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# **CORE STRATEGY Focused Review**

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## Mid Suffolk Core Strategy Focused Review Policy FC1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development

### Policy FC 1

#### **Presumption in favour of sustainable development**

When considering development proposals the Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework. It will always work proactively with applicants jointly to find solutions which mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible, and to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in the area.

Planning applications that accord with the policies in this Local Plan (and, where relevant, with policies in neighbourhood plans) will be approved without delay, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Where there are no policies relevant to the application or relevant policies are out of date at the time of making the decision then the Council will grant permission unless material considerations indicate otherwise – taking into account whether:

Any adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework taken as a whole; or

Specific policies in that Framework indicate that development should be restricted.

Mid Suffolk Core Strategy Focused Review Policy FC1.1: Mid Suffolk approach to delivering sustainable development

### Policy FC 1.1

#### **Mid Suffolk approach to delivering Sustainable Development**

In line with policy FC 1, development proposals will be required to demonstrate the principles of sustainable development and will be assessed against the presumption in favour of sustainable development as interpreted and applied locally to the Mid Suffolk context through the policies and proposals of the Mid Suffolk new style Local Plan.

Proposals for development must conserve and enhance the local character of the different parts of the district. They should demonstrate how the proposal addresses the context and key issues of the district and contributes to meeting the objectives and the policies of the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy and other relevant documents.

The District Council encourages pre-application discussions and/or the use of development briefs and masterplans to address these matters prior to submitting planning applications and in relation to bringing forward proposed allocations. This approach is particularly relevant to the integration of the necessary physical, social and environmental infrastructure within development plans and proposals.

The Council will facilitate the delivery of integrated sustainable development through a variety of means, including the appropriate use of planning conditions and obligations, planning performance agreements, local and neighbourhood plans and orders, the introduction of CIL and supplementary planning documents.