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## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy HB1: Protection of historic buildings

### PROTECTION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

#### POLICY HB1

THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY PLACES A HIGH PRIORITY ON PROTECTING THE CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE OF ALL BUILDINGS OF ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST. PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO PROTECTING THE SETTINGS OF LISTED BUILDINGS.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy HB14: Ensuring archaeological remains are not destroyed

### ENSURING ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS ARE NOT DESTROYED

#### POLICY HB14

WHERE THERE IS AN OVERRIDING CASE FOR PRESERVATION, PLANNING PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD AFFECT AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OR ITS SETTING WILL BE REFUSED.

HAVING TAKEN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVICE, THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY MAY DECIDE THAT DEVELOPMENT CAN TAKE PLACE SUBJECT TO EITHER SATISFACTORY MEASURES TO PRESERVE THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS IN SITU OR FOR THE SITE TO BE EXCAVATED AND THE FINDINGS RECORDED. IN APPROPRIATE CASES THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY WILL EXPECT A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT TO BE CONCLUDED OR WILL IMPOSE A PLANNING CONDITION REQUIRING THE DEVELOPER TO MAKE APPROPRIATE AND SATISFACTORY PROVISION FOR THE EXCAVATION AND RECORDING OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy CL1: Guiding principle to development in the countryside

### GUIDING PRINCIPLE TO DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

#### POLICY CL1

THE LANDSCAPE QUALITY AND CHARACTER OF THE COUNTRYSIDE WILL BE PROTECTED FOR ITS OWN SAKE. PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE SHOULD BE SITED AND DESIGNED TO HAVE MINIMUM ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE APPEARANCE OF THE LANDSCAPE AND SHOULD SEEK TO POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO ITS DIVERSE CHARACTER THROUGH TREE PLANTING AND THE CREATION OF HEDGEROWS, DECIDUOUS WOODLANDS AND OTHER WILDLIFE HABITATS.

IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION WILL NORMALLY BE GIVEN TO DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS REQUIRED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND MINERAL EXTRACTION. PROPOSALS FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION OR TOURISM, WHICH CAN DEMONSTRATE A NEED TO BE LOCATED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND WHICH SUPPORT THE RURAL ECONOMY, WILL BE CONSIDERED ON THEIR MERITS. DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE WELL RELATED TO THE EXISTING PATTERN OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy CL3: Major utility installations and power lines in countryside

### MAJOR UTILITY INSTALLATIONS AND POWER LINES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

#### POLICY CL3

NEW MAJOR INSTALLATIONS FOR UTILITIES AND POWER LINES EXCEEDING 33KV SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SITED TO ENSURE MINIMAL INTRUSION IN THE LANDSCAPE. THE FEASIBILITY OF UNDERGROUNDING ELECTRICITY LINES WILL BE REGARDED AS A MATERIAL CONSIDERATION.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy CL5: Protecting existing woodland

### PROTECTING EXISTING WOODLAND

#### POLICY CL5

DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO WOODLAND, PARTICULARLY ANCIENT WOODLAND, OR DISRUPTION TO COMMERCIAL FORESTRY WILL BE REFUSED. THE FELLING OF COMMERCIAL CONIFER WOODLAND WILL BE SUPPORTED WHERE IT DOES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE OF THE LANDSCAPE.



## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy CL6: Tree preservation orders

### TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

#### POLICY CL6

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS WILL BE USED WHERE THE REMOVAL OF TREES AND WOODLANDS WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE VISUAL AMENITY OF THE SURROUNDING AREA.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy CL7: Green Lanes

### GREEN LANES

#### POLICY CL7

THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY WILL, THROUGH ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROLLING DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF LAND, PROTECT GREEN LANES. TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS WILL BE USED IN SUPPORT OF THIS OBJECTIVE.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy CL8: Protecting wildlife habitats

### PROTECTING WILDLIFE HABITATS

#### POLICY CL8

THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY WILL REFUSE DEVELOPMENT LIKELY TO BRING ABOUT:-

- THE LOSS OR SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION OF IMPORTANT HABITATS INCLUDING HEATHLAND, WOODLAND, WATER MEADOWS, OTHER PERMANENT PASTURE, PARKLAND, MARCHES, STREAMS, PONDS, GREEN LANES, ALDER CARR AND OSIER BEDS;
- THE THREAT TO RARE OR VULNERABLE SPECIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE PROTECTED BY LAW.

WHERE DEVELOPMENT IS PERMITTED, THE RETENTION OF IMPORTANT WILDLIFE HABITATS WILL BE SOUGHT THROUGH PLANNING CONDITIONS OR LEGAL AGREEMENT.

THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY WILL CONSIDER ENTERING INTO MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS UNDER THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981, WHICH WOULD SECURE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION FOR, AND MANAGEMENT OF, WILDLIFE AND ECOLOGICAL SITES.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy CL9: Recognised wildlife areas

### RECOGNISED WILDLIFE AREAS

#### POLICY CL9

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD HARM THE NATURE CONSERVATION INTEREST OF RAMSAR SITES, SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST AND OTHER NATIONALLY DESIGNATED WILDLIFE AREAS, WILL NOT BE PERMITTED EXCEPT WHERE A CASE OF OVERWHELMING NATIONAL NEED HAS BEEN CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED, AND THERE IS A LACK OF ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE SITES.

SUFFOLK COUNTY WILDLIFE SITES AND LOCAL NATURE RESERVES WILL ALSO BE PROTECTED FROM HARM TO THEIR NATURE CONSERVATION INTEREST ARISING FROM DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS, AND THE WEIGHT ATTACHED TO SUCH HARM WILL REFLECT THE RELATIVE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE DESIGNATIONS.

THE PRESENCE OF A PROTECTED SPECIES UNDER THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 WILL BE A MATERIAL CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING ANY PLANNING APPLICATION.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy CL11: Retaining high quality agricultural [land](#)

### RETAINING HIGH QUALITY AGRICULTURAL LAND

#### POLICY CL11

THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY WILL ENCOURAGE THE CONSERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND. PARTICULAR PROTECTION WILL BE AFFORDED TO THE BEST AND MOST VERSATILE AGRICULTURAL LAND (NAMELY GRADES 1, 2 AND 3a OF MAFF'S AGRICULTURAL LAND CLASSIFICATION).

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy CL12: The effects of severance upon existing farms

### THE EFFECTS OF SEVERANCE UPON EXISTING FARMS

#### POLICY CL12

IN DETERMINING PLANNING APPLICATIONS INVOLVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING AGRICULTURAL LAND, THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY WILL HAVE REGARD TO THE EFFECT OF SEVERANCE AND FRAGMENTATION UPON THE FARM AND ITS OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy T2: Minor Highway improvements

### MINOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

#### POLICY T2

THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY WILL TAKE ACCOUNT OF ROAD SAFETY AND MINOR WORKS SCHEMES INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL TRANSPORT POLICIES AND PROGRAMME WHERE THEY HAVE A MATERIAL EFFECT ON A PLANNING APPLICATION, WHILST HAVING REGARD TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS. ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO SECURING HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS THAT BRING BENEFIT TO TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy T4: Planning Obligations and highway infrastructure

### PLANNING OBLIGATIONS AND HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE

#### POLICY T4

WHERE DEVELOPMENT CANNOT BE PERMITTED UNLESS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS ARE UNDERTAKEN, DEVELOPERS MAY ENTER INTO A PLANNING OBLIGATION UNDER SECTION 106 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED) OR AN AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 278 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1990 OR OTHER RELEVANT STATUTE, TO FUND, OR MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS, THE COST OF SUCH HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY VIEW THE OFFER OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS OR OTHER BENEFITS AS REASONS TO PERMIT A PLANNING APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS CLEARLY CONTRARY TO PLANNING POLICY OR OTHERWISE UNACCEPTABLE FOR LAND USE OR ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy T9: Parking Standards

### PARKING STANDARDS

#### POLICY T9

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS, INCLUDING CHANGES OF USE, WILL NORMALLY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARKING AND MANOEUVRING OF VEHICLES, ON THE APPLICATION SITE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARKING STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY.

IN THE TOWN CENTRE OF STOWMARKET (AS DEFINED BY THE PRINCIPAL SHOPPING AREA), THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY MAY MODIFY THIS REQUIREMENT IN ORDER TO ALLOW A COMMITTED PAYMENT TO BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT COUNCIL IN LIEU OF PARKING SPACES WHICH THE APPLICANT CANNOT PROVIDE ON SITE OR ON LAND NEARBY WITHIN THE APPLICANT'S OWNERSHIP. THE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING SUCH PUBLIC CAR PARKING SPACES TO SERVE GENERAL TOWN CENTRE NEEDS.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy T10: Highway considerations in development

### HIGHWAY CONSIDERATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT

#### POLICY T10

WHEN CONSIDERING PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT, THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY WILL HAVE REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING HIGHWAY MATTERS:-

- THE PROVISION OF SAFE ACCESS TO AND EGRESS FROM THE SITE
- THE SUITABILITY OF EXISTING ROADS GIVING ACCESS TO THE DEVELOPMENT, IN TERMS OF THE SAFE AND FREE FLOW OF TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY;
- WHETHER THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF TRAFFIC GENERATED BY THE PROPOSAL WILL BE ACCEPTABLE IN RELATION TO THE CAPACITY OF THE ROAD NETWORK IN THE LOCALITY OF THE SITE;
- THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE SPACE FOR THE PARKING AND TURNING OF CARS AND SERVICE VEHICLES WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF THE SITE;
- WHETHER THE NEEDS OF PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS HAVE BEEN MET, PARTICULARLY IN THE DESIGN AND LAYOUT OF NEW HOUSING AND INDUSTRIAL AREAS. CYCLE ROUTES AND CYCLE PRIORITY MEASURES WILL BE ENCOURAGED IN NEW DEVELOPMENT.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy T11: Facilities for pedestrians and cyclists

### FACILITIES FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

#### POLICY T11

THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY, WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY, WILL SEEK IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS AS PART OF THE FOLLOWING:

- TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES, INCLUDING CYCLE ROUTES AND FACILITIES FOR PARKING CYCLES;
- NEW HIGHWAYS OR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING NETWORK;
- ROUTES BETWEEN HOUSING AND INDUSTRIAL ESTATES;
- PARKING SCHEMES FACILITATED BY POLICY T7.

## Mid Suffolk Local Plan Policy SC4: Protection of groundwater supplies

### PROTECTION OF GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES

#### POLICY SC4

IN CONSIDERING PROPOSALS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT OR CHANGES OF USE THE DISTRICT PLANNING AUTHORITY WILL RESIST SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO WATER AQUIFERS AND SEEK TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF CONTAMINATION OF UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES.



Mid Suffolk Local Plan Proposals Map

