

District councillor's report, November 2014

1. Call for development sites

Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils are undertaking a call for sites for a 6-week period up to Friday 5th December 2014. This process provides the opportunity to put forward land which has the potential for future development for residential, employment or retail use. For residential development, please only submit sites of 2 hectares or more in size, which are well related to towns or villages and are not isolated sites in the open countryside.

The Councils are aware that previous 'land bid' stages have taken place. However, these were undertaken in a substantially different planning regime and now require a new approach. Therefore, please note that any previously submitted sites will not be progressed or automatically assumed into the new process. If you have previously submitted a site to us, which meets the criteria above, please resubmit it this time round duly completed on the provided forms.

The information received will be used as part of the evidence gathering for future local planning policy documents, and an update to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). Any sites submitted as part of this process will be in the public domain. There can be no guarantee that sites put forward will be allocated for development, nor does this process influence the likelihood of gaining planning permission.

To put a site forward, please complete a Site Submission Form, which can be found on the link: <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/SHLAA>

2. Winter gritting workshop

The last of three winter gritting workshops across Suffolk will be on 26th November 09:30 – 12:30 in Suffolk Coastal (venue to be confirmed). Places on the workshops are free, but need to be booked.

The purpose of the workshop is to introduce local Town and Parish council or community groups to understand how, with support, they can create a local partnership to help with local snow clearance and gritting of pathways and minor local road choke points not reached by the Suffolk County Council's Category 1 & 2 Snow Clearing Routes.

The workshop will include presentations from SCC Highways, Sudbury Town Council, a Met Office weather advisor, the Environment Agency and an Emergency Planning Officer. Places can be booked by contacting Sue Herne 07776 481787 or by emailing emergencyplanning@midsuffolk.gov.uk

3. Community Trigger

The **Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014** introduces some new powers to tackle anti-social behaviour that will empower victims and communities by giving them a greater say in how agencies respond to complaints of anti-social behaviour. This is called the Community Trigger and it came into effect on October 24.

Mid Suffolk and Babergh are very safe places to live and we already work with partners to tackle anti social behaviour both to resolve issues as they arise and to prevent problems occurring. However, the new legislation will give communities a mechanism to ask for a review of an issue if they feel that agencies have not responded in an effective way.

Further information can be found on: <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/your-community/community-safety/community-trigger/>

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