

Neighbourhood Planning

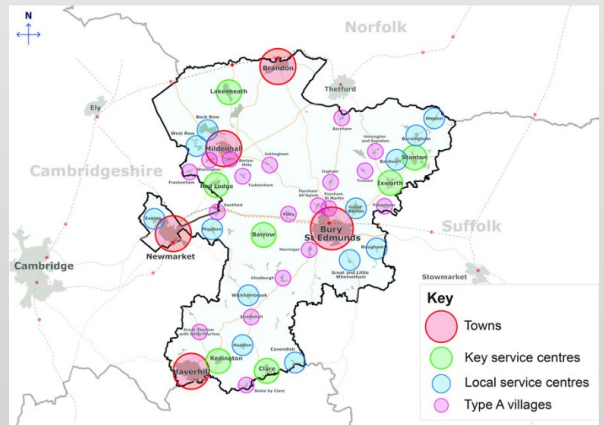
West Suffolk Council's Consultation on Issues and Options for a new Local Plan

Last autumn West Suffolk opened a consultation on issues and options for a new local plan for West Suffolk. Its scope was to identify the key strategic issues in areas such as housing and economic growth and where the growth might take place.

Wickhambrook continues to be designated as a local service centre.

You can find out more about West Suffolk's Local Plan Process at:

https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/Planning_Policies/local_plans/west-suffolk-local-plan-review.cfm



Wickhambrook Parish Council listened to your views (we had over 80 submissions from residents of the parish) before it submitted a formal response to West Suffolk, which addressed many of the concerns you raised, including:

- The proposed scale of development
- The capacity of existing services such as the school and Doctor's surgery
- That the existing infrastructure (roads, drainage and sewerage) wouldn't cope with the scale of development proposed
- The likely adverse impact on the environment, open spaces and the well-being of residents and native species
- The need for any new housing to be affordable to people who want to move back to the parish or stay here and downsize.

This is why the parish council:

- Has asked Community Action Suffolk to undertake a housing needs survey; and
- Has decided to support the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish, if there is enough support from residents to undertake the project.

Please help us by letting us know if you support the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, and how you might be able to help!

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**Let's shape the future of
Wickhambrook together!!**