan		Yes, especially 6:18 & 6:19	Noted	None

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The Lister Family		Building within settlement boundary for all new buildings.	Noted	None
R Ridgeon		6:11 Do not agree with properties being build on land outside the settlement boundary other than as stated in policy LWD 1.	The Plan does not propose this unless for specific purposes.	None
S Braybrook		<p>6.1 Without a housing needs assessment I do not know how this Plan can identify how the housing need will be met. The Plan is based on the Joint Local Plan which has not been approved and this Plan has reduced the number in that JLP from 16 to 10.</p> <p>6.2 The results of the village questionnaire are in complete contradiction to the Plan. At the time the questionnaire was returned (early 2018) most of the (allocated housing) planning applications were in the planning decision stage. This would indicate that residents wanted more housing than that that was already awaiting final planning approval.</p> <p>6.6 Further opportunities for housing may become available but the village would have little control on the type of housing i.e with a large outbuilding conversion (not exceeding 4 bedrooms of course)</p> <p>6.10 An up to date affordable housing needs survey for the village has not been completed. This is true but the resident questionnaire did ask residents "What are the future housing requirements of the village". 36.4% of those who responded said more affordable housing was needed and 12.3% said it was very much needed. This is a substantial number of residents whose views have been ignored in this Plan.</p>	<p>Babergh DC have stated that they support the minimum provision of 10 dwellings in the Plan. A Housing Needs Assessment has been prepared by AECOM as an evidence document for the Neighbourhood Plan and was available at the time the consultation took place.</p> <p>This has not been borne out by the opinion of many residents commenting on the Plan.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>The survey did not identify whether this was a perceived or actual need.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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D Gearing		I just have a general comment – there just seems little appetite or thought given for any development in the village within the existing settlement boundary and further to the sites that have already been identified and approved. It just all appears to be a little short sighted. I really think it would be better to have one small development of 6-8 houses.	This has not been borne out by the opinion of many residents commenting on the Plan.	None
J Francis		The stipulations in the policies all seem sensible and well thought out.	Noted	None
A Francis		I am comfortable with the proposed housing policy and fully support it.	Noted	None
L&I Davidson		6.9 Has this been printed correctly? Some of it does not make sense and a lot of it is difficult to understand for the layman!	The nature of Neighbourhood Plans is such that occasionally technical terms have to be used but the Plan does contain a Glossary to assist those that are unfamiliar with such terms.	None
R Wheeler		Yes, but see above comments on policies.	Noted	None
R&S Horsley		We are particularly interested in the establishment of a Community Land Trust.	Noted	None
RM Collins		See comments previously made	Noted	None
B Tora		I believe the creation of a CLT (6.14) worth considering.	Noted	None
R Simpson		I suggest a specific plan is put in place to meet the misalignment highlighted in this section. Every effort does not constitute a deliverable plan.	Noted	None
	Babergh District Council	Para 6.5, Para 6.7, LWD 2, LWD 3 A number of discussions have taken place between the NP Group and District Council on the minimum number of new homes to be planned for in this NP area. The July 2019 JLP Preferred Options document set out a minimum requirement of 16 dwellings - this comprising a mix of outstanding permissions and an expectation that a site adjacent	Noted Noted	None None

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		<p>to and east of The Street would come forward during the plan period. Through the positive working discussions with the NP Group, the Council has reviewed additional evidence regarding heritage impact issues of this site east of the Street and is satisfied that it should be discounted due to those constraints. It is agreed that a figure of a minimum of 10 new dwellings for the NP area is appropriate.</p> <p>Policy LWD 2 confirms this NP will deliver a minimum 10 dwellings and in paragraph 6.5 we see that this will be achieved through the sum of individual plots and small sites that benefit from planning permissions granted either before 1 April 2018 (5 dwellings in total) or between 1 Apr 2018 and 1 Jan 2020 (a further 5 dwellings).</p> <p>The Council would expect to see clear evidence and processes in place through the NP to justify and demonstrate confidence of delivery. A clear schedule of the deliverable or developable sites relied upon to meet the minimum housing requirement and proposals for monitoring and NP review should be identified either within the Plan supporting documents. In circumstances where any existing planning permissions relied upon expire, then the Plan should consider what approach should be taken (such as a Plan review or bringing forward a reserve site) to ensure that the minimum requirement can still be met within the Plan timescales. If there is a reliance upon windfall development, then evidence should be presented to justify a reliable supply.</p> <p>On one final point, in Policy LWD 2, we suggest that to be consistent with wording used elsewhere (i.e. para' 6.5), the word 'around' be replaced with 'a minimum of'</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>A new appendix will be added to the Plan to include schedule of permissions approved before 1 April 2018 but not complete at that date and new permissions granted since that date.</p> <p>The wording of the policy is consistent with recently examined neighbourhood plans and, in particular, Drinkstone.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Insert new Appendix to provide a schedule of residential permissions approved before 1 April 2018 but not complete at that date and new permissions granted since that date.</p> <p>None</p>

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	Babergh District Council	The third bullet ends with " ... income above around £19,556." We have not checked your source but suggest it reads 'above' or 'around', but not both.	Agree. Amend to above £19,995	Amend third bullet point of paragraph 9.5 as follows: • Affordable Housing Tenures should offer access to housing for those households in receipt of income above around £19,556.
Policy LWD 7 – Special Landscape Area				
R Marriott		Would prefer minimal development within brownfield sites within the settlement boundary	Noted	None
M Ewen		7:2 Large scale agricultural buildings are totally unnecessary	Noted	None
Mr & Mrs D Bowyer		Yes we want our village to still look nice + have the protection on it that made most of us want to live here.	Noted	None
M Maybury		It is possible to construct completely bio-diverse dwellings which would enhance and deliver accommodation for those who have a particular craft or way of life that entails living completely off the land.	Noted	None
	Babergh District Council	Chapter 7, LWD 7, Map 4, and Policies Map Key We have no objection to the retention of the area currently identified at the district level as a 'Special Landscape Area' (SLA) but, in common with the practice now used in other neighbourhood plans and to avoid confusion or doubt following adoption of the Joint Local Plan - which will not see SLA's being carried forward - we advise that this Neighbourhood Plan adopt and use the phrase 'Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity' as an appropriate and alternate description. [See for example policy EMST7 and supporting text in the Elmsett NP.] [NB: This change from 'SLA' to 'ALLS' may require some minor text changes in supporting documents to ensure consistency of language.]	Noted. The Plan was prepared to refer to Special Landscape Area for the sake of consistency with the adjoining area in the Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan. However, as requested, the name will be changed to Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity.	Amend Chapter 7, LWD 7, Map 4, and Policies Map Key to refer to Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity where appropriate.
Policy LWD 8 – Dark Skies				

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H Martin		Too much lighting should be actively discouraged.	Noted	None
R Marriott		I am opposed to light pollution	Noted	None
J Hart		I think we need St. Lights for safty. But on a Time clock so They not on All night Long.	Noted	None
Mr & Mrs D Bowyer		Totally agree with this! You want lights move to the Town!	Noted	None
Climpin		Recently we have occurred light pollution in Croft Lea, with a simple 'change' of a bulb light fitting, this has meant we have gone from a completely dark bedroom of 22 years to needing black out curtains. (not happy with this). So definite consideration should be given to lighting in any development.	Planning policies cannot control such circumstances which do not require planning permission.	None
M Maybury		Dark skies give a sense of intimacy and inclusive community and should be preserved.	Noted	None
R Wheeler		Broadly yes, but it is unclear that this would be tough enough to prevent intrusion into the dark skies within the village and beyond. Many residents have been and continue to install outside lighting, both at fronts of their houses and in rear gardens. This affects not just the dark skies and ability to see the awe and wonder of the Milky Way but wildlife and biodiversity, as well as the character of the village.	There is a limit on what planning controls cover and, in general, most outside lighting on dwellings does not need permission	None
RM Collins		I am in agreement in general with the dark skies policy but cognisance should be taken of the physical security of the village bearing in mind the lack of local policing.	The policy provides a balanced approach as suggested.	None
	Babergh District Council	We have no comment to make on this policy at this time.	Noted	None
Policy LWD 9 – Local Green Spaces				
A Sheppard		I believe that limited development, circa 6 to 8 dwellings, could take place on Church Field without significant harm to the character of the village or of views of the church.	The site suggested has significant constraints to achieving a satisfactory development, including a tree preservation order along the frontage and the potential to have a detrimental impact on	None

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			the conservation area and the setting of listed buildings.	
H Martin		It should not be a possibility of developments on these sites, they should be enhanced by any money from future developments, and help prevent the village becoming a clusters of bricks with no obvious green spaces.	Noted.	None
F Gregor-Smith		Should not the Playing Field have been included in the list of Local Green Space?	The playing field is covered by Policy LWD19 which enables new buildings, such as a new pavilion, to be built.	None
R Marriott		No development on these sights in ANY circumstances	This would be contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework	None
I&S Bowen		There should be no exceptional circumstances, these spaces should stay green.	This would be contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework	None
T&J Grantham		These areas should be protected, and building on any of these spaces, even entrance roads, etc., should not be permitted under any circumstances.	This would be contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework	None
Mr & Mrs D Bowyer		But with a heavy heart as surely there are better sites to build on than these as listed? Churchyard and cemetery NO	The policy prevents development, including buildings, on these sites except in exceptional circumstances.	None
R Ridgeon		What would be classed as an eceptional circumstance. I believe this needs to be defined in more detail.	The National Planning Policy Framework sets out what these circumstances are and it's not necessary to repeat them in the Plan.	None

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S Braybrook		The green space on Church Field has only been "Green" for a very small amount of time, no more than 8 years or so. Before then it was just part of the arable field. The hedge that now separates the green space and the field was planted about this time too and for this reason I cannot accept it is historical, or of particular local significance and it is only being designated as a Local Green Space to frustrate any potential development.	The length of time that a green space has been "green" is not the reason for designating a space. A significant number of residents have identified how important the space is to the village and it meets the requirements set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.	None
D Gearing		I am not sure why Church Field is mentioned in this section, since when has it become a historical or particularly significant green space within the village? It has only been like this for approximately the last 10 years and prior to that was just part of an arable field. The hedge was planted at a similar time. It seems the only reason why this is now being designated as a Local Green Space is to block any potential development. Therefore, I wouldn't include this within LWD 9.	The length of time that a green space has been "green" is not the reason for designating a space. A significant number of residents have identified how important the space is to the village and it meets the requirements set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.	None
L&I Davidson		Excluding part of Church Field, otherwise agree	Noted	None
Clampin		I cannot see any mention that the playing field is an area for the use of landing a helicopter for emergency services for the village and local area. As far as I am aware this is a designated site.	The playing field is covered by Policy LWD19 which enables new buildings, such as a new pavilion, to be built.	None
R Wheeler		It would appear to be incomplete. In listing green space at Grove Avenue, it would appear to mean the grass verges at the junction of Grove Avenue with the B1115 and the verge along the southern side of the avenue and possibly the space between Numbers 5-7 and 8-13. It lacks clarity, especially with regard to	The areas are defined in the separate Local Green Space Assessment document and on the Policies Map. The playing field is covered by Policy	None

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		the space between 5-7 and 8-13 and it appears not to include the Playing Field. That appears to be a serious omission.	LWD19 which enables new buildings, such as a new pavilion, to be built.	
RM Collins		No development should take place on green spaces.	Only in exceptional circumstances would development be allowed.	None
	Babergh District Council	We have no comment to make on the policy itself but ask you to check the Policies Map to ensure that the designated areas appear as one consistent shade of green.	Noted. The Policies Map will be amended	Amend Village Centre Inset Map to ensure Local Green Spaces are a consistent colour
	Suffolk County Council	<p>Green Spaces and Facilities</p> <p>The provision of designated Local Green Spaces and protection of the sport and recreation playing fields in the Neighbourhood Plan is welcomed by SCC. There are proven links between access to green outdoor spaces and the improvements to both physical and mental health and wellbeing for the population as a whole, including increasing the quality of life for the elderly, working age adults, and for children.</p> <p>It is suggested that the Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan steering group could look into the allocation of the recreational open space as a Local Green Space. As stated in paragraphs 99-101 in the NPPF, this site appears to not be an extensive tract of land, is close to the community that it serves, and holds significance for the parish as a recreational purpose and the associated health and wellbeing benefits. This would ensure that this site has the protections from development as a Designated Local Green Space.</p> <p>Policy LWD9 - Local Green Spaces</p> <p>The numbering of the Local Green Spaces in Policy LWD9 and the Local Green Space Assessment document is inaccurate, as</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The recreational open space referred to is specifically identified and covered by Policy LWD19.</p> <p>Noted. The Local Green Space Assessment and Policy LWD9 will be amended.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Amend Local Green Space Assessment to refer to the</p>

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		<p>Churchyard and Cemetery is duplicated as number "5", but should be numbered as "6".</p> <p>On the Policies Map the Local Green Space at Grove Avenue appears to have different shade of green and an outline (in accordance with the map key); the others do not. The Village Sign Green Space is easy to miss on the Policies Map, so the spaces may benefit from being labelled.</p> <p>It is suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan could include a map following Policy LWD9, showing the size and location of the designated Local Green Spaces. Whilst the Policy Map does show areas in a pale green colour designated as Local Green Spaces, however it is not very obvious which sites are which, and a separate map in support of Policy LWD9 could display these sites clearer, with the use of labels or different colours.</p>	<p>Noted. The Policies Map will be amended.</p> <p>The separate Local Green Space evidence document provides this level of detail and it is not considered necessary to include it in the Plan itself.</p>	<p>Churchyard and Cemetery as No. 5</p> <p>Amend Policy LWD9 as follows: 5. Village sign green space, The Street 56. Churchyard and Cemetery</p> <p>Amend Village Centre Inset Map to ensure Local Green Spaces are a consistent colour</p> <p>None</p>
Policy LWD 10 - Protection of Important Views				
A Sheppard		I generally support the preservation of views, but believe that limited development, circa 6 to 8 dwellings, could take place on Church Field without significant harm to the character of the village or of the views of the church, and taking into account the large hedge bordering the path and the many large trees in the open churchyard.	The site suggested has significant constraints to achieving a satisfactory development, including a tree preservation order along the frontage and the potential to have a detrimental impact on the conservation area and the setting of listed buildings.	None
R Marriott		Important views should be protected at all costs	Noted	None

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G Harritt		7.8 - reference map 5. It is felt that two additional important views should be included: namely the view north from St Lawrence's Church along the ancient footpath to Church Field, and the view from said footpath east towards the rural landscape.	Additional Important Views will be added to the Map.	Amend Map 5 and the Policies Map to add the view from the Church back towards Woodhall; the view from the Playing Field towards Lavenham; and a view from the Haymarket footpath towards the village
S Ranson		I support this policy provided the historic views towards and from the church and its immediate surrounds are wholly protected (please see my comments to Policies 1, 3, 7). Permitting a new build within a historic view is too destructive to be mitigated.	Noted	None
S Braybrook		<p>We live in the countryside and all views across open space are indeed very important. However the Plan once again has highlighted 3 views from The Street across Church Field as being of particular importance. I fail to see how a view of a hedge that has been in place for 8 years is being given the gravity of importance as set out in this Plan other than to frustrate any other potential use. The views being highlighted are all visible from the Church as well the public footpath.</p> <p>At very best one vista could be maintained although even this is questionable.</p>	The hedge is not complete and is low enough to provide a very important longer view, as illustrated in the Village Character Assessment. The view was also identified as being important in the Babergh published Conservation Area Appraisal (2007).	None
D Gearing		<p>The plan has highlighted 3 views from The Street across Church Field as being of particular importance, but these views are all visible from the Church as well the public footpath and should be moved to reflect this.</p> <p>The views from the back of the playing field towards Lavenham should be added.</p>	Disagree. The views from The Street are of equal importance, as identified in the Babergh published Conservation Area Appraisal (2007).	None
RM Collins		There should be no development outside the settlement boundary.	Noted	None

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	Historic England	We support the inclusion of Policy LWD 10 relating to the protection of important views, but might suggest that an additional reference is made to the importance of protecting the setting of heritage assets, of which views often form an important part (although we note that this is also referred to in Policy LWD13).		
	Babergh District Council	We have no comment to make on this policy at this time.	Noted	None
Policy LWD 11 - Biodiversity				
L Kilgour		This seems to be describing larger schemes which would be entirely inappropriate anywhere within the Hamlet.	Disagree. It applies, as relevant, to all development proposals.	None
S Ranson		In paragraph 4, 'a new hedgerow of native species' is an insufficient description: I should like to see the words 'the same' inserted before 'native species'.	It may be that the existing hedgerow is not a native species.	None
R & S Horsley		<p>We support this policy, however we would ask that "exceptional circumstances" should be expanded to mention that this should not include financial considerations. In other words, if an access road to any new development or property would be considerably more expensive if moved to a different location so as not to affect natural features, important trees, etc. then this cannot be classed as an "exceptional circumstance".</p> <p>Consideration must also be given to the timing of the removal of any habitat, supported by evidence that advice has been sought from a recognised specialist, in order to minimise the impact on nesting birds or hibernating wildlife.</p>	<p>This is a matter of judgement that will be considered at the planning application stage.</p> <p>This would be conditioned, where necessary, in a planning permission.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>
RM Collins		There should be no development of residential properties that affect the biodiversity and cause the loss of important trees, hedgerows and other natural features.	Noted	None

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J Kossick		Financial benefits must not be factored in to any considerations.	Noted	None
	Babergh District Council	We have no comment to make on this policy at this time.	Noted	None
	Suffolk County Council	<p>Flooding Policy LWD11 – Biodiversity It is suggested that Policy LWD11 and the supporting text in the Natural Environment and Biodiversity section of the Neighbourhood Plan could include reference to the potential biodiversity net gain benefits that the inclusion of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in developments can bring.</p> <p>The title of “Biodiversity” and paragraph 7.10 is duplicated, on the bottom of page 23 and again on the top of page 24, therefore one of these will need to be removed.</p> <p>SCC is welcoming of natural environment policies, in particular those which encourage a net gain of biodiversity, in support of the ongoing work for making Suffolk the Greenest County. This policy and supporting paragraphs are nicely worded with details for net gain of biodiversity and restoration of fragmented networks.</p> <p>The County Council also is supportive of Policy LWD8 detailing dark skies, which can help to have a more positive impact on wildlife.</p>	<p>It is considered that matters relating to Sustainable Drainage Systems are adequately addressed in Policy LWD17.</p> <p>The Sub-heading and Paragraph 7.10 on page 23 will be deleted.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Delete “Biodiversity” sub-heading and paragraph 7.10 on page 23.</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>
Section 7 - Natural Environment – General Comments				
N Mason		Paragraph 7.4 (Dark Skies). Lack of street lighting was one of the main reasons why I chose to live in Little Waldingfield. I would prefer no street lights at all. I strongly believe that further street lights would not only deny us an appreciation of the night sky	Noted	None

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		and a good night's sleep but would also upset the character of the village and in no way add to security.		
S Ranson		<p>Regarding paragraph 7.10, last line, it is well known (see the writings of Oliver Rackham, e.g. 'Trees and Woodland in the British Landscape', or the extensive national work of The Woodland Trust), that an ancient woodland cannot be replaced by new woodland. Ancient woodland supports hundreds of botanical, fungal, animal and insect communities that do not come to exist in replacement woodland for perhaps centuries, or ever, and not in the same proportions or natural patterns. It is, like an ancient view, irreplaceable.</p> <p>Of course, there is no space on the page for explaining this. But perhaps you could change the last line to say: 'same tree/vegetation species, or improved landscape features.'</p>	Given the location of the ancient woodland, it is extremely unlikely that any development would be allowed on these sites. Their designation as Sites or Special Landscape Interest also acts to provide a further protection from development.	None
J Francis		With particular attention to the preservation of the open spaces identified later in the Plan (i.e. the recreational field) we agree with the contents of these sections.	Noted	None
A Francis		Specifically important in addition to this is the recreation ground identified in LWD19 but otherwise support the contents of Section 7	Noted	None
M Maybury		<p>7.4: As previously dark skies give a sense of intimacy and inclusive community.</p> <p>7.5-7.7: Local green spaces are essential for good mental health and recreation.</p> <p>7.6: The creation of allotments would increase the green space credentials.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. The Neighbourhood Plan process has not identified a need for allotments amongst residents. However, paragraph 1.11 will be amended to refer to the suggestion.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Amend paragraph 1.11 by adding the following to the end: <u>During the preparation of the Plan a number of potential community projects were suggested including the</u></p>

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		7.11: The inclusion of a specific area for a wildlife meadow would enhance the natural environment.	Noted	<u>provision of allotments; biodiversity enhancement through wildlife meadow/tree planting and underground power/phone lines. While not forming part of the Plan, these could be initiated if there is sufficient interest from residents to help deliver them.</u> None
R Wheeler		<p>Broadly yes, but:</p> <p>7.4: it is unclear that this would be tough enough to prevent intrusion into the dark skies within the village and beyond. Many residents have been and continue to install outside lighting, both at fronts of their houses and in rear gardens. This affects not just the dark skies and ability to see the awe and wonder of the Milky Way but wildlife and biodiversity, as well as the character of the village.</p> <p>7.7: It would appear to be incomplete. In listing green space at Grove Avenue, it would appear to mean the grass verges at the junction of Grove Avenue with the B1115 and the verge along the southern side of the avenue and possibly the space between Numbers 5-7 and 8-13. It lacks clarity, especially with regard to the space between 5-7 and 8-13 and appears not to include the Playing Field. That appears to be a serious omission.</p> <p>7.8 There are other important views beside those shown on the maps. I hope to attach or send a map to indicate some of these. [These maps are included below, at the end of this appendix]</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan only put in place policies that would apply to proposals that require planning permission. Many lighting schemes such as those referred to do not require planning permission.</p> <p>The Local Green Spaces Assessment as well as the Policies Map clearly indicate where this designation applies. The playing field is covered and protected by Policy LWD19.</p> <p>Map 5 and the Policies Map will be amended.</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Amend Map 5 and the Policies Map to add the view from the Church back towards Woodhall; the view from the Playing Field towards Lavenham; and a view from the</p>

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		<p>7.10/11: Biodiversity. Given the intensive farming style of agriculture immediately adjacent to and surrounding the village, this is important. The statements on biodiversity would suggest the village would benefit from greater biodiversity and this is to be supported. Examples might be the creation of a wildflower meadow, a pond and a publicly accessible mixed woodland within the village.</p> <p>One would be along the footpath from Haymarket, halfway between the start of the path and the currently shown viewpoint. It would point south towards the church and the start of the back of Church Road.</p> <p>A second would be along that path, past the footpath junction which would return walkers to the road leading from the village to Archers Farm and just beyond where it runs ninety degrees to face south west. There is a position there where three churches can be seen - those of Little Waldingfield, Great Waldingfield and Lavenham. The centre of this view faces north-west but fans out both sides of that.</p> <p>A third would be on the C road extending beyond the junction with Archers Farm towards Priory Green. The position is where the number 71 is marked and fans out from facing south west. This is an extensive view towards the Badleys on the ridge from Great Waldingfield to Priory Green.</p> <p>A fourth would be on the Churchfield footpath roughly parallel with the corner of the conservatism areas it turns from almost east to almost south. This view is of the north side of the church and the avenue of lime trees.</p> <p>A fifth would be almost at the start of this path, facing south..</p>	<p>This could be an important community initiative that could be achieved with needing to be included in the future NP Review if enough community interest is forthcoming at the time. Paragraph 1.11 will be amended to refer to this and other possible projects.</p>	<p>Haymarket footpath towards the village.</p> <p>Amend paragraph 1.11 by adding the following to the end: <u>During the preparation of the Plan a number of potential community projects were suggested including the provision of allotments; biodiversity enhancement through wildlife meadow/tree planting and underground power/phone lines. While not forming part of the Plan, these could be initiated if there is sufficient interest from residents to help deliver them.</u></p>

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		<p>A sixth would be walking in a northerly direction just beyond the church, showing the views towards Wood Hall and Maltings Hall. These last three are important vistas in themselves, but also form part of the case for resisting development on Churchfield, so it is vital they are included.</p> <p>Three viewpoints on the B1115 between Grove Avenue and Wood hall is probably excessive. Perhaps the middle one could be taken out.</p>	<p>The views have been carefully assessed for their importance.</p>	<p>None</p>
	<p>Babergh District Council</p>	<p>Para 7.10 Pages 23 & 24 A formatting issue: The Biodiversity sub-heading and para 7.10 text are repeated on pages 23 and 24. We suggest deleting its appearance on page 23 and retaining the text and accompanying Map 6 on page 24.</p>	<p>The Sub-heading and Paragraph 7.10 on page 23 will be deleted.</p>	<p>Delete "Biodiversity" sub-heading and paragraph 7.10 on page 23.</p>
	<p>Babergh District Council</p>	<p>Para 7.11 Delete 'NPPF notes that' so that the opening sentence reads: "The National Planning Practice Guidance notes that: "The National Planning Policy Framework encourages net gains for biodiversity to be sought through planning policies and decisions."</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>Amend first sentence of paragraph 7.11 as follows: The NPPF notes that National Planning Practice Guidance notes that: "The National Planning Policy Framework</p>

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				encourages net gains for biodiversity to be sought through planning policies and decisions.
	Suffolk Preservation Society	We welcome the thorough assessment work that has been undertaken on landscape, design and heritage. The supporting documentation is comprehensive and provides a robust framework for a raft of sound environmental policies designed to protect the special qualities of your parish. We are particularly pleased to note the inclusion of specific policies relating to Special Landscape Area (LWD7), Dark Skies (LWD8), Local Green Spaces (LWD9), Protected Views (LWD10), Buildings of Local Significance (LWD12), Heritage Assets (LWD13), the Holbrook Park Special Character Area (LWD14) and Design Considerations (LWD15).	Noted	None
	Natural England	We note that on Map 6 on page 24, the boundary of Brent Eleigh Woods Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) has not been drawn correctly. Part of the designated land in Camps Wood has not been identified as SSSI and we suggest that this omission is corrected.	Noted. Map 6 will be amended	Amend Map 6 to include additional area of Camps Wood as SSSI.
Policy LWD 12 – Buildings of Local Significance				
M Ewan		Section 8:6 very important	Noted	None
The Lister Family		We feel further properties could be added to this list such as the two cottages to the right of the church and Pitt Cottage.	It is not considered that these meet the criteria for designation	None
Anonymous		Only because I do not understand the significance of Cypress Cottage	Noted	None
R & S Horsley		We are especially supportive of the fact that the Neighbourhood Plan seeks to protect heritage assets in the absence of any such provisions in the Local Plan or NPPF.	Noted	None

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	Historic England	<p>We welcome the support the plan shows for non-designated archaeological heritage assets and the need to contact Suffolk County Council's historic environment service, but suggest this requirement could be included in a policy rather than just supporting text.</p> <p>You could also include a requirement for any archaeological material derived from pre-development excavations to be displayed and interpreted in an appropriate way (a public exhibition, site tours etc) for the Parish's general interest.</p> <p>We are very pleased to note the inclusion of a list of local heritage assets in the neighbourhood plan. We would highlight that, by including them as such in your plan, they automatically are considered 'non-designated heritage assets' from the perspective of planning policy, irrespective of any identification as such by the local planning authority. However, we would caveat that with the advice that the criteria for identification needs to be clear and robust, and suggest you review our advice note No.7 on Local Heritage Listing for more advice on how best to achieve that. The criteria you adopt should certainly be included in the neighbourhood plan, in order to support the inclusion of those structures as Local Heritage Assets. Our advice note can be found here: https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/local-heritage-listing-advice-note-7/</p>	<p>This is not considered appropriate for inclusion in a planning policy.</p> <p>This would be addressed through a planning condition attached to a permission.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>
	Babergh District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We suggest a re-wording of the first paragraph which takes its lead from the recently examined Drinkstone NP (policy DRN10). The Council's Heritage Team also suggest that the text include mention of 'setting' as well, as this usually plays a role in significance and can be fundamental to understanding the importance of an asset (designated or otherwise). Perhaps ... "The retention, protection and the 	Agree.	<p>Amend Policy LWD12 as follows: The retention and protection <u>and the setting</u> of the following <u>Buildings of Local Significance</u>, and as identified on the Policies Map, will be secured.</p>

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		<p>setting of the following local heritage assets must be appropriately secured."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council's Heritage Team also suggest that the reference to 'substantial harm', and then 'scale of harm' in the final paragraph is confusing, advising that a proposed development would cause substantial harm, or less than substantial harm, on a sliding scale. The suggested alternative is: "harm, which must be weighed in the balance..." 	The wording of the policy is consistent with recently examined neighbourhood plans and, in particular, Drinkstone.	None
Policy LWD 13 – Heritage Assets				
S Furlonger		I think we need to be careful we don't encumber a building that can't be justified or maintained on economic grounds.	The policy reflects the requirements of national regulations and planning policy and places no additional local burdens on owners.	None
R Wheeler		While it might not be in the strict legal sense a heritage asset, it can be strongly argued that the Churchfield footpath is very much a heritage asset, being probably 1000 years old, and running fir the church to the old vicarage.	Public Rights of Way are protected under separate government legislation.	None
G Furlonger		I could be a mistake to limit the scope of future permissions for a building which is of questionable economic viability in the long term	The policy reflects the requirements of national regulations and planning policy and places no additional local burdens on owners.	None
	Babergh District Council	We have no comment to make on this policy at this time.	Noted	None
Policy LWD 14 - Holbrook Park Special Character Area				
M Ewan		Should have been listed years ago	Noted	None

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		Brookwood Manor (Holbrook Hall) needs to expand as more people live longer		
Anonymous		Not been there to form an opinion	Noted	None
R & S Horsley		We are fully supportive of Holbrook Park and its grounds being designated a Special Character Area.	Noted	None
J Dalziel	SRL Technical Services Ltd	<p>It is not appropriate to retrospectively apply a "parkland" label to an area which includes a light industrial and carehome businesses. SRL has been on this site for over 50 years and has always worked with our commercial and residential neighbours. We are keen to be sympathetic to our rural setting, indeed we are developing gardens behind and in front of our buildings. However our buildings are not parkland buildings and it would be impractical a business such as ours to fulfil a parkland brief.</p> <p>Much of the area that once was Holbrook Hall park is farmland, why has this not been included in your proposed Special Character Area?</p> <p>i) I suggest you omit the SRL site from your proposed area. ii) I suggest you consider a designation for this area that is more appropriate to all the current users of the area.</p>	<p>The policy identifies the situation as it is considered to currently exist.</p> <p>The areas suggested do not add to the special characteristics of the Special Character Area. The area, including SRL, has a special characteristic that is appropriate for the proposed designation.</p>	None
	Babergh District Council	<p>The Council's Heritage Team note that the Holbrook Park Special Character Area (SCA) is not within the designated Conservation Area (CA) and, therefore, suggest that it is unclear whether development in this SCA can be controlled to a greater degree than for development within a CA or involving a Listing Building. They also presume that there is scope for works that neither enhance <i>'the distinct characteristics'</i> nor cause harm.</p> <p>The above said, we are also reminded that the adopted Elmsett NP carries a similar SCA policy [EMST 10] and that in her Final Report, the Examiner noted that the area identified was <i>"a relatively small area that has a logic and cohesiveness to it."</i>, and</p>	The policy is quite explicit as to its status and is consistent with the Elmsett Neighbourhood Plan	None

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		that the policy was " <i>clearly worded and meets the basic conditions.</i> "		
Section 8 - Historic Environment – General comments				
F Gregor-Smith		8.9 YES. Placing power and telephone lines underground would greatly enhance the village. I, for one, have several unsightly lines directly over my front garden, with several more visible along the street. I do wonder about how this would be paid for, though!	This would require the Parish Council potentially liaising with UK Power Networks.	None
N Mason		Paragraph 8.8 (Holbrook Park): As Holbrook Park is proposed a "Special Character Area" does this mean that we have (or will have) the right, as villagers, to visit this area and appreciate the surroundings? If the answer is "no" then I can see little point in the park being considered for special status as none of us will see it anyway.	The designation does not convey public access over private land.	None
I & S Bowen		ALL the historic footpaths should be protected (and properly signed). Para 8.9: Service providers should be encouraged, wherever possible, to use underground methods as stated in para 8.9 but the recently installed fibre cables were above ground. Any future upgrading of the system should be encouraged to be hidden.	Public Rights of Way are protected under separate government legislation. Noted	None
M Ewan		8:9 As can be afforded, power and telephone line underground	Noted	None
S Braybrook		Paragraph 8.8 I would not want to see anything hinder the further expansion of the villages largest business and employer SRL. SRL objected to a recent development nearby that could have potentially damaged their business and they must be supported at every opportunity.	It is not considered that the designation would have a detrimental impact on sensitively designed expansion proposals.	None
D Gearing		We should encourage any further expansion of the villages largest business and employer SRL, albeit it is situated in this	It is not considered that the designation would have a	None

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		area. But we should be conscious of any proposed developments within that area do not affect their business.	detrimental impact on sensitively designed expansion proposals.	
J Francis		I feel the Parish Rooms and other buildings identified within these sections are crucial to the character of the village and fully support the policies set out to protect them.	Noted	None
A Francis		The historic nature of many of the villages buildings are a vital aspect of the village and I support the policies to protect these outlined in section 8	Noted	None
M Maybury		8.4 village heritage should be preserved. 8.7-8.8. Holbrook Park has a long history and sits on an historic mansion site which was destroyed by fire and replaced with Brookwood Manor as it is now known. This site should be preserved as an example of a Victorian answer to a lost mansion complex. The heraldic windows have already been removed. The restoration of the gardens should also be encouraged.	Noted	None
R Wheeler		Yes, but see previous comments on the Churchfield footpath. Also it is perhaps surprising that the list of buildings is different to the list of Listed Buildings.	Public Rights of Way are protected under separate government legislation. The list of buildings is those of a local interest in addition to already designated Listed Buildings.	None None
R & S Horsley		We are very happy that the registration of additional properties as Local Heritage Assets will be pursued with Babergh DC and that any planning application should include consultation of the	Noted	None

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		Suffolk County Council Archaeological Services Historic Environment Record		
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	Suffolk County Council	<p>Archaeology</p> <p>The references to archaeological finds and heritage mentioned in paragraph 8.3 and Policy LWD15 - Design Considerations are welcomed by SCC.</p> <p>Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service's Historic Environment Record can be found here: https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/</p>	Noted	None
	Historic England	<p>We welcome the inclusion of the specific chapter on the historic environment.</p> <p>We suggest that the word listed in paragraph 8.3 is replaced with designated, as this is the correct terminology (i.e. designated and non-designated heritage asset). It is also not necessary to put the word in quotation marks.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Paragraph 8.3 will be amended.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Amend paragraph 8.3 as follows: Across the Parish there are a number of buildings "listed <u>designated</u> as being of being or architectural and historic interest</p>

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Policy LWD 15 - Design Considerations				
A Sheppard		<p>Little Waldingfield has some very large gardens which could, with care, be split in order to provide for new single or small scale development, in keeping with the remainder of Policy LWD15. I believe that mandating against such development makes no sense, particularly given the very limited space available for new development within the village Settlement Boundary.</p> <p>I also note that both of the housing allocations shown on the Village Centre Inset Map fall into this category (of building in gardens), and that mandating against future such development is therefore both inconsistent and undesirable.</p> <p>I support all other aspects of the policy.</p>	<p>Like with any development proposal where no neighbourhood plan is in place, consideration of the impact of a proposal on the character of an area and the setting of heritage assets would have to be considered. The Plan does not mandate against suitable proposals.</p>	None
Mr & Mrs D Bowyer		<p>Yes this is very important to keep the village looking nice and to be sustainable.</p>	Noted	None
S Braybrook		<p>I would support this if the Plan, in it's current form, was not seeking to stop all development other than extremely limited windfall / infill. Not only is the Plan as a whole significantly limiting the number of potential sites, it then seeks to make those potential sites almost impossible to be built on whilst complying with this policy.</p> <p>That said, I believe most if not all these policies would already be carried out by Babergh planning and the heritage team so serves little or no purpose.</p>	<p>The higher level emerging Joint Local Plan policies, with which the Neighbourhood Plan will need to conform, does not expect significant levels of new housing to take place in hamlets. The Neighbourhood Plan provides levels of local context that are not set out in Babergh planning documents.</p>	None
D Gearing		<p>I am not sure what changes I would make, but these considerations may not be implementable as the NP only allows for infill and windfall sites which maybe next to listed buildings or local heritage assets and within the conservation area.</p>	Noted	None

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L&I Davidson		Support in principle but items j & l should be adapted to take account of emerging eco technologies as, eg charging points and wheelie bins will, apparently, be overtaken within 10 years.	Noted. These changes can be addressed in future reviews of the Plan.	None
R&S Horsley		<p>We are generally in support of the plan, however it needs to ensure that adequate provision is made for off-street parking. Is this sufficiently covered by item 11 within clause 9.1? Would suggest more descriptive wording here to avoid issues with parking.</p> <p>Also, any access roads to new properties or developments should be sited in such a way as to reduce the risk of road traffic collisions. Certain sites along the Street (for example, the field immediately opposite Grove Avenue) would create risks of collision due to the lack of visibility when pulling out on to the main highway (which is a busy road).</p>	<p>Policy LWD15 g requires development to be in accordance with adopted standards accordance with adopted guidance and designed to be integrated into the development without creating an environment dominated by vehicles.</p> <p>The County Highways Department is consulted by Babergh DC where new accesses are created as part of a planning application.</p>	None
	Historic England	<p>Finally, we are pleased to see the inclusion of policy LWD15, regarding good design. We would encourage you to require new developments to follow the principles of good urban design set out in the government's guidance 'Manual for Streets' and 'Manual for Streets 2', with respect to highways infrastructure. We would note that small scale developments in historic rural elements are unlikely to need highways design that conforms to DMRB standards for highways (such as A roads). Standard designs for elements such as junctions, signage and surface materials can often be an incongruous and overly urbanised presence in rural locations, and their impact on special character underestimated. We would also recommend you towards 'Traffic in Villages' by Hamilton-Baillie Associates (http://hamilton-baillie.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/hamilton-baillie-traffic-in-villages.pdf) and our own advice 'Streets for All', which</p>	Noted	None

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		<p>can be found here: https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/streets-for-all/.</p> <p>We would refer you to our detailed guidance on successfully incorporating historic environment considerations into your neighbourhood plan, which can be found here: https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/.</p>	Noted	None
	Babergh District Council	We have no specific comment on the policy itself but do suggest that a check be made to ensure that any cross-reference to and the title of the supporting document are the same where possible, i.e., criteria d.ii refers to the 'Neighbourhood Plan Character Appraisal' but the supporting document is entitled 'Village Character Appraisal'. They are clearly one and the same but, to remove doubt ...	The Plan will be amended.	Amend the Plan in the following locations to replace "Character Appraisal" with "Village Character Assessment": 1 - Paragraph 5.7 2 – Paragraph 7.8 3 – Policy LWD10 main paragraph 4 – Policy LWD10 ii 5 – Paragraph 8.4 6 – Policy LWD13 7 – Policy LWD15 d.ii
	Suffolk County Council	<p>The wording of Policy LWD15 part (i) appears to limit the scope of the restriction to 'water run-off' created by the development, but to comply with existing policies it should relate to wider existing water regimes, such as paragraph 163 of the NPPF, stating that developments should ensure that "flood risk is not increased elsewhere". Policy LWD15 part (i) on page 29 would benefit from a rewording as follows to aid clarity.</p> <p>"(i) Do not result in water run-off that would add to or create surface water flooding; Should not result in an increase in flood risk on the site and elsewhere, and where appropriate to reduce flood risk;"</p>	<p>Policy LWD15 i. is consistent with wording in examined neighbourhood plans elsewhere in Babergh and Mid Suffolk. A specific policy relating to flooding is contained in Policy LWD17.</p> <p>Noted</p>	None

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		<p>The mention of electric vehicle charging in Policy LWD15 – Design Considerations is welcomed by SCC.</p> <p>The County Council supports the provisions of cycle parking and storage in Policies LWD5 and LWD15, and the desire for new facilities to be accessible by walking and cycling in Policy LWD18, as well as by public transport.</p> <p>The encouragement of residents of Little Waldingfield to use sustainable modes of transport, such as walking, cycling, and public transport rather than the reliance on traditional car usage for short journeys, is supported by SCC as part of the ongoing work to achieve modal shift in the county.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>
Policy LWD 16 - Sustainable Building				
A Sheppard		<p>I support this policy with the following requirements incorporated:</p> <p>Alongside energy conservation, I believe that water conservation is critical for the future of the planet, and should therefore be added into LWD 16; alternatively a separate policy should be created to address the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To minimise water consumption; and 2. To maximise efficiency of water usage. <p>I therefore believe that future development proposals should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Incorporate rain water collection and storage, either within the new property(ies) or in underground storage tanks nearby (possibly shared where there are multiple dwelling developments). b. Toilet flushing should use recycled water, as should washing machines. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agree that reference to water conservation would be appropriate.</p> <p>The suggestions are commendable although Policy LWD17 addresses rainwater and stormwater harvesting and greywater recycling. However, there is a limit on what planning policies can require in development.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Add the following to the end of Policy LWD16: <u>Proposals that include measures that, firstly, minimise water consumption and, secondly, maximise water use efficiency will be supported.</u></p> <p>None</p>

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		c. Gardens / yards should be provided with recycled water taps.		
I&S Bowen		Every effort should be made to hide or disguise solar panels as their high visibility can, unless carefully blended into the design of the building, be detrimental to the street scene. This is particularly true when retro-fitted to a roof.	In many instances the placing of solar panels on roofs does not require planning permission but this should be checked before installing them on a specific building.	None
M Ewen		The future is solar and heat pumps	Noted	None
Mr & Mrs D Bowyer		As above	Noted	None
S Braybrook		<p>As Section 21 above. For example you are stating in policy LWD 16 b. Maximise the benefits of solar gain in the site layout and orientation of buildings. However when put against policy LWD 15 h. the policy has already dictated the orientation. Air source heat pumps can be noisy and solar panels unattractive, especially in the conservation area. Indeed the conservation area report you referred to in section 8.1 states that "whilst a number of other properties suffer the indignity of replacement windows, but fortunately few so far are in uPVC". It would appear the policy is to now to promote such measures? This appears to be yet another measure to merely frustrate and not enhance.</p> <p>I believe most if not all these policies would already be covered by building regulations Part A to Part M so serves little or no purpose.</p>	<p>It is not considered that there are conflicts between LWD16 and LWD15h.</p> <p>The policy does not promote uPVC windows but in many cases such windows do not require planning permission anyway.</p>	None
D Gearing		I am not sure what changes I would make, but these considerations may not be implementable as the NP only allows for infill and windfall sites which maybe next to listed buildings or local heritage assets and within the conservation area.	Noted	None
	Babergh District Council	Would 'Sustainable Building Practices' be a better title?	Agree. The title will be amended.	Amend the title of Policy LWD16 as follows: Policy LWD 16 -

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				Sustainable Building <u>Practices</u>
	Suffolk County Council	SCC is welcome of Policy LWD16 regarding sustainable building, however this policy concentrates solely on energy, whereas sustainability is broader than this. It is recommended that there should be inclusion of water reuse and/or harvesting in this policy.	Agree that reference to water conservation would be appropriate.	Add the following to the end of Policy LWD16: <u>Proposals that include measures that, firstly, minimise water consumption and, secondly, maximise water use efficiency, including greywater recycling, will be supported</u>
Policy LWD 17 - Flooding and Sustainable Drainage				
A Sheppard		Subject to the addition of the following additional requirement: It is well known that there are issues with the capacity of the small Victorian sewer pipes within the village, and particularly at the bottom of Church Road. I therefore believe that any / all new development proposals should take into account the potential impact upon existing sewer services, and additionally have costed contingency plans incorporated within the proposals in case later sewerage problems do occur.	Developers would need to be satisfied that they could connect to the sewerage network to the satisfaction of Anglian Water or provide satisfactory alternative means.	None
R Wheeler		Research should be undertaken by the appropriate bodies into the reported high levels of chemicals, foreign bodies and cocaine in the River Box. They should report their findings to the Parish Council the District Council, the County Council and the local Public Health bodies. Perhaps some reference should be made to the standards of water and the need for effective protection of the water.	This is not a matter for the planning policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.	None
	Babergh District Council	Map 8 & Pg 30 We have no comment to make on the policy wording itself but suggest page 30 is re-organised so Map 8 does not look like it is attached or belongs to policy LWD 16.	Noted. The layout of the page will be considered.	Re-format page 30 so that it is clear Map 8 is related to Policy LWD16.

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	Anglian Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We note that reference is made to the incorporation of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) to manage surface water flooding and water re-use measures which are fully supported. • • Reference is made to SuDS as an example of what is to be provided. By default, all surface water flows should be managed using sustainable drainage systems with a preference given to infiltration to the ground. This should be made clear in the wording of Policy LWD17. • • Also grey water recycling is not directly relating to fluvial or surface water flooding as suggested. Such systems capture and treat used water so that it can be reused within homes. It is therefore suggested the policy is amended to clarify this by including reference to grey water recycling in a separate sentence in Policy LWD17. • 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. See the proposed changes resulting from the comments received from the County Council.</p> <p>Policy LWD16 will be amended to make reference to greywater recycling.</p>	<p>Amend Policy LWD17 as follows:</p> <p>Proposals for all new development will be required to submit schemes appropriate to the scale of the proposal detailing how on-site drainage <u>and water resources</u> will be managed so as not to cause or exacerbate surface water and fluvial flooding elsewhere. <u>Proposals should, as appropriate</u> Examples include <u>the use of above-ground open Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). These could include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>wetland and other water features, which can help reduce flood risk whilst offering other benefits including water quality, amenity/ recreational areas, and biodiversity benefits;</u> <u>and</u> • <u>rainwater and stormwater harvesting and greywater recycling; and</u> <p>other natural drainage systems where easily accessible maintenance can be achieved.</p>
	Suffolk County Council	Policy LWD17 – Flooding and Sustainable Drainage SCC is supportive of Policy LWD17 Flooding and Sustainable Drainage, but would recommend the following addition to wording, in order to extend the ‘subject’ to beyond drainage:	Noted. The Policy will be amended to take into account the comments	Amend Policy LWD17 as follows: Proposals for all new development will be required

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		<p>"Proposals for all new development will be required to submit schemes appropriate to the scale of the proposal detailing how on-site drainage and <i>water resources</i> will be managed so as not to cause or exacerbate surface water and fluvial flooding elsewhere."</p> <p>The following rewording of the second sentence is suggested for accuracy and ease of reading in Policy LWD17:</p> <p>"Examples include rainwater and stormwater harvesting and greywater recycling, and run-off and water management such as Sustainable Drainage Systems (SDS) or other natural drainage systems. This includes Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) which may include rainwater and stormwater harvesting, and natural water drainage and run-off management schemes where easily accessible maintenance can be achieved."</p>		<p>to submit schemes appropriate to the scale of the proposal detailing how on-site drainage <u>and water resources</u> will be managed so as not to cause or exacerbate surface water and fluvial flooding elsewhere.</p> <p><u>Proposals should, as appropriate</u> Examples include the use of above-ground open Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). These could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>wetland and other water features, which can help reduce flood risk whilst offering other benefits including water quality, amenity/ recreational areas, and biodiversity benefits;</u> <u>and</u> • rainwater and stormwater harvesting and greywater recycling; <u>and</u> • other natural drainage systems where easily accessible maintenance can be achieved.
Section 9 - Development Design – General comments				
A Sheppard		My support is conditional because I believe that objective 1 of this section should be extended to read as follows:	This is not considered necessary as reducing water consumption is part of mitigating the Climate Crisis.	Amend Objective 1 of the Development Design Objectives as follows:

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		Have a positive effect on the environment, by promoting actions that contribute to mitigating the climate crisis, reduce the carbon footprint and reduce water consumption.	The Objective will be amended to refer to achieving net zero emissions.	1. Have a positive effect on the environment, by promoting actions that contribute to mitigating the Climate Crisis, and achieving Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing the <u>our</u> carbon footprint.
F Gregor-Smith		9.6 How could this possibly happen in Little Waldingfield?	Noted	None
M Ewen		Except the photo shown does suit the village	Noted	None
E Garcia		The wording of Objective number 2 can be tightened up. What about achieving "Net Zero"?	Agree. Objective 1 of the Development Design Objectives will be amended.	Amend Objective 1 of the Development Design Objectives as follows: 1. Have a positive effect on the environment, by promoting actions that contribute to mitigating the Climate Crisis, and achieving Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing the <u>our</u> carbon footprint.
S Braybrook		Section 9.2 & 9.6 It will always be difficult to build high quality, energy efficient, sustainable properties within infill sites, especially as almost all of the potential sites are in close proximity to much older 19th century buildings, listed buildings or within the conservation area. Old buildings do not sit comfortably next to a modern	It is acknowledged that all development proposals should not conflict with Policy LWD13, but this does not mean that contemporary and energy efficient buildings cannot be	None

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		house with soakaways for example. Old houses have no cavity walls with noise from neighbouring properties also a consideration. Modern building techniques are best implemented in dedicated sites as has recently been proved with the eco home recently built in the village. It would not have been possible to accommodate such a building as an infill project.	located successfully in the proximity of historic buildings.	
D Gearing		Just a general comment. It will always be difficult to build high quality, energy efficient, sustainable properties on infill sites, especially as almost all of the potential sites are in close proximity to much older or listed buildings or within the conservation area. Modern building techniques would be better implemented in dedicated sites.	It is acknowledged that all development proposals should not conflict with Policy LWD13, but this does not mean that contemporary and energy efficient buildings cannot be located successfully in the proximity of historic buildings.	None
	Suffolk County Council	Objective 1 supports actions to mitigate the climate crisis, but this section would be more positive if there is mention of the need to manage water as a resource and consider it in a holistic way. Point 10 of paragraph 9.1 comes close to meeting this objective, however it is not explicit enough. Therefore, it is recommended that an additional point is added to the end of the list in paragraph 9.1, as follows: " 14. Consider water management and use on site in a holistic manner: e.g. collection and reuse of surface and rainwater, rain gardens, grey water harvesting, SuDS."	Noted. It is considered more appropriate to add the suggested additional point to paragraph 9.7. Managing water resources through minimising its use and maximise efficiency will also be added to Policy LWD16.	Add the following to the end of Policy LWD16: <u>Proposals that include measures that, firstly, minimise water consumption and, secondly, maximise water use efficiency will be supported.</u> Amend the last sentence of paragraph 9.7 as follows: New development will be required, where appropriate, to make provision for the attenuation and recycling of surface water and rainwater in <u>through Sustainable Drainage</u>

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				Systems (SDS) that might include on-site rainwater and stormwater harvesting and greywater recycling, and the management of run-off and water management in order to reduce the potential for making the situation worse.
Policy LWD 18 - Protecting Existing Services and Facilities				
H Martin		<p>Unsure?</p> <p>I think the Swan would be vulnerable, it is easy for a pub to open, prove it's financially unviable & then convert it or build on the land. There's been previous pubs that have been bought, allowed to fail, and then become development sites using the 'not viable' get out clause. Multi-use can often be a way forward, it becomes a community pub that offers more than just food and drink, mini shop, parcel collection point etc.</p>	Noted. The policy seeks to do everything reasonable to keep the pub in the village.	None
R Marriott		The playingfield, recreation area and other green sites should be preserved at all costs	Noted	None
I&S Bowen		<p>The Policy does not seem to include the Church which is much more than just a religious facility in that village. It provides an important and regular social meeting place such as coffee mornings and the biennial flower festival and a venue for concerts.</p> <p>It should also specifically include the local footpaths.</p>	<p>Agree. Paragraph 10.1 will be amended to include the Church.</p> <p>Footpaths are protected by separate legislation.</p> <p>Agree that the bus service is important. It will be listed in</p>	<p>Amend second sentence of paragraph 10.1 as follows: The current services can be listed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Rooms • The Swan Public House (currently closed but being refurbished) • The Playing Field including play equipment • <u>The Parish Church</u>

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		The local (albeit infrequent) bus service which is a life line for the elderly in this and surrounding villages and hamlets, should also be included.	paragraph 10.1 but Policy LWD18 cannot apply to such services as it is not subject to planning legislation to operate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u> A twice weekly bus service</u> • <u> Mobile library</u> • <u> Mobile butcher</u>
M Ewen		The Swan, an important village asset (when open)	Noted	None
R Furlonger		Ideally, it would be beneficial to have a church, the parish rooms, pavilion and pub, however, generating enough income to support these facilities will be increasing difficult. The principle of protecting them must be right, but not to the detriment of rationalising the space as well as the services carried out in these buildings in the course of time.	Noted	None
R Wheeler		Broadly yes	Noted	None
R Simpson		I agree with the objective of the Service and Facilities section, the intent is good. It does however concern me that this policy does not address the situation with the pub that we find ourselves in. We have seen such a decline in the heart of of the village, namely the inability of the owners of the Swan Pub to refurbish and reopen in a timely fashion. Sad though I think it is that there is no pub in the village, if it is not sustainable then it should be redeveloped, not left to decay. How would this policy resolve the situation?	Noted. The policy seeks to do everything reasonable to keep the pub in the village and the Parish Council continues to seek to ensure that it will reopen for the benefit of the village.	None
J Dalziel	SRL Technologies Ltd	Can the old peoples home be considered a "service" too?	It is not considered that the old peoples home is a service that directly serves the residents of Little Waldingfield.	None
	Babergh District Council	We have no comment to make on this policy at this time.	Noted	None
	Suffolk County Council	The County Council supports the provisions of cycle parking and storage in Policies LWD5 and LWD15, and the desire for new facilities to be accessible by walking and cycling in Policy LWD18, as well as by public transport.	Noted	None

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Policy LWD 19 - Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities				
A Sheppard		Please correct the typo after sub section b of LWD19 'Of the needs of the needs' should be amended to read something like 'of the current and likely future needs	Agree	Amend Policy LWD19 fourth paragraph as follows: Any replacement provision should take account of the <u>current and projected future</u> needs of the needs of the village and the current standards of open space and sports facility provision adopted by the local planning authority.
F Gregor-Smith		Yes, BUT the provision of a pavement along the whole length of The Street, to the Playing Field, would avoid people, especially children, having to cross the road at least once, to access it. There is a blind corner ahead, which is potentially dangerous.	This is likely to require purchasing private land to gain sufficient width for a path and also result in the loss of some trees.	None
R Marriott		I do not agree with possible replacement of the playingfield, and do not want the playingfield to be built upon	The Plan does not propose this	None
M Ewen		Leave the playing field as they are and where they are	Noted	None
R&S Horsley		The Playing Field was purchased by the Village with a grant from the Playing Field Association. Therefore, we do not consider it appropriate for the Neighbourhood Plan to make it possible to re-site the Playing Field (or create similar provisions) under any circumstances.	The Plan does not propose this	None
J Kossick		However 10.4 leave the possibility that the playing field may be used, this should not be considered as it is owned as a whole by the village and managed by the village. If, in some shape or form this land were to be used as an area of development it would then open up the field to the rear, potentially.	The Plan does not propose this	None

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		I agree that an element of development is a good idea but the risks of future and unnecessary development should be carefully considered.		
J Dalziel	SRL Technologies Ltd	Some recognition of footpaths should be included.	Public Footpaths are a valuable resource for exercise but are protected by other Acts outside town planning.	None
	Babergh District Council	We have no comment to make on this policy at this time.	Noted	None
Section 10 - Services and Facilities – Other comments				
I&S Bowen		Regarding the Village Playing Field: it is hard to image a more centrally place, safe and suitably shaped area within the village for a playing field. Any offer of another site would be less suitable and would then open up the current playing field to the danger of development resulting in the village becoming enveloped like Great Waldingfield.	Noted	None
S Braybrook		The church should also be protected and is not mentioned in the Plan. How would the Plan address this site, however unlikely, being repurposed or developed into a residence or offices for example. 46.8% surveyed responded it was essential to preserve the church, 1% more than the The Swan pub.	Agree. Paragraph 10.1 will be amended to include the Church.	Amend second sentence of paragraph 10.1 as follows: The current services can be listed as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Rooms • The Swan Public House (currently closed but being refurbished) • The Playing Field including play equipment • <u>The Parish Church</u> • <u>A twice weekly bus service</u> • <u>Mobile library</u> • <u>Mobile butcher</u>

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D Gearing		The NP doesn't mention the Church but I believe this should also be protected and the plan should address the possibility of it being closed, repurposed or the unlikely event of development. Nearly half the residents that completed the NP questionnaire stated the Church should be preserved and this hasn't been mentioned in the Plan at all.	Agree. Paragraph 10.1 will be amended to include the Church.	Amend second sentence of paragraph 10.1 as follows: The current services can be listed as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Rooms • The Swan Public House (currently closed but being refurbished) • The Playing Field including play equipment • <u>The Parish Church</u> • <u>A twice weekly bus service</u> • <u>Mobile library</u> • <u>Mobile butcher</u>
	Suffolk County Council	The Services and Facilities section is welcome, with the importance of protecting the existing services and facilities in Policies LWD 18 and 19. Having access to a range of facilities is important to help with mental and physical health and wellbeing, and reducing social isolation by creating a sense of community spirit and a support network, particularly for vulnerable or older residents of the parish.	Noted	None
Policies Map				
A Sheppard		I support with the following comment: There appears to be just one 'street view' deemed to be important (looking down Church Road outside the church), which is a surprise given how pretty Little Waldingfield is. To illustrate this point, please refer to the double page spread photos in the updated village history, pages 207/207 and 228/229 as examples of good LW views that should probably be protected - there will also be other street views worthy of consideration.	Noted. Additional Important Views will be identified.	Amend Map 5 and the Policies Map to add the view from the Church back towards Woodhall; the view from the Playing Field towards Lavenham; and a view from the Haymarket footpath towards the village.

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The Lister Family		Maybe a view setting just past Haymarket towards church. It would be nice to have the whole area within the conservation area as a special character area too.	Noted. Additional Important Views will be identified.	Amend Map 5 and the Policies Map to add the view from the Church back towards Woodhall; the view from the Playing Field towards Lavenham; and a view from the Haymarket footpath towards the village.
S Braybrook		<p>The important views as I detailed in question 14. Multiple views across Church Field are not warranted. Views from the back of the playing field towards Lavenham have been omitted.</p> <p>The conservation area seems to differ from that on the Babergh website behind the church to include more of Church Fields?</p> <p>The Pub and The Parish Room are highlighted in blue but there is no key for "Blue" . I assume it should be highlighted in orange, as detailed in the key as Local Facility. If this is a Local Facility then the playingfield and church should be included?</p> <p>Designation of Church Field as a local green space is not warranted and has only been green for a short period of time.</p>	<p>The views from The Street are especially distinctive, both of the Church and the wider countryside, the latter of which is identified as being important in the Babergh published Conservation Area Appraisal (2007).</p> <p>The Conservation Area boundary is correctly drawn. The boundary was amended by Babergh District Council following the Conservation Area Appraisal in 2007.</p> <p>The Policies Map will be amended to rectify this mistake.</p> <p>The designation meets the guidelines set out in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Amend Map 5 and the Policies Map to add the view from the Church back towards Woodhall; the view from the Playing Field towards Lavenham; and a view from the Haymarket footpath towards the village.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Amend Policies Map to include policy numbers in key and correct local facility colours.</p> <p>None</p>

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D Gearing		<p>The important views on Church Field should be moved and the views from the back of the playing field towards Lavenham should be added.</p> <p>Amend the conservation area to reflect that on the Babergh website for the area behind the church.</p> <p>The Pub and The Parish Room are highlighted in blue but there is no key for "Blue" . I assume it should be highlighted in orange, as detailed in the key. If this is a local facility, then the playing field and the church should also be included.</p> <p>Church Field shouldn't be allocated a local green space.</p>	<p>The views from The Street are especially distinctive, both of the Church and the wider countryside, the latter of which is identified as being important in the Babergh published Conservation Area Appraisal (2007).</p> <p>The Conservation Area boundary is correctly drawn. The boundary was amended by Babergh District Council following the Conservation Area Appraisal in 2007.</p> <p>The Policies Map will be amended to rectify this mistake.</p> <p>The designation meets the guidelines set out in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Amend Map 5 and the Policies Map to add the view from the Church back towards Woodhall; the view from the Playing Field towards Lavenham; and a view from the Haymarket footpath towards the village.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Amend Policies Map to include policy numbers in key and correct local facility colours.</p> <p>None</p>
Anonymous		Yes - but no opinion on special character area	Noted	None
R Wheeler		It's not a straight no, it's a Yes, with additions to the viewpoints.	Noted	None
	Babergh District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest adding a policy ref' in the keys, i.e., Important Views (LWD 10), etc. • In the Village Inset Map, the Key suggests 'Local Facilities' can be identified by their orange border. Qstn: Are these the Church / Pub which have a blue border? 	The Policies Map will be amended to include policy numbers in the key and to rectify Local Facilities identification.	Amend Policies Map to include policy numbers in key and correct local facility colours.

Appendices

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A Sheppard		<p>Appendix 1 - Listed Buildings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is Priory Farmhouse, Priory Green actually within Little Waldingfield? I say this because on the Policies Map it is clearly shown beyond the LW boundary. Archers Farmhouse may be listed, but it is most certainly NOT a historic building; there is therefore no historical reason to afford it protection under the NP - it should probably be de-listed. <p>Appendix 2 - Development design Checklist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection: Harmonise and enhance existing settlement <p>I believe this section should also include the impacts that development proposals have upon the setting of Local Heritage Assets (otherwise what is the purpose of this special categorisation?).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection: Incorporate necessary services and drainage <p>It is well known that there are issues with the capacity of the small Victorian sewer pipes within the village, and particularly at the bottom of Church Road. I therefore believe that any / all new development proposals should take into account potential impact upon existing sewer services, and additionally have costed contingency plans incorporated within the proposals in the event that problems do later occur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsection: Ensure all components 	<p>Historic England have it as being within the parish.</p> <p>Agree but it remains on the Historic England "List"</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>Developers would need to be satisfied that they could connect to the sewerage network to the satisfaction of Anglian Water or provide satisfactory alternative means.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Amend Appendix 2 – Development Design Checklist as follows: Does the proposal affect or change the setting of a listed building or listed landscape <u>local heritage asset</u>?</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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		<p>I believe that emphasis / preference should always be given to soft over hard landscaping, in order to minimise future impacts upon local drainage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I also believe that ALL new developments should also include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rainwater harvesting, along with both internal RW use (for toilets and washing m/c's) and external garden / yard taps. Where possible solar PV, solar water heating systems or both should be incorporated in ALL new development proposals. 	<p>This is addressed in Policy LWD16.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan cannot require this.</p>	None
M Ewen		Archer's Farmhouse as listed, questionable!	Agree but it remains on the Historic England "List"	None
Anonymous		Appendix 1 - Listed Buildings Archers farm should have had its listing removed unless the new building has one. Perhaps one of the other buildings (the Barn) has a listing.	Agree but it remains on the Historic England "List".	None
R Wheeler		It would have been useful for acronyms to have been listed in the Glossary.	It is considered that the acronyms have been explained within the body of the Plan.	None
R&S Horsley		<p>Appendix 2 - Development Design Checklist</p> <p>Please add specific reference to sufficient off-street parking within the section entitled "Ensure all components... are well related to each other".</p> <p>As the Neighbourhood Plan favours the building of homes with less than four bedrooms, we believe that this should be a specific item on the checklist.</p>	<p>This is addressed in Policy LWD15</p> <p>Policy LWD6 addresses this.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>
	Suffolk County Council	In Appendix 2, Development Design Checklist, there is no specific reference to SuDS, water management, flood risk etc although these are issues that the Neighbourhood Plan addresses. Therefore, it is suggested that this is included in Appendix 2.	These are specifically addressed in Policy LWD17 and it is not necessary to repeat that matter in Appendix 2.	None

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General Comments				
A Sheppard		I would like to thank all members of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee for their dedicated and hard work, over an extended period of time, in producing what I am confident will become a most useful document, both protecting and serving the interests of Little Waldingfield residents long into the future.	Thank you	None
B Campbell		I support the work done by the NP working party and believe the adoption of the plan will help maintain our village and its character for future generations.	Thank you	None
H Martin		It would be nice to have a mix of housing, downsizers would free up larger properties, also affordable bungalows with wide doors etc for disability, allowing older people to stay in the village but encourage new families in. Well done to all concerned	Noted. Thank you	None
F Gregor-Smith		Really well thought out and put together, and easy to follow. The provision of a magnifying glass would have been helpful!!	Thank you Noted	None
L Kilgour		The suggestion of anything more than 10 houses during the life of the Local Plan is inappropriate for the Hamlet. There is a strong desire within the community for the preservation of the special landscape areas and historic assets. These are the reasons people choose to live here, as well as the reasons why people come to visit. Historic erosion of these areas and assets over time leaves the Hamlet teetering on the edge of losing its agricultural context forever. This is our final opportunity to stem any further erosion.	The new homes already have planning permission and some have been built.	None
Anonymous		I feel that this Hamlet/Very small village cant/will not benefit for a large number of new homes.	The Plan does not provide for a large number of new homes.	None

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		<p>We don't have the facilities to accomodate a high number of families moving into little Waldingfield. There arn't shops/clubs for families to go to so all families/people young and old would have to have their own transport, so that they are able to go to shops, doctors apps etc.</p> <p>The local schools are all full, and its the same for doctor/dentist surgeries.</p> <p>House aren't selling fast in village. So why build more houses??</p>	Noted	
M Ewen		<p>Lot of work but good solutions for the village, sorry hamlet, so let's hope it is accepted by Babergh</p>	Thank you	None
D Langford		<p>To the knowledge of the Steering Committee are there any buildings in Little Waldingfield that have been converted for habitation without planning consent?</p> <p>If so would they not constitute to the number of houses required?</p>	<p>This is a matter for Babergh District Council to investigate. The number of new homes identified in the Plan already have planning permission and some have been built.</p>	None
A&R MacNeil		<p>We greatly appreciate all the time and effort that has gone into the preparation of this document. It has covered all the points raised previously and has resulted in a thorough and comprehensive plan.</p>	Thank you	None
P Eddington		<p>Many congratulations on the design and layout of the neighbourhood plan. An informative easy to read document.</p>	Thank you	None
Mr & Mrs D Bowyer		<p>Lots of hard work time and energy has gone into this and I hope that all of the great points made for our village to move forward as we know we have too will also take into consideration all of the reasons why we live here as per all the items listed.</p> <p>Well done and thank you</p> <p>Good luck to us all at Little Waldingfield.</p>	Thank you	None

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S Ranson		<p>The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee deserve the village's congratulations on the planning, preparation and enlightened decisions of this document. Its content is full and well expressed, and has even been carefully proofread – not to be taken for granted nowadays. It is a delight to read.</p> <p>One small niggle is that the green LWD panels are not easily legible (black type would have been clearer on the light green), and nor are the smallest typefaces on some of the maps, which I could not make out even with a good magnifying glass.</p> <p>Frances Gregor-Smith's photographs contribute greatly to a text that is highly worthy of the village.</p> <p>Many thanks for so well exceeding my expectations for content, writing and presentation.</p>	<p>Thank you</p> <p>Noted. The legibility of the Plan will be considered for the next version.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Review the legibility of the Plan where coloured boxes are used.</p> <p>None</p>
The Lister Family		<p>We struggled with Q4 as surely as a hamlet and adhering to babergh/Mid Suffolk spatial strategy there is less need for housing.</p> <p>We believe that the footpaths/hedges/dark skies around Churchfield and along footpath act as wildlife corridors and that a conservation area in the countryside should be conserved otherwise it makes a mockery of the ones recently granted conservation status in places such as great Waldingfield.</p> <p>Thank you for the hard work undertaken to produce a neighbourhood plan.</p>	<p>The new homes identified in the Plan already have planning permission and some have been built.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>
S Braybrook		<p>This Plan lacks any vision and does nothing to enhance the area. It's purpose is to frustrate development by any and all means possible. From the outset, no consideration has been given to the village questionnaire, which is probably because it is</p>	<p>The Plan has been prepared to accord with the current and emerging Babergh Local Plan</p>	<p>None</p>

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		<p>potentially flawed and inaccurate due to possible abuse. This could cost our village in terms of facilities, the pub being one example and any chance of redeveloping our almost derelict sports pavilion being a second not to mention our old Parish room to name just three. Our bus service is already all but non-existent leaving older people in the village feeling isolated and alone. This is nimbyism in the extreme and I'm personally very disappointed a small minority of people have potentially dictated the future of our village for the next 18 years. The opportunity for a more exciting and prosperous vision, all be it controlled, has been wasted. I sincerely hope the drive to take little Waldingfield from Hinterland Village to a Hamlet is the right one. I would expect many of the already limited services we have enjoyed such as road maintenance / sweeping, footpath maintenance etc. to be re-evaluated by Babergh as a result.</p> <p>I will of course be very grateful for the reduced Parish Council Tax I will be expected to pay as a resident of hamlet status, but would much rather we were able to offer some hope to our young, elderly and vulnerable. This Plan does nothing for them.</p>	<p>and the current Government planning policies. Even with significant amounts of new housing, there is no guarantee that the increased population would support the pub and bus services, as has been witnessed in other villages in Suffolk.</p> <p>The proposal to designate the village as a hamlet is contained in the emerging Joint Local Plan. If residents are not happy with this designation then objections should be submitted to Babergh District Council when the Local Plan is consulted on later in the year.</p>	None
D Gearing		The NP seems very negative towards any further development within the village and any potential development will be hindered by having to be on an infill / windfall site, have to be as energy efficient as possible, fit in with the local landscape including nearby listed buildings or local heritage assets, within the the current settlement boundary and be of 1 -3 bedrooms in size, which is impossible to achieve I would imagine. It would be	The Plan has been prepared to accord with the current and emerging Babergh Local Plan and the current Government planning policies. Even with significant amounts of new housing, there is no guarantee that the increased	None

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		<p>better to have one allocated site for a small development allowed for by extending the settlement boundary.</p> <p>Also there is no mention about infrastructure - improvement or otherwise.</p> <p>Just a couple of observations: The reminder leaflet to complete the plan that was put through doors recently had 2018-2031 shown on the front page as the Neighbourhood Plan period. In the draft NP, Section 7. Natural Environment – Paragraph 7.10 Biodiversity is duplicated on page 23 and 24</p>	<p>population would support the pub and bus services, as has been witnessed in other villages in Suffolk.</p> <p>The policies in the Plan enable infrastructure to be improved / provided should opportunities arise.</p> <p>We apologise for this mistake</p> <p>Thank you. This will be corrected.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Delete “Biodiversity” sub-heading and paragraph 7.10 on page 23.</p>
J Francis		We appreciate all of the hard work put in to the village plan and fully support the efforts therein to protect the character of the hamlet and its amenities.	Thank you	None
A Francis		We support the production of the neighborhood plan and fully support its intent to protect the character and nature of the village.	Thank you	None
D Thompson		I fully support the policies set out here and agree wholeheartedly that the land east of The Street, opposite Grove Avenue must not be considered for development. This would be reckless in terms of views and scenic nature of the village, and downright dangerous with regards to access and traffic flow in that area.	The Plan does not propose development on this land.	None
L&I Davidson		Thank you for all the massive hard work. It is a really good and professional document, notwithstanding our comments.	Thank you	None

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M Maybury		<p>LWD 15: gas connection to new developments is planned to cease in 2025. Renewable energy should be encouraged at all levels.</p> <p>LWD 17: Rain water collection by water butts should be encouraged as a minimum requirement.</p> <p>LWD 18: Trade offs should be resisted to retain facilities.</p> <p>LWD 19: Open Space, Sport and Recreation should be encouraged and open to all to improve health and well-being; therefore the sports pavilion should be adapted for less able use including less able sports. Outdoor sports suitable for less able participation (such as croquet) should also be encouraged, where ever possible to support a healthy and active community.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Proposed amendments to Policy LWD16 will address water saving.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Add the following to the end of Policy LWD16: <u>Proposals that include measures that, firstly, minimise water consumption and, secondly, maximise water use efficiency will be supported.</u></p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>
R Wheeler		<p>The font is very small. Few documents in the public domain use a font this small.</p> <p>Some villagers have expressed that they find the document confusing and too technical. For them, it lacks user-friendliness.</p> <p>Sometimes the placing of the policies seems detached in pages from the paragraphs they relate to, so a lot of to-ing and fro-ing becomes necessary for the reader.</p>	<p>Noted. The legibility of the Plan will be considered for the next version.</p> <p>The Plan has to contain an element of "technical speak" as it will be used in determining planning applications and, potentially, at Planning Appeals.</p> <p>Noted. The legibility of the Plan will be considered for the next version.</p>	<p>Review legibility of the Plan.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Review legibility of the Plan.</p>

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		A lot of work has been put into this and is much appreciated. It also has attractive illustrative material. It is an important development in the future of the village. Congratulations are in order, and I look forward to the draft being amended to take on board comments to develop into a final document.	Thank you	None
B Tora		Generally a well thought out and presented document, but I think the committee could have been more proactive in heading off potential major developments by supporting more limited proposals that would have less impact.	The Plan does not rule out limited proposals that accord with its policies.	None
B Wheeler		<p>The Planning Strategy section 5.4 Core Strategy Policy is particularly confusing and not very user-friendly.</p> <p>There still seem to be omissions in the Settlement Boundary Plan. I'm drawn to the absence of the Coach House that is near completion after years of renovation. it is situated behind Wood Hall and i was told it is to house four families. (I can't substantiate this.)</p>	<p>The Plan has to contain an element of "technical speak" as it will be used in determining planning applications and, potentially, at Planning Appeals.</p> <p>The Settlement Boundary will be amended to correct minor discrepancies with the Joint Local Plan, with the exception that the JLP boundary opposite Grove Avenue will not be amended.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Amend Settlement Boundary</p>
	Historic England	<p>Thank you for inviting Historic England to comment on the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Draft of the Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>We welcome the production of this neighbourhood plan, which we consider to be clearly set out and well-illustrated, containing many policies to welcome from the perspective of the historic environment of your parish. Overall, we consider that it meets the requirement to have a positive strategy towards the</p>	Noted	None

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		<p>conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment in your parish.</p> <p>In particular, we are pleased to note the plan is supported by both a neighbourhood area character appraisal and design guidelines documents, which we consider comprise an informative evidence base for the policies within.</p> <p>As you are aware, you can use the neighbourhood plan process to identify any potential Assets of Community Value in the neighbourhood area. Assets of Community Value (ACV) can include things like local public houses, community facilities such as libraries and museums, or again green open spaces. Often these can be important elements of the local historic environment, and whether or not they are protected in other ways, designating them as an ACV can offer an additional level of control to the community with regard to how they are conserved. We strongly support this as an additional way to conserve what is special and your parish. There is useful information on this process on Locality's website here: http://mycommunity.org.uk/take-action/land-and-building-assets/assets-of-community-value-right-to-bid/ .</p> <p>For further advice regarding the historic environment and how to integrate it into your neighbourhood plan, we recommend that you consult your local planning authority conservation officer, and if appropriate the Historic Environment Record at Suffolk County Council.</p> <p>To avoid any doubt, this letter does not reflect our obligation to provide further advice on or, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise as a result of the proposed plan, where we consider these would have an adverse effect on the historic environment.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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		<p>Flood Risk Areas within the Little Waldingfield Parish fall within Flood Zone 2 and 3 as defined by the Planning Guide. All future development proposals within the Fluvial Flood Zone of the River Deben (which includes Flood Zones 2 and 3, as defined by us) shown on the Policies Map, or elsewhere involving sites of 1ha or more, must be accompanied by a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA).</p>	Noted	None
		<p>Sequential Test The Neighbourhood Plan should apply the sequential test and use a risk based approach to the location of future development. The plan should be supported by a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and should use the NPPF Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). The PPG advises how planning can take account of the risks associated with flooding in plan-making and the planning application process. The following advice could be considered when compiling the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure potential development is sequentially sited, or if at flood risk it is designed to be safe and sustainable into the future.</p>	The Neighbourhood Plan does not identify new sites for development.	None
		<p>Sequential Approach The sequential approach should be applied within specific sites in order to direct development to the areas of lowest flood risk. If it isn't possible to locate all of the development in Flood Zone 1, then the most vulnerable elements of the development should be located in the lowest risk parts of the site. If the whole site is at high risk (Flood Zone 3), an FRA should assess the flood characteristics across the site and direct development towards those areas where the risk is lowest.</p>	Noted	None
		<p>Contaminated Land: risk to the water environment A large part of the Neighbourhood area falls over Source Protection Zones and a Principal Aquifer. A policy could be</p>	This is not considered necessary for the Neighbourhood Plan.	None

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		<p>included to indicate that land that may have been affected by contamination as a result of its previous use or that of the surrounding land and potentially contaminating developments, sufficient information should be provided with the planning application to satisfy the requirements of the NPPF for dealing with land contamination. This should take the form of a Preliminary Risk Assessment (including a desk study, conceptual model and initial assessment of risk), and provide assurance that the risk to the water environment is fully understood and can be addressed through appropriate measures.</p> <p>Please note that the view expressed in this letter are a response to the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan only and does not represent our final view in relation to any future planning or permit applications that may come forward. We reserve the right to change our position in relation to any such application.</p> <p>Please contact me on the details below should you have any questions or would wish to contact any of our specialist advisors. Please continue to keep us advised on the progress of the plan.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p>
	<p>Babergh District Council</p>	<p>Thank you for consulting Babergh District Council on the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Draft Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan. We have sought the views of colleagues across the Council and this letter and attached table set out our formal response.</p> <p>This has been a challenging year, the impacts of which have inevitably filtered down to what would otherwise have been a routine consultation exercise. We are also aware of the extraordinary lengths taken by the Parish Council to ensure that every household and known business in the parish had access to a copy of this draft Plan. Equally, we are grateful for the regular,</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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		<p>open and honest exchange of thoughts and ideas had during the earlier drafting stages.</p> <p>Many of the policies in this draft plan have a familiar look and feel to them in that they share much with other adopted plans across our two districts. We have no objection to that and, indeed, great benefit can be gained from having a broad and consistent approach across all neighbourhood plans. It is crucial however that the policies in this plan are relevant to the designated area and that they 'add local detail' - which we feel is the case here. We do have some comments to make and these are set out in the attached table. Some have been the subject of much informal discussions already but we would be neglecting our role if they are not mentioned here.</p> <p>The Parish Council is also reminded that, should they feel it necessary to make substantive changes to the plan following the close of this exercise, it may be appropriate to re-consult prior to formally submitting both the Plan and the other required documents to the District Council</p> <p>We trust that this letter and our comments are helpful. Should the NP Group wish to discuss any of these in further detail then please do not hesitate to contact us.</p> <p>General Comments Both the Plan and Supporting Documents come across as well prepared and presented. The careful and selective use of images conveys a real sense of the village and its surroundings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder that while there is no legal requirement to examine this Neighbourhood Plan (NP) against emerging policy, Planning Practice Guidance advises that the reasoning and evidence informing the Local Plan process may be relevant to the consideration of the basic conditions against which it is tested 	<p>It is not considered that substantive changes are necessary.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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		<p>and, that conformity with emerging plans can extend the life of neighbourhood plans, providing this does not result in conflict with adopted policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have seen that other NP Groups have identified 'Community Actions' that could act as a catalyst for taking thoughts and ideas forward. These also capture what would not otherwise be acceptable as a land use planning policy. One example could be an action linked to the idea of exploring a Community Land Trust scheme (para 6.14). Another might be an action to enter into dialogue with utility providers to explore ways of undergrounding power / phone lines (para 8.9). Of course, to include or not to include such 'actions' is one for the NP Group to make and would not detract from the Plan either way. 	<p>Little Waldingfield is a small community and it is not considered appropriate to place such burdens on residents. However, a list of possible projects will be added to paragraph 1.1.</p>	<p>Add the following to the end of paragraph 1.11:</p> <p><u>During the preparation of the Plan a number of potential community projects were suggested including the provision of allotments; biodiversity enhancement through wildlife meadow/tree planting and underground power/phone lines. While not forming part of the Plan, these could be initiated if there is sufficient interest from residents to help deliver them.</u></p>
	Suffolk County Council	<p>Thank you for consulting Suffolk County Council (SCC) on the Pre-Submission version of the Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>SCC is not a plan making authority, except for minerals and waste. However, it is a fundamental part of the planning system being responsible for matters including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Archaeology - Education - Fire and Rescue 	Noted	None

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flooding - Health and Wellbeing - Libraries - Minerals and Waste - Natural Environment - Public Rights of Way - Transport <p>This response, as with all those comments which SCC makes on emerging planning policies and allocations, will focus on matters relating to those services.</p> <p>Suffolk County Council is supportive of the vision for the Parish. In this letter we aim to highlight potential issues and opportunities in the plan and are happy to discuss anything that is raised.</p> <p>Where amendments to the plan are suggested added text will be in <i>italics</i> and deleted text will be in strikethrough.</p> <p>Active travel SCC welcomes the mention of cycling and cycle storage in Policies LWD 5 and 15, and the desire for community facilities to be accessible by walking and cycling in Policy LWD18. The shift towards more sustainable and active modes of transport is greatly encouraged, as this can lead to improved health with an increase in physical activity. Modal shift can also help to reduce traffic and congestion on roads, which therefore leads to a reduction in emissions and improves air quality.</p> <p>Minerals and Waste Suffolk County Council is the minerals and waste planning authority for Suffolk, meaning it makes local plan documents and planning decisions on minerals and waste matters. The current local planning documents are the Minerals Core Strategy</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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		<p>and the Waste Core Strategy, however the new Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan (SMWLP) is expected to be adopted in July 2020. Both the current documents and SMWLP contain policies which intend to protect existing minerals facilities, waste facilities and resources. This is to avoid the operation of existing facilities being prejudiced by new development and to avoid the loss (sterilisation) of finite minerals resources.</p> <p>There are no safeguarded minerals or waste facilities within the neighbourhood plan area. There are small potential areas minerals resources within the parish as shown by the Minerals Consultation Area in the SMWLP. The Minerals Consultation Area highlights areas of potential resource, however, it is not considered that the neighbourhood plan proposals would sterilise the existing resource.</p> <p>As such, the Neighbourhood Plan is not expected to cause any minerals or waste safeguarding issues.</p> <p>Education Early Years Preschools are located in Great Waldingfield and in Lavenham, but there are none in Little Waldingfield.</p> <p>Early years places are managed by ward, and Little Waldingfield is in Lavenham ward, where there is at present a deficit of places. Following guidance from the Babergh Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Infrastructure Delivery Plan, we would request contributions from CIL in Babergh to fund places to meet the demand from development.</p> <p>Primary and Secondary Education The catchment area for primary education is Great Waldingfield Church of England Primary school and the catchment area for secondary education is Ormiston Sudbury Academy.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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		<p>As the neighbourhood plan aims to meet the villages housing needs through small developments of less than 10 dwellings, SCC education would not be consulted on these applications (the threshold for consultation being 10 dwellings). However, SCC would normally expect approximately three primary school children and two secondary school children to arise from 10 dwellings. SCC use 95% of the total capacity of a school as the actual capacity in order to account for the small number of children arising from developments of less than 10 dwellings.</p> <p>As part of the Joint Local Plan SCC expects Ormiston Sudbury secondary school to expand to accommodate the pupils generated from growth.</p> <p>Public Rights of Way The Little Waldingfield Neighbourhood Plan lacks reference to Public Rights of Way (PRoW). Although Little Waldingfield contains few Public Rights of Way, Public Footpath 6 and Public Footpath 7 are both shown on Map 5 - Important Views (page 23) - and the Policies Map (page 33), as providing 'Important Views'. The plan should therefore include a policy to protect and enhance the public rights of way network.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Neighbourhood Plan should add the following wording to Policy LWD19 – Protecting Existing Services, Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities:</p> <p><i>“Any development which would adversely affect the character or result in the loss of existing or proposed rights of way, will not be permitted unless alternative provision or diversions can be arranged which are at least as attractive, safe and convenient for public use. Improvements and additions to such rights of way shall be delivered as an integral part of any new development to enable new or improved links to be created within the settlement,</i></p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>This is not considered necessary as adequate protection is already afforded to public rights of way in paragraph 98 of the NPPF.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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		<p><i>between settlements and/or providing access to the countryside or green infrastructure sites, as appropriate."</i></p> <p>The plan could also reference other key strategies that support the Neighbourhood Plan. This includes Suffolk County Council's Green Access Strategy (2020-2030). This strategy sets out the County Council's commitment to enhance public rights of way, including new linkages and upgrading routes where there is a need. The strategy also seeks to improve access for all and to support healthy and sustainable access between communities and services through development funding and partnership working.</p> <p>Transport Parking is referred to throughout policies and the plan, which is welcomed by SCC. However it is suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan should include support for some elements of on-street parking provisions, as it is inevitable that not all parking will be available to be provided on-plot, therefore some street parking will be expected for deliveries and visitors.</p> <p>General There is reference to a "Proposals Map" in Policies LWD7, LWD9 and LWD14, however this should say "Policies Map" like the other Policies.</p>	<p>Noted. This is not considered necessary.</p> <p>It is not considered that the nature of development that could take place in the village should allow for on-street parking given the current narrow roads.</p> <p>Noted. This will be amended</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Amend Policy LWD7 as follows: Development proposals in the Special Landscape Area, as identified on the Proposals <u>Policies Map</u>, will be permitted only where they:</p> <p>Amend Policy LWD9 as follows:</p>

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		<p>Please amend the dates on the Village Demographics Population Changes graph on page 9, as the years currently state: "1831, 1811, 1821, 1931, 1841, 1851, 1861, 1971, 1881...."</p> <p>Typo on page 12: Natural Environment Objective 1 is missing the letter "i" from the word "impact"</p> <p>I hope that these comments are helpful. SCC is always willing to discuss issues or queries you may have. Some of these issues may be addressed by the SCC's Neighbourhood Planning Guidance, which contains information relating to County Council service areas and links to other potentially helpful resources. The guidance can be accessed here: Suffolk County Council Neighbourhood Planning Guidance.</p>	<p>Agreed. The chart will be amended.</p> <p>Noted. The spelling error will be corrected.</p> <p>Noted and thank you.</p>	<p>The following Local Green Spaces are designated in this Plan and identified on the Proposals <u>Policies</u> Map.</p> <p>Amend Policy LWD14 as follows: A Special Character Area is identified on the Proposals <u>Policies</u> Map.</p> <p>Amend chart on page 9 to replace 1971 with 1871 and the first 1931 with 1831</p> <p>Amend Natural Environment Objective 1 on page 12 as follows: "Minimise the <u>impact</u>....."</p> <p>None</p>
	Suffolk Preservation Society	I am writing on behalf of the Suffolk Preservation Society (SPS), the only countywide amenity society dedicated to protecting and promoting the special historic and landscape qualities of Suffolk. We also represent the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England in Suffolk and work closely with parish and town councils and other bodies who share our objectives. As Neighbourhood Plans offer the opportunity for protecting or improving the heritage and landscape character of an area and promoting high quality design, SPS are supportive of plans being	Noted	None

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		<p>drawn up in Suffolk, particularly where they are centred on historic settlements such as Little Waldingfield, distinctive for its architectural heritage and landscape quality.</p> <p>Having read the draft plan we would like to congratulate the Neighbourhood Plan team on the excellent document.</p> <p>We fully support the excellent work of the Neighbourhood Plan team in developing a robust range of policies to safeguard the landscape and heritage of its parish.</p>	<p>Thank you</p> <p>Thank you</p>	
	Natural England	<p>Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 02 June 2019</p> <p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.</p> <p>Natural England has previously commented on this neighbourhood plan and included general advice and information sources to the Parish Council and Babergh District Council in our letter dated 22 February 2017(our ref 208348). Natural England does not have any further additional specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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	Highways England	Thank you for your consultation dated 02 June 2020. The following Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have a severe impact on the strategic road network. We therefore offer no comment in this case	Noted	None
	Avison Young on behalf of National Grid	<p>National Grid has appointed Avison Young to review and respond to Neighbourhood Plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regard to the current consultation on the above document.</p> <p>About National Grid National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) owns and maintains the electricity transmission system in England and Wales. The energy is then distributed to the electricity distribution network operators across England, Wales and Scotland.</p> <p>National Grid Gas plc (NGG) owns and operates the high-pressure gas transmission system across the UK. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the UK's four gas distribution networks where pressure is reduced for public use.</p> <p>National Grid Ventures (NGV) is separate from National Grid's core regulated businesses. NGV develop, operate and invest in energy projects, technologies, and partnerships to help accelerate the development of a clean energy future for consumers across the UK, Europe and the United States.</p> <p>Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to National Grid assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission assets which include high voltage electricity assets and high-pressure gas pipelines.</p>	The content of the letter is noted	None

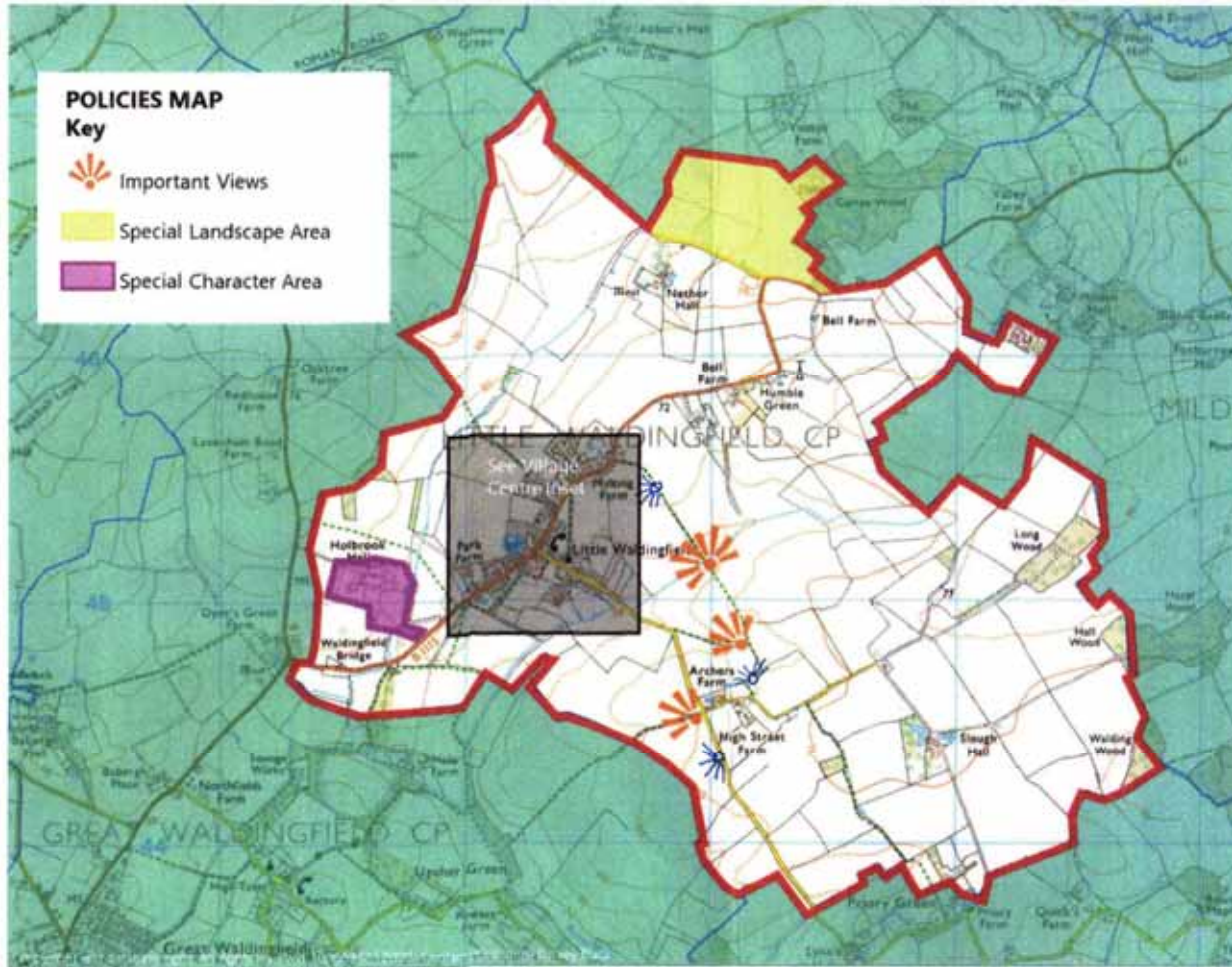
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		<p>National Grid has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.</p> <p>National Grid provides information in relation to its assets at the website below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/ <p>Please also see attached information outlining guidance on development close to National Grid infrastructure.</p> <p>Information regarding the electricity distribution network is available at the website below: www.energynetworks.org.uk</p> <p>Information regarding the gas distribution network is available by contacting: plantprotection@cadentgas.com</p> <p>Further Advice</p> <p>Please remember to consult National Grid on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our assets. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database, if not already included: nationalgrid.uk@avisonyoung.com</p> <p>Avison Young Central Square South Orchard Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3AZ</p> <p>box.landandacquisitions@nationalgrid.com National Grid National Grid House Warwick Technology Park Gallows Hill</p>		

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		<p>Warwick, CV34 6DA</p> <p>Guidance on development near National Grid assets National Grid is able to provide advice and guidance to the Council concerning their networks and encourages high quality and well-planned development in the vicinity of its assets.</p> <p>Electricity assets Developers of sites crossed or in close proximity to National Grid assets should be aware that it is National Grid policy to retain existing overhead lines in-situ, though it recognises that there may be exceptional circumstances that would justify the request where, for example, the proposal is of regional or national importance.</p> <p>National Grid's 'Guidelines for Development near pylons and high voltage overhead power lines' promote the successful development of sites crossed by existing overhead lines and the creation of well-designed places. The guidelines demonstrate that a creative design approach can minimise the impact of overhead lines whilst promoting a quality environment. The guidelines can be downloaded here: https://www.nationalgridet.com/document/130626/download The statutory safety clearances between overhead lines, the ground, and built structures must not be infringed. Where changes are proposed to ground levels beneath an existing line then it is important that changes in ground levels do not result in safety clearances being infringed. National Grid can, on request, provide to developers detailed line profile drawings that detail the height of conductors, above ordnance datum, at a specific site.</p> <p>National Grid's statutory safety clearances are detailed in their 'Guidelines when working near National Grid Electricity Transmission assets', which can be downloaded</p>		

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		<p>here:www.nationalgridet.com/network-and-assets/working-near-our-assets Gas assets High-Pressure Gas Pipelines form an essential part of the national gas transmission system and National Grid's approach is always to seek to leave their existing transmission pipelines in situ. Contact should be made with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in respect of sites affected by High-Pressure Gas Pipelines.</p> <p>National Grid have land rights for each asset which prevents the erection of permanent/ temporary buildings, or structures, changes to existing ground levels, storage of materials etc. Additionally, written permission will be required before any works commence within the National Grid's 12.2m building proximity distance, and a deed of consent is required for any crossing of the easement.</p> <p>National Grid's 'Guidelines when working near National Grid Gas assets' can be downloaded here: www.nationalgridgas.com/land-and-assets/working-near-our-assets</p> <p>How to contact National Grid If you require any further information in relation to the above and/or if you would like to check if National Grid's transmission networks may be affected by a proposed development, please contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Grid's Plant Protection team: plantprotection@nationalgrid.com Cadent Plant Protection Team Block 1 Brick Kiln Street Hinckley LE10 0NA 0800 688 588 		

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		or visit the website: https://www.beforeyoudig.cadentgas.com/login.aspx		

Suggested additional important views suggested by R Wheeler



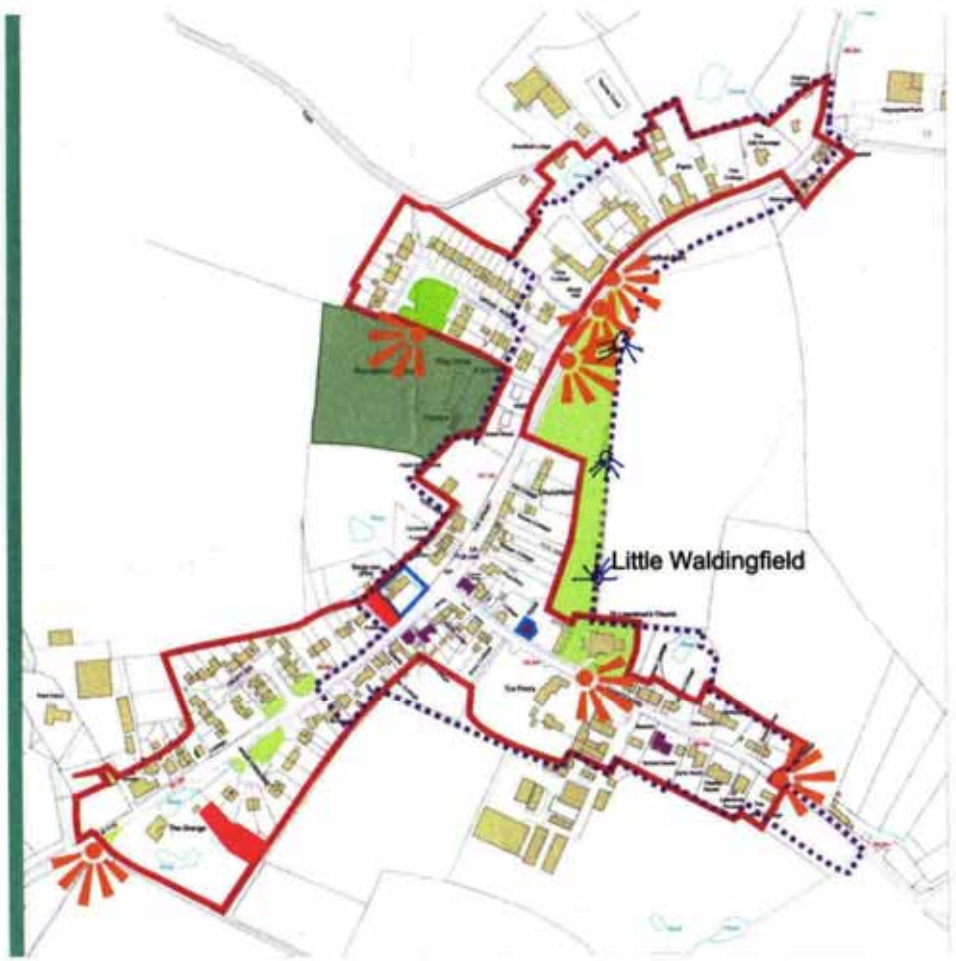
Policies Map

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🌅 Further viewpoints suggested by Robert Wheeler

- KEY**
-  Settlement Boundary
 -  Housing Allocation
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 -  Local Facility
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Village Centre Inset Map

Appendix 7 - Schedule of Proposed Changes to Pre-Submission Consultation Plan following Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation Stage

The table that follows contains details of all the changes made to the Pre-Submission Plan to form the Submission Plan. The changes include those required in response to comments received and those to bring the Plan up-to-date.

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Page	Para / Policy No	Proposed Modification	Reason
Cover		Pre-Submission Stage Draft Plan June – July August 2020	To bring the Plan up-to-date
3	Contents Page	Make consequential changes to Contents Page	To bring the Plan up-to-date
4	Foreword Third para	Residents and other national and local bodies were consulted in June and July 2020 are encouraged to respond to the consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan during the consultation period. and all comments will be <u>have been considered and before the Plan is</u> amended, brought up-to-date. <u>This is officially known as the Submission Plan and has been submitted to Babergh District Council for the final stages of preparation.</u>	To bring the Plan up-to-date
5	1.11	Amend paragraph 1.11 by adding the following to the end: <u>During the preparation of the Plan a number of potential community projects were suggested including the provision of allotments; biodiversity enhancement through wildlife meadow/tree planting and underground power/phone lines. While not forming part of the Plan, these could be initiated if there is sufficient interest from residents to help deliver them.</u>	In response to comments
5	1.12	Amend Para 1.12 as follows: The Plan sets out, in particular how <u>Little Waldingfield can play its part in meeting the identified housing requirement will be met</u> needs of the area over the period of the Plan (to 2036) in order to <u>while safeguarding</u> Little Waldingfield from speculative planning	In response to comments

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		applications should the District Council be unable to demonstrate a five-years' supply of land for housing. As such, the Plan it has been prepared to conform with paragraph 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework ("the NPPF").	
7		Insert the following immediately before Para 1.18: June-July 2020 Formal public consultation on Draft Plan August 2020 Submission of Draft Plan to Babergh District Council	To bring the Plan up-to-date
7	Chart	Amend chart to identify that the Plan is at the "Further Consultation by Babergh DC" stage	To bring the Plan up-to-date
8	2.4	Amend para 2.4 as follows: In 1636, Samuel Appleton of Holbrook Hall emigrated to the United States of <u>North</u> America and helped to found Massachusetts.	In response to comments
9	2.8	Amend paragraph as follows: The Village had three medieval manors, Holbrook Hall (originally <u>located elsewhere in Holbrook Park, but demolished destroyed by fire in the 1870s and but rebuilt on its current site close by</u>); Wood Hall and Nether Hall, the latter two of which retain some original features. The Parish has other buildings of historic and architectural importance, including Slough Hall (1635); Archers Farm (<u>originally late Seventeenth Century but the house was destroyed by fire and a replacement house built in the early 21st Century</u>) and the various listed buildings situated in the main built-up area, which include: Park House; The Grange, Enniskillen; the Old Vicarage; Malting Farm; Malting Cottage; The Priory and Pink Cottage.	In response to comments
9	Chart	Amend chart to replace 1971 with 1871	To correct an error
10	Photographs	Amend photographs to be more relevant to the topic	General matter
11	3.3	Amend final sentence as follows: However, <u>in July 2020 the District Council announced that the it is unlikely Joint Local Plan would not be adopted until Winter 2020/21, after the anticipated adoption of will be completed before the Neighbourhood Plan.</u>	To bring the Plan up-to-date
12	4.2	Amend Paragraph 4.2 as follows:	In response to comments

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		Little Waldingfield is a small rural community <u>with some local businesses but that currently has no permanent services.</u>	
12	Objectives	Amend Natural Environment Objective 1 on page 12 as follows: "Minimise the impact..... "	Correct spelling error
12	Objectives	Amend Objective 1 of the Development Design Objectives as follows: 1. Have a positive effect on the environment, by promoting actions that contribute to mitigating the Climate Crisis and <u>achieving Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions, reducing the our carbon footprint.</u>	In response to comments
13	5.7	Amend second sentence of paragraph 5.7 As follows: The Settlement Boundary is based on the Built-Up Area Boundary defined in the 2006 Local Plan but has been reviewed to reflect recent changes and the outcomes of the detailed <u>Village Character Assessment</u> Character Appraisal carried out as part of the preparation of the Plan.	To correct an error
13	5.8	Amend first sentence of paragraph 5.8 as follows: There may be situations where it is necessary for development to take place outside the Settlement Boundary, but this will be limited to that which is essential for the operation of existing businesses, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, outdoor recreation, <u>utilities infrastructure</u> and other uses that need to be located in the countryside. <u>In exceptional circumstances, and only where there is a proven need, affordable housing to meet identified local needs will be permitted provided that the proposal is in accordance with the provisions of Policy LWD4.</u>	In response to comments
13	Photo	Replace current photo with a better quality photo	General matter
14	Policy LWD1	Amend the first paragraph of Policy LWD1 as follows: The Neighbourhood Plan area will accommodate development commensurate with Little Waldingfield's <u>designation as a Hamlet in the emerging Joint Local Plan, and reflecting the lack of day-to-day services and facilities. and its designation as a Hamlet in the emerging Joint Local Plan.</u> Amend the third paragraph of Policy LWD1 as follows: Only in the most exceptional circumstances will p Proposals for development located outside the Settlement Boundary <u>will only be permitted for</u> Such exceptional circumstances will be for development that which complies with Policy LWD4 or which is	In response to comments

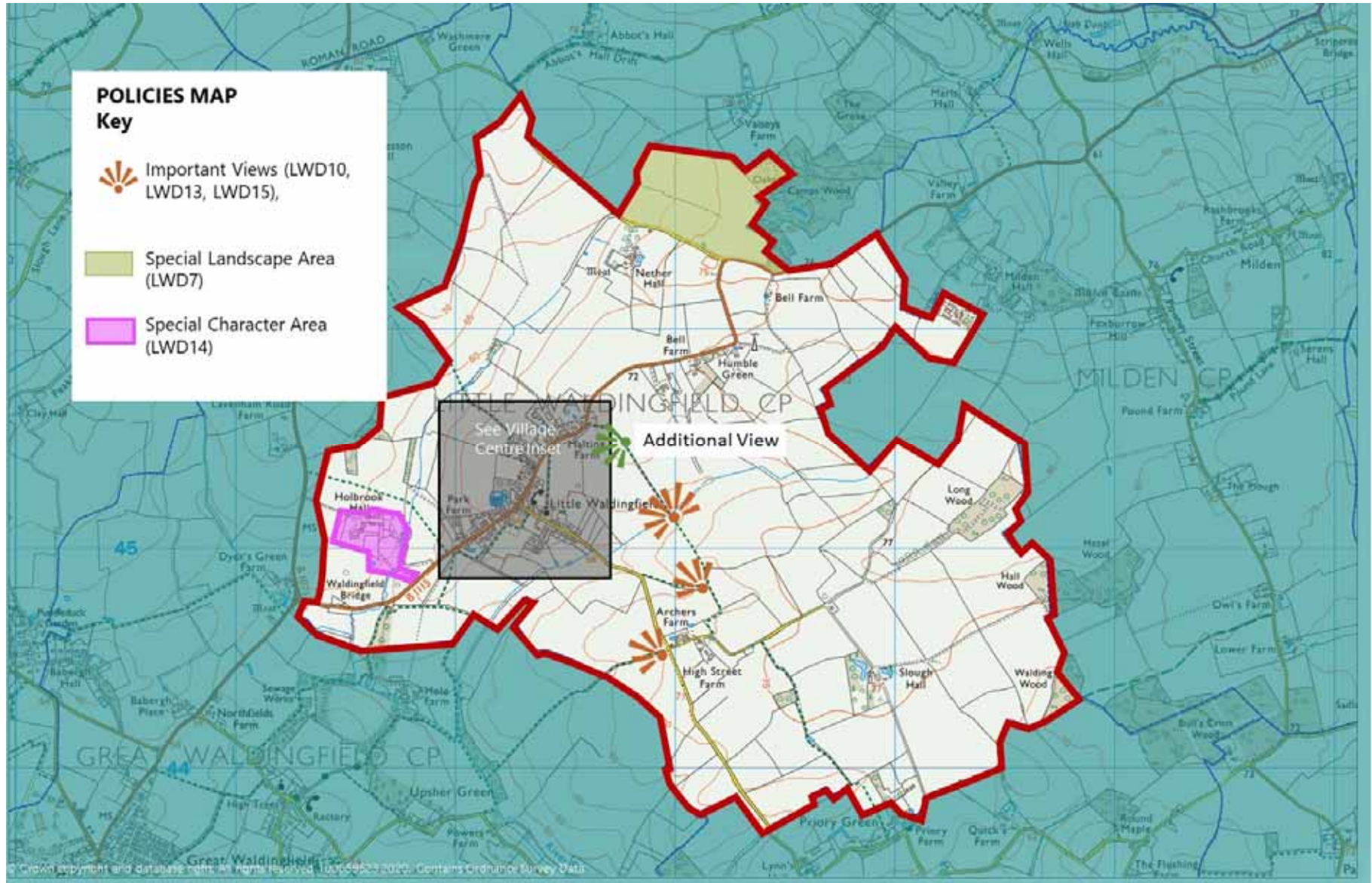
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		essential for the operation of existing businesses, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, and outdoor recreation, or utility infrastructure where: i It can be satisfactorily demonstrated that there is an identified local need for the proposal; and ii It cannot be satisfactorily located within the Settlement Boundary ies .	
15	6.5	Add to the end of the paragraph: <u>A list of these commitments is included as Appendix 3 of the Plan.</u>	In response to comments
19	Photo	Change photo to one of a more modern building	General matter
20	LWD6	Amend Policy LWD6 as follows: Housing development that provides homes with three bedrooms or less will be supported in order to must contribute to meeting the existing and future identified needs of the Neighbourhood Plan Area. Proposals that deliver homes with for four or more bedrooms homes will not be supported unless it can be <u>clearly</u> demonstrated that there is a particular need for dwellings of that size.	In response to comments
21	Map 4	Amend title to "Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity"	In response to comments
21	7.3	Amend the final sentence as follows: Given its retention in the Lavenham Plan and the fact that the Landscape qualities are the same in the Little Waldingfield section of the Special Landscape Area, the Neighbourhood Plan retains the designation, <u>but designates is as an Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity to ensure consistency with other neighbourhood plans across Babergh District.</u>	In response to comments
21	LWD7	Amend title to "Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity" And amend the first sentence as follows: Development proposals in the Special Landscape Area <u>Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity</u> , as identified on the Proposals Policies Map , will be permitted only where they:	In response to comments and to correct an error
22	LWD9	Amend the first sentence as follows: The following Local Green Spaces are designated in this Plan and identified on the Proposals Policies Map . Amend the list of Local Green Spaces as follows: 5. Village sign green space, The Street	To correct an error.

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		56. Churchyard and Cemetery	
23	7.8	Amend final sentence of paragraph as follows: During the preparation of the Plan, an assessment of views from public areas was undertaken as part of the <u>Village Character Assessment</u> Character Appraisal and the most significant views that need protection are identified on Map 5, as well as on the Policies Map.	To correct an error.
23	LWD10	Amend second sentence of policy as follows: Any proposed development should not detract from the key landscape and built development features of those views as identified in the Neighbourhood Plan <u>Village Character Assessment</u> Character Appraisal . Amend part ii) as follows: ii Conserves or enhances the unique landscape and scenic beauty within the Parish, having regard to the Suffolk Landscape Character Appraisal and the Neighbourhood Plan <u>Village Character Assessment</u> Character Appraisal .	To correct an error
23	7.10	Delete "Biodiversity" sub-heading and paragraph 7.10 on page 23.	Deletes the sub-heading and paragraph which is repeated on the following page
24	7.11	Amend first sentence of paragraph 7.11 as follows: The NPPF notes that National Planning Practice Guidance notes that: "The National Planning Policy Framework encourages net gains for biodiversity to be sought through planning policies and decisions.	In response to comments
24	Map 6	Amend Map 6 to include additional area of Camps Wood as SSSI.	To correct an error
25	8.3	Amend paragraph 8.3 as follows: Across the Parish there are a number of buildings " listed " <u>designated</u> as being of being or architectural and historic interest	In response to comments
25	8.4	Amend the first sentence as follows: Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan <u>Village Character Assessment</u> Character Appraisal has identified a number of buildings in the village that are of local significance and which, while not yet formally designated as 'Local Heritage Assets', make a significant contribution to the historic environment and character of Little Waldingfield and may be worthy of being protected as Local Heritage Assets.	To correct an error
26	LWD12	Amend Policy LWD12 as follows:	In response to comments


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		The retention and , protection and the setting of the following <u>Buildings of Local Significance, and</u> as identified on the Policies Map, will be secured.	
26	LWD13	Amend part a. of the policy as follows: a. Preserve or enhance the significance of the heritage assets of the Village, their setting and the wider built environment, including views into, within and out of the Conservation Area as identified in the <u>Village Character Assessment</u> Character Appraisal and on the Policies Map;	To correct an error
27	LWD14	Amend first sentence as follows: A Special Character Area is identified on the Proposals <u>Policies Map</u> .	To correct an error
28	Objectives	Amend Objective 1 of the Development Design Objectives as follows: 1. Have a positive effect on the environment, by promoting actions that contribute to mitigating the Climate Crisis, and <u>achieving Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing the our carbon footprint.</u>	In response to comments
28	LWD 15 d.ii	Amend part d.ii of the policy as follows: ii. Important landscape characteristics including trees and ancient hedgerows and other prominent topographical features identified in the Neighbourhood Plan <u>Village Character Assessment</u> Character Appraisal ;	To correct an error
29	9.5	Amend third bullet point of paragraph 9.5 as follows: • Affordable Housing Tenures should offer access to housing for those households in receipt of income above around £19,556.	In response to comments
30	General	Re-format page 30 so that it is clear Map 8 is related to Policy LWD16.	In response to comments
30	LWD16	Amend the title of Policy LWD16 as follows: Policy LWD 16 - Sustainable Building <u>Practices</u> Add the following to the end of Policy LWD16: <u>Proposals that include measures that, firstly, minimise water consumption and, secondly, maximise water use efficiency will be supported.</u>	In response to comments
30	9.7	Amend the last sentence of paragraph 9.7 as follows:	In response to comments

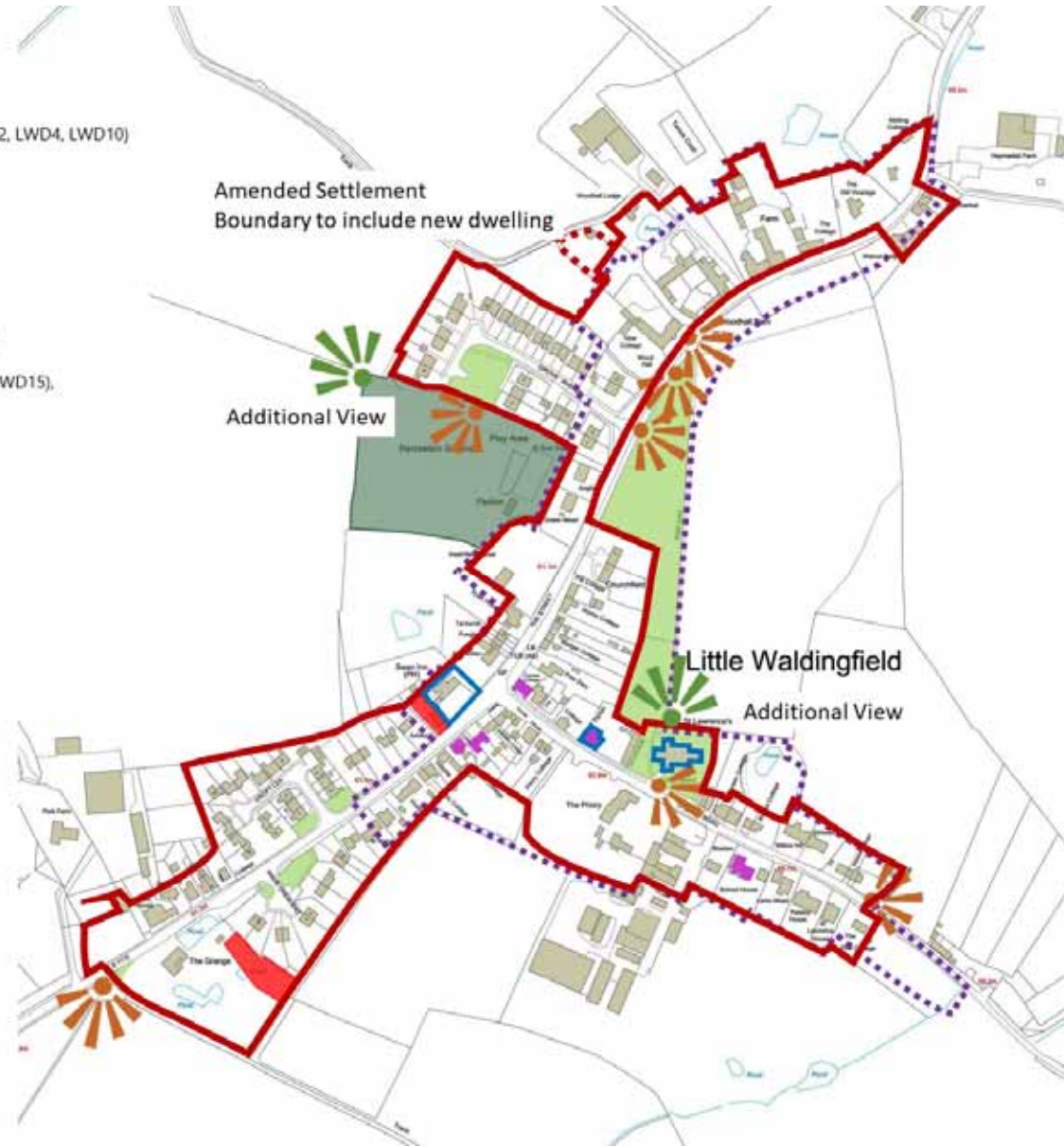
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		New development will be required, where appropriate, to make provision for the attenuation and recycling of surface water and rainwater in <u>through Sustainable Drainage Systems (SDS) that might include on-site rainwater and stormwater harvesting and greywater recycling, and the management of run-off and water management in order to reduce the potential for making the situation worse.</u>	
30	LWD17	Amend Policy LWD17 as follows: Proposals for all new development will be required to submit schemes appropriate to the scale of the proposal detailing how on-site drainage <u>and water resources</u> will be managed so as not to cause or exacerbate surface water and fluvial flooding elsewhere. <u>Proposals should, as appropriate</u> Examples include the use of above-ground open Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). These could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>wetland and other water features, which can help reduce flood risk whilst offering other benefits including water quality, amenity/ recreational areas, and biodiversity benefits; and</u> • <u>rainwater and stormwater harvesting and greywater recycling; and other natural drainage systems where easily accessible maintenance can be achieved.</u> 	In response to comments
31	Objectives	Delete the "s" off Objectives	Typographic error
31	10.1	Amend Paragraph 10.1 as follows: 10.1 The Village currently has very little in the way of services and facilities, reflected by its "hamlet" designation in the emerging Joint Local Plan. The current services can be listed as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Rooms • The Swan Public House (currently closed but being refurbished) • The Playing Field including play equipment • <u>The Parish Church</u> • <u>A twice weekly bus service</u> • <u>Mobile library</u> • <u>Mobile butcher</u> 	In response to comments
32	LWD19	Amend fourth paragraph of Policy LWD19 as follows: Any replacement provision should take account of the <u>current and projected future</u> needs of the needs of the village and the current standards of open space and sports facility provision adopted by the local planning authority.	In response to comments

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33	Policies Map	Amend Policies Map to include policy numbers in key	In response to comments
34	Village Centre Inset Map	Amend as illustrated in maps below	In response to comments
38		Amend third question under "Harmonise and enhance existing settlement...." Does the proposal affect or change the setting of a listed building or listed landscape <u>heritage asset</u> ?	In response to comments
Following P39		Insert new Appendix 3 as set out following this table	In response to comments



KEY

-  Settlement Boundary (LWD1, LWD2, LWD4, LWD10)
-  Housing Allocation (LWD3)
-  Conservation Area (LWD13)
-  Local Green Space (LWD9)
-  Local Facility (LWD18)
-  Recreational Open Space (LWD19)
-  Important View (LWD10, LWD13, LWD15),
-  Local Heritage Asset (LWD12)



Insert new Appendix 3

Appendix 3 - Housing Permissions in Little Waldingfield

Address	Proposal	Babergh Reference	Net Dwellings
Permissions not completed as at 1 April 2018 as identified in the Babergh Draft Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment – July 2019			
Fosters, Hartest Hill	Conversion of office to dwelling	B /15/00026/FUL	1
Hartest House, Lawshall Road	Erection of replacement dwelling.	B /15/00061/FUL	0*
Barn at Willow Tree Farm, Mill Road	Change of use from Agricultural Building to Dwellinghouse	B /16/01623/AGD	1
Cooks Farm Barn, Cooks Farm, Lawshall Road,	Use of building and land as independent dwellinghouse	B /16/00981/CEU	1
Land north of 1, Brockley Road,	Erection of a dwelling	B /17/00932/FUL	1
Barn South West Of Waldegrave Farm, Lawshall Road,	Change of Use of Agricultural Building to Dwellinghouse	DC/17/04259/AGD	1
Hartest Lake (Formerly Known As The Land Opposite Pear Tree Farm)	Erection of 1 no. dwelling	DC/17/03284/FUL	1
Hartest House, Lawshall Road,	Erection of replacement dwelling.	DC/18/00888	1*
		Total	7
Net new dwellings granted planning consent between 1 April 2018 and 1 August 2020			
Land north of 1, Brockley Road	Erection of 2 No. single storey dwellings	DC/18/00821	1
Fosters, Hartest Hill	Renewal - Conversion of office to dwelling	DC/19/00584	0 – already counted above
6 Green View	Change of use, part demolition and conversion of storage building/garage to form 1No dwelling.	DC/19/05460	1
Barn At Land At Peartree Farm, Brockley Road	Change of Use of outbuilding/cartlodge to create 1No dwelling	DC/20/02044	1
		Total	3

Appendix 3 – Planning Consents for new dwellings

Address	Proposal	Babergh Reference	Net Dwellings
Permissions not completed as at 1 April 2018 as identified in the Babergh Draft Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment – July 2019			
Hammonds Holt, Church Road	Erection of 1 no. dwelling and 1 no. grooms cottage	B /13/01330/FUL	1
High Street Farm, Church Road	Change of Use from Agricultural Building to Dwellinghouses	B/14/00864/AGD	1
Coach House, Rear of Wood Hall, Haymarket,	Erection of 1 no. dwelling	B /17/00369/FUL	1
Priory Farm, Church Road	Conversion and alteration of cartlodge to form 1No self contained residential dwelling.	DC/17/03214/FUL	1
The Grange, The Street	Erection of dwelling	DC/17/05333/FUL	1
		Total	5
Net new dwellings granted planning consent between 1 April 2018 and 1 January 2020			
Ireland's Meadow, Holbrook Hall Park	Erection of 1 detached dwelling	DC/18/00781/FUL	1
Priory Farm, Church Road	Conversion and alteration of cartlodge to form self contained residential dwelling	DC/18/03306/FUL	1
Slough Hall, Church Road	Change of use from agriculture to residential use	DC/19/04324	1
The Swan, The Street	Conversion of existing out building to form 1No dwelling and erection of new detached dwelling	DC/19/01283	2
		Total	5