

BABERGH & MID SUFFOLK JOINT LOCAL PLAN.

Elected Members of Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils have been invited to a Councillors' Briefing at Endeavour House this Friday 21st June on the updated Joint Local Plan. This will replace the two Councils' individual Local Plans and will shape the way the districts develop in future, including housing needs and allocations, infrastructure and business/retail opportunities. The new Joint Local Plan will cover a period up to 2036, aligned with the timescale for the Suffolk Coastal and Ipswich Local Plans. The Councils began gathering a range of evidence to inform the preparation of a new Joint Local Plan during 2016. This has included studies on retail, economic land needs, housing land availability and housing market assessments.

It will be considered, for consultation, by Councillors of both Babergh and Mid Suffolk at two individual Full Council meetings next week. If approved then residents, local businesses and stakeholders will be asked for their views between July and September, with the aim of the updated Joint Local Plan being adopted in February next year.

MSDC PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR BOSCH WORKERS.

Mid Suffolk District Council has pledged to support all its residents facing redundancy as a result of changes at Bosch's Lawn & Garden factory in Stowmarket, following the company's announcement of a restructure that could affect jobs at the site. The support will be tailored to the situation in Stowmarket, which will become clearer over the coming weeks. More details are available on the MSDC website.

NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINT AT NEEDHAM LAKE.

Motorists across East Anglia can now recharge their electric vehicles in as little as 30 minutes at one of a network of 11 new rapid chargers, installed along the region's strategic road networks.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are leading a Highways England funded project of seven local authorities in Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex, working together to install the rapid charging points, with one of the first now operational at Needham Lake.

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