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Please find below our latest newsletter which we hope will be of interest to you.

Kind regards

RSA Team

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## Planning and Development Consultants

### NEWSLETTER

### April 2021

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\*Basildon & Thurrock working together

\*Babergh & Mid Suffolk

\*Braintree      \*Castlepoint

\*East Suffolk \*Maldon \*Uttlesford



### ***What is the latest news from our Councils?***

#### **1. Basildon & Thurrock Council working together.**

Basildon Council has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Thurrock Council, confirming their intentions to work more closely together to explore future governance arrangements for the boroughs.

The Government, which is currently consulted on proposals of local government reform, is expected to



outline its approach to the future structure of local government and specifically the abolition of the two tiers of local government, replaced by new unitary authorities for the area, one of which would provide all local government services.

## 2. Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

Climate change with solar car ports

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have approved an additional £350k and £300k respectively this week, for pilot solar carport schemes at two of their leisure centres.

Works will enable the councils to produce energy through solar panels to help run the leisure centres, as well as provide battery storage, and a number of electric vehicle charging points. The work should be completed by 2022.



## 3. Braintree Council-Local Plan Update

The Braintree Development Plan 2013-2033 Section 1 North Essex Authorities Shared Strategic Section 1 Plan was adopted by Braintree Council on the 22nd February 2021. The public examination of part 2 of the plan is expected to open in July 2021.

## 4. Castlepoint Local Plan update.

The Council's draft Local Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State for examination. A Planning Inspector has been appointed to carry out the examination.

The Council has set up a Local Plan Delivery Board to make sure that members of the Council are involved in the delivery of the Local Plan.

A number of initial questions have been asked by the Planning Inspector relating to further information on the housing mix and Green Belt review.

The draft hearing programme aims for the examination of the plan to start on the 11th May 2021 and to continue until the 10th June 2021.



## 5. East Suffolk Council

Two consultations documents published

The Council is holding two public consultations in relation to emerging planning documents:

1. The initial consultation to form the preparation of the East Suffolk Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document.

This will provide guidance on a range of topics including; energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation, sustainable transport and the use of materials.

2. The second consultation initial work on development costs which will help to form the East Suffolk Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule.

The Charging Schedule sets out the amount that certain kinds of development must pay to help towards the infrastructure on the area.

Consultation closes on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021, if you would like to make any representations then RSA would be pleased to assist so do get in touch for any assistance.



## 6. Maldon District Council

### Call for Sites

The Council is carrying out a call for sites as part of the review of the Local Development Plan and an associated piece of work called a Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA). Submissions have to be made to the Council by 21st May 2021. For further information do contact RSA to make any submissions on your behalf.

## 7. Uttlesford Council

### New Climate Change Planning Policies

The Uttlesford Climate Crisis Strategy 2021-2033 includes a new set of themes and priorities. The Council has allocated £1million to support climate change projects over the next three years. The strategies and priorities for planning are:

- Zero carbon buildings
- Reduce energy use in existing buildings by retrofitting energy efficiency measures
- Reduce water consumption in buildings through rainwater harvesting and grey water recycling
- Low energy and low waste construction practices
- New development built with Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes
- Spatial planning to discourage private car use
- Nature based approach to design to incorporate green infrastructure requirements

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