

Report for Chelmondiston Parish Council from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor

Meeting date: 6 August 2019

Here is more information about the draft Joint Local Plan document which was approved for consultation last month by the council and is available to view on the Babergh Mid Suffolk webpage

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/>.

The consultation period started on 22 July and will run for 10 weeks, closing at 4pm on Monday 30 September 2019. I encourage members of the Parish Council and village to take the time to view this document and send in any comments that they feel are pertinent. These will be taken into consideration before the next stage of the process. You'll see that Chelmondiston has been classified as a hinterland village while Chelmondiston, Pin Mill and Chelmondiston, Lings Lane are hamlet villages.

The Local Plan is laid out in three parts – Strategic Policies, which set out the policies that address the councils priorities and focuses on things like Housing Needs, Affordable Housing, Climate Change, etc. Then you have the Non-Strategic Delivery Policies or Local Policies. The first section focuses on detailed policies for management and delivery of types of development. The second section of Part 2 is the Non-Strategic Place and Allocation Policies, which details policies for specific places and neighbourhoods. This includes new housing and land allocations, provision of infrastructure and community facilities. The third section includes the new maps for each town/village and you will see that Chelmondiston does not have any allocations specified at this stage.

The next bidding round for CIL 123 funding will open on the 1st October. The last round ended on the 31st May and there were only four bids submitted. Application forms and details of how and what to apply for are available on the Council website. The process involves a bit of work, but successful bids have been made. It may be worth considering any infrastructure projects that could be undertaken in the village sooner rather than later so that the appropriate evidence can be obtained.