

BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK JOINT LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

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Dear Examination Participant,

Postponement of the Stage 1 Hearing Sessions

You will be aware that unfortunately due to technical difficulties the Stage 1 hearings for the Joint Local Plan Examination have had to be postponed. We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience this has caused you. Everyone involved, in particular the Councils and Annette, the Programme Officer, tried their absolute hardest to get the blended event technology to work, but unfortunately on this occasion a stable and reliable system eluded us. Given that some participants could not hear the discussion we had no option other than to postpone the hearings.

We are currently liaising with the Council about the format and arrangements for the resumed hearing sessions, which we anticipate will commence in September 2021. We will advise of the details as soon as they are confirmed. However, a preliminary Matter 4 hearing session, just involving the Councils, will be held virtually on 21 July 2021. This will be livestreamed and recorded and retained on the Examination Website until the main Matter 4 hearing session take place in order that you can view it.

The date for submission of further written statements for Stage 2 remains the same, noon on Friday 13 August. Once again, we'd like to apologise for the inconvenience caused, but look forward to seeing you and hearing your comments on the plan in the Autumn.

Yours faithfully

Malcolm Rivett and Alison Partington

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