



**Corks Lane
Hadleigh
Ipswich IP7 6SJ**

**MEDIA RELEASE
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BABERGH PUTS REVISED LOCAL PLAN OUT FOR CONSULTATION

Babergh District Council has revised and updated its draft Local Plan – and is looking for feedback from the public. The Local Plan will guide the future development of the Babergh district up to the year 2016.

Babergh has developed its draft Local Plan in order to achieve a number of key objectives:

- Provide a sensible mix including smaller houses for rent and to buy
- Provide for new employment opportunities in both the towns and villages
- Reduce the reliance on cars and encourage walking, cycling and public transport
- Secure new public open spaces and appropriate play equipment
- Protect valuable community facilities, including village pubs
- Protect the natural environment
- Protect air quality

Babergh is launching its public consultation campaign from 12 May 2003 until 23 June 2003. Copies of the plan are available for public inspection during normal office hours, free of charge at:

Babergh District Council, Corks Lane, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 6SJ
Sudbury Town Council, Town Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 1TL
Hadleigh Town Council, The Guildhall, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 5DT

The plan can also be viewed during normal opening hours at Hadleigh and Sudbury libraries, or by contacting your local Parish Council/Meeting. It will also shortly be available on the Babergh District Council website, at: www.babergh.gov.uk.

Babergh is also putting on public exhibitions to help explain the changes to the original plan - upon which the public is asked to comment. These are being held between 12.30pm and 6.30pm at:

21 May 2003: Sudbury Town Hall;
27 May 2003: Hadleigh Town Hall, and;
29 May 2003: Copdock and Waskbrook Village Hall.

Any supporting comments or objections to any of the revisions to the Plan must be sent to Neil Greig, Head of Planning Policy & Economic Development, at Babergh District Council, Corks Lane, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 6 SJ at the latest by 23 June 2003. (m/f)

(continues) Further information can be obtained from either Sue Dawes or Simone Woodrum at the above address, or telephone 01473 825872 or 01473 825784 respectively. ENDS

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