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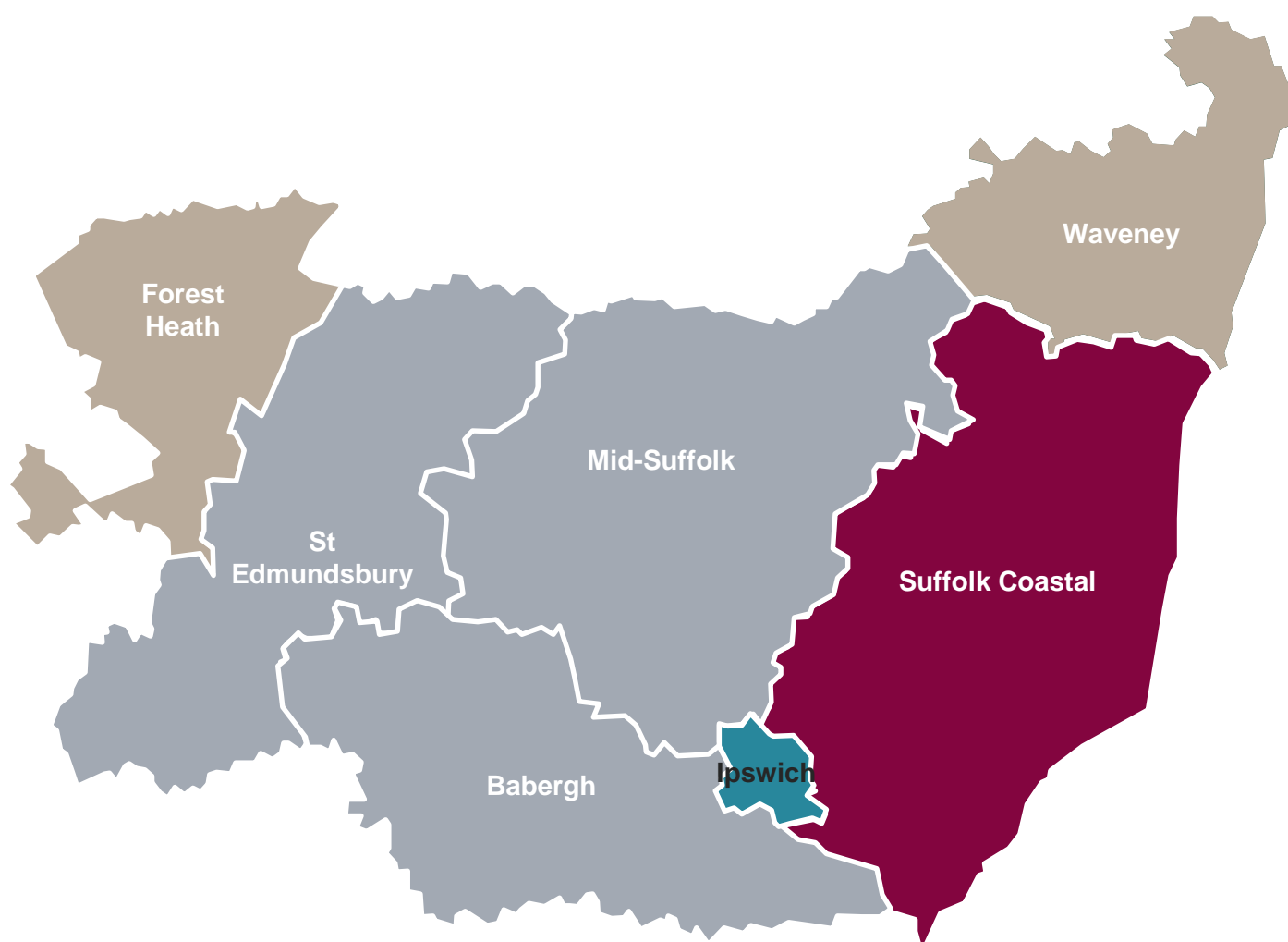
Regulation 18 – Public consultation

Regulation 19 – Publication of submission local plan

Regulation 22 – Submitted to Secretary of state

Regulation 24 – Examination

Approved / adopted



LOCAL AUTHORITY	CURRENT POSITION
West Suffolk (Forest Heath and St. Edmundsbury)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – St. Edmundsbury Borough and Forest Heath District merged to form 'West Suffolk Council' as of 1 April 2019. – Nevertheless, the Forest Heath Local Plan was being progressed. This comprised the Single Issue Review (SIR) of Core Strategy Policy CS7 Overall Housing Provision and Distribution; and the Site Allocations Local Plan (SALP). – On 13 August 2019, the Council received the Inspector's reports on the examination of the SIR and the SALP, confirming both are legally compliant and sound, subject to the recommended main modifications. – The Local Plan documents, incorporating the main modifications, were approved by full council on 19 September 2019 and have now been formally adopted. – As West Suffolk, the Council is preparing a new Local Plan. – West Suffolk Council has prepared a new Local Development Scheme dated January 2020. It anticipates consultation for a Regulation 18 Issues and Options iteration between May to July 2020; Preferred Options from May to July 2021; Submission of the Plan in May 2022; and adoption in February 2024. – In light of the current COVID-19 situation, Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation has been postponed having been originally planned for May 2020.
Ipswich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Ipswich Local Plan was adopted on the 22 February 2017. – The adopted Local Plan comprises of the Core Strategy, Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) Review, Site Allocations and Policies DPD and the Policies Map. – Ipswich Borough Council have begun their review of the Adopted Local Plan (2017) to look ahead to 2036. – The Issues & Options consultation on the Local Plan review took place between August and October 2017. – Consultation on the Core Strategy and Development Plan Document (Preferred Options) ran from 16 January until Wednesday 13 March 2019. – The Council consulted on a Regulation 19 Ipswich Final Draft Local Plan (Pre-Submission) until 2 March 2020. – Separately, Ipswich Borough Council adopted the Suffolk Coast European Sites Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (the Suffolk Coast RAMS SPD) on 19 February 2020. This proposes a per-dwelling charge for development within the Zone of Influence of Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Areas (SPA) and Ramsar Sites along the Suffolk Coastal, in order to finance mitigation for additional recreational pressure anticipated as a result of development. The SPD acknowledges that there may be cases where residential developments do not have to pay the per-dwelling charge, if alternative appropriate mitigation is secured.

Mid-Suffolk & Babergh

- Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan - Preferred Options (Regulation 18) ran for 10 weeks until 30 September 2019.
- Consultation on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report ran from 18 March to 24 April 2020.
- The latest adopted Local Development Scheme suggested the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) Local Plan would be published in spring 2019; there is therefore some considerable slippage in the timetable. There is currently no update as to when the pre-submission plan is expected to be published.

East Suffolk (Suffolk Coastal)

- The Proposed Submission Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19 Draft) underwent public consultation from 14 January until Monday 25 February 2019.
- East Suffolk submitted the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan to the Secretary of State for examination on 29 March 2019.
- Hearing sessions took place between 20 August and 20 September 2019. The examining Inspector's post-hearings letter stated the Plan is likely to be capable of being found sound, subject to modifications.
- Such modifications include amendments to policy such that in the event it is established through the adoption of a development plan that there is an unmet need arising in a neighbouring authority, this will trigger an immediate review of the relevant strategic policies.
- The Inspector also found a need to revise Policy SCLP5.8 (Housing Mix) as it does not address clearly the significant need identified for older people housing, and would not be effective in delivering the market or affordable housing units required for older people. Concerns were also expressed over the percentage of specialist and non-specialist housing required to meet Part M4(2) building regulations. Other key points included proposed amendments to SCLP5.10 (Affordable Housing on Residential Developments), infrastructure and employment land provision, SCLP12.29 (South Saxmundham Garden Neighbourhood) and SCLP11.9 (Areas to be Protected from Development).
- The Council responded to the Inspectors post hearings letter on 25 February, in which it confirmed it was preparing a consolidated list of proposed main modifications.
- The Council has announced that consultation on the main modifications will run for an extended period of 10 weeks, from The consultation is being held for an extended period of ten weeks and runs from 1 May until 10 July 2020.
- Allowing for the need for consultation on potential main modifications, adoption is anticipated for Q3 2020.



**East Suffolk
(Waveney)**

- The Local Plan was adopted on 20 March 2019.

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