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## Palgrave Parish Council - Local Planning - Further Update

First thank you to everyone who contributed to the Community-Led Plan Workshops. With the rapid progress on the Neighbourhood Plan and Joint Local Plan, the work that you did and your ideas and suggestions will now be fed into those two Plans. If you have any more thoughts, ideas or suggestions then you can e-mail them to [mikebootman@outlook.com](mailto:mikebootman@outlook.com)<<mailto:mikebootman@outlook.com>>

Second is the news that the Area for the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan was officially designated on 23rd August. A copy of the Notice will be displayed on the Forge Close and Community Centre notice boards as well as on the Parish Council website: <http://www.palgrave.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/> Area Designation gives the Neighbourhood Plan the legal status that is required to undertake the work and to have a say on what else may be proposed that could affect the Area.

There is now a new website for the Neighbourhood Plan where you will be able to keep up-to-date with what's happening on the Plan in Diss and the surrounding Parishes: <http://www.dndneighbourhoodplan.co.uk/>

The Steering Group will now be working with our consultants to produce the first consultation document around mid-October. Diss and the Parishes have each prepared their lists of issues, needs and wants. These were collectively agreed and will inform that consultation and discussions with South Norfolk and Mid Suffolk District Councils and Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils. Talks about roads and traffic, educational provision and so on will feature strongly in these, together with discussions about options for housing and commercial growth and the potential locations for them.

It is very important to remember that the Governance rules the Steering Group works under ensure that each Parish is entitled to maintain its own identity and that decisions affecting two, more or all of the Parishes are collectively discussed and agreed. In the end it will be the registered electors across the whole Area who will decide in a Referendum.

Third is the Draft Joint Local Plan, which now includes both Babergh and Mid Suffolk Districts. Consultation on this officially started on 21st August and will run until 10th November 2017. Responses to the consultation are very much preferred to be submitted using the on-line form and the appropriate documents and forms can be accessed through the website at: <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/joint-local-plan-consultation-document/>

There will be public consultation meetings and a schedule is on the same webpage. The nearest will be at Eye on Thursday 5th October at Eye Community Centre, Magdalen Street, Eye, IP23 7AJ between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. - not so easy to attend for those who work or have other commitments.

With the actual details subject to discussions with Mid Suffolk officers on 6th September, the Parish Council has reserved the hall in the Community Centre on Friday 15th September for a public information session and/or meeting about the Draft Joint Local Plan. Please make a note of this date - further details will be posted on websites, notice boards and for those on the e-mail list by another circulation like this one.

The Local Planning Initiatives Update that is already posted on the Parish Council website <http://www.palgrave.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/> provides more background information, especially in the summary of the content of the Draft Joint Local Plan. Perhaps the biggest choice that you can exercise is the question of where growth should be allocated - there are four options and it is up to you to make sure you have a

say on this and the other important questions, as the choices will affect everyone for the next 20 years and beyond.