



Mid Suffolk District Council

Report for The Stonhams Ward – July 2018

Debenham Neighbourhood Development Plan out for Consultation

An eight-week consultation on Debenham's Neighbourhood Development Plan starts today.

Marking the start of Rural Housing Week today, Mid Suffolk District Council has commenced the consultation following the formal submission of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Debenham, which has been prepared and produced by the parish council and local community.

The public consultation asks whether the policies contained in the Plan are appropriate and seeks the views from people who live, work and do business in the Debenham area. Comments can be submitted via [email](#).

The deadline for the submission of comments is Friday 24th August 2018.

Following the consultation, all comments received will be considered by an Independent Examiner who will determine whether the plan can go forward to a local referendum.

Neighbourhood planning allows communities to develop their own planning policies which will guide new development. Debenham joins 16 other communities in Mid Suffolk which are currently preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The submitted Plan and supporting documents can be found [online](#).

CLLr Julie Flatman, Mid Suffolk District Council's Cabinet Member for Communities, said: "With development and house building rarely out of the headlines, it's brilliant to see communities like Debenham taking control of growth in their area. Neighbourhood Plans are a lot of hard work, and I know Debenham's team have worked many hours behind the scenes to get their Plan to consultation. Now it's time for everyone else to do their part and look at the proposals, comment on them and help shape this wonderful village for years to come."

The consultation opens today, which also marks the start of Rural Housing Week, a national, annual celebration that aims to highlight rural housing issues and showcase innovative solutions for tackling them. It's an excellent opportunity to shine a spotlight on successful developments that offer a lifeline to local people in our market towns and villages, and to explain how housing is vital for the survival of rural communities and services.

Nominate your Stars of Mid Suffolk

The search is on to find the Stars of Mid Suffolk!

This new award scheme was launched on 1 June 2018 by Mid Suffolk District Councils at the Oaksmere Hotel in Eye.

There are 17 categories, split between community awards and business accolades including five business awards, five community awards, seven Individual Community Awards.

People from across the districts are encouraged to make nominations and our media partner, Archant, will feature some of the stories of the nominees in the East Anglian Daily Times and the Ipswich Star.



The awards will be presented at a glittering ceremony on Thursday 18 October at St Mary's Church in Hadleigh, hosted by BBC Radio Suffolk breakfast show presenter Mark Murphy.

The Leader of Babergh District Council, Councillor John Ward said: "We are delighted to be launching the first Stars of Babergh and Mid Suffolk awards which recognise ordinary people doing extraordinary things for the benefit of others, as well as the achievements of our thriving business community. We are looking forward to receiving your nominations for these exciting new awards."

The Leader of Mid Suffolk Council, Councillor Nick Gowrley said: "The Stars of Babergh and Mid Suffolk awards are for the unsung heroes in our communities and we encourage you to nominate people you know who have made a difference. These awards also celebrate the success of the businesses which drive our local economy."

The Stars of Babergh and Mid Suffolk is part of a larger Stars awards scheme which is now in its 12th year and is run across Suffolk and Norfolk by Parker Communications.

To nominate your Stars of Babergh and Mid Suffolk, please cut out and submit a nomination form printed in the [East Anglian Daily Times](#)

The closing date for nominations is midnight on Friday 28 September.

STARS Nomination Categories

BUSINESS AWARDS

1. Business in the Community Award - for helping to increase prosperity, employment or access to the borough through business initiatives. rewarding a business that actively supports their local community through positive action; going the extra mile to demonstrate its commitment to supporting the districts and their communities.
2. Business Growth Award
3. Customer Focus Award
4. Green Award - this will go to an organisation such as a school or community group. It could go to a group of litter pickers, a gardening enthusiast or enthusiasts, or a recycling champion - just anyone who promotes the green and clean message
5. Team of the Year - This category is open for the nomination of any 'team' from any organisation within Suffolk. The objective of this award is to recognise the enormous contribution made by teams whose combined effort makes a significant contribution to the people of Suffolk.

COMMUNITY GROUP AWARDS

6. Community Group of the Year - This category is open for the nomination of groups who have made a significant contribution to their community. This is a wide-ranging category and judges will consider any nomination that can be clearly seen to have 'made a difference'.
Examples of a 'good' nomination would include – groups who have brought people together to deliver a local service, or have improved an aspect of their environment, a school that has delivered a specific benefit to the community or represented their community to deliver improvement.



7. Community Spirit Award - for bringing the community together through community events, clubs or projects.

8. Best Community Group/Community Achievement - for a group that has improved the quality of life within the Districts. The award honours the achievement within the group's community and the difference they make to local residents

9. Community Project of the Year – for outstanding community projects

10. Outstanding Sporting Achievement of the Year

This category is open for the nomination of non professional individuals or teams who have achieved significant success in any area of sport. This can be in the role of performance or as manager / coach.

The objective of this award is to recognise achievement in any sport whether in winning or tremendous improvement for the individual or team.

Examples of a 'good' nomination would include consistent performance over a year or longer period of time. It might be a coach who has taken individuals to tremendous levels of performance or who has performed brilliantly over a period of time - or an individual who has achieved beyond expectation or a team who have worked together to perform beyond expectations.

COMMUNITY INDIVIDUAL AWARDS (individuals)

11. Community Champion of the Year - This category is open for the nomination of individuals who have made a significant contribution to their community. This is a wide-ranging category and judges will consider any nomination that can be clearly seen to have 'made a difference'.

Examples of a 'good' nomination would include – an individual who has brought people together to deliver a local service, has improved an aspect of their environment, has delivered a specific benefit to the community or someone who has represented their community to deliver improvement.

12. Volunteer of the Year - for an inspirational individual who gives freely and selflessly their time to helping others.

13. Young Volunteer of the Year For young people aged up to 24 years old; this award looks to honour a young person who has given up their time and energy to supporting a local voluntary, community or faith group, cared for someone in their community or made a mark on a community project.

14. Young Person of the Year - This category is open for the nomination of young people who have made a real difference, shown great courage, shown incredible determination in the face of adversity or achieved a goal or goals beyond what would normally be expected.

Examples of a 'good' nomination would include someone who has shown great courage, tremendous loyalty and determination or incredible talent. Perhaps someone who has faced health issues; has made a real difference to their family or community, or someone who has performed brilliantly to reach goals in sport, music or the arts.

15. Good Friend/Good Neighbour - For a person who goes out of their way to make everyday life better for a friend or neighbour(s) by helping out or providing selfless companionship.

16. Dedication Award For long service in voluntary or community work - This award will go to someone who has spent many years carrying out voluntary work to benefit their local community.



17. Carer of the Year - This category is open for the nomination of individuals or groups who have dedicated themselves in caring for an individual or group. Caring should be outside of a paid or work environment and the nominated individual should have the sole or primary care role.

Proposals for the future of former council offices now online

Proposals for the future of our former offices are now available online:

- [Proposals for the future of the Council Offices at 131 High Street, Needham Market](#)

Residents invited to comment on Future of Needham Market Middle School

A public consultation on proposals for the future of the former Middle School site in Needham Market is being held on Tuesday 10 July.

This Rural Housing Week Mid Suffolk District Council, alongside Ingleton Wood and Icen Homes, are inviting members of the public to view and comment on the proposals for 44 new homes, a new library and café on the site of the former Needham Market Middle School. The proposals include both provision of affordable housing and a new community facility.

The consultation will be held between 3pm and 7pm on Tuesday 10 July at the Community Café, School Street, Needham Market IP6 8BB, and members of the public are invited to drop in any time.

Cllr Jill Wilshaw, Mid Suffolk District Council's Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "When we talk about the former Middle School site, many people don't realise it includes both the public library and the Needham Market Internet Café. We know just how much these facilities mean to our residents, and that's why these proposals include both a new library and a café that can build on the work of the existing Community Café; it will also provide a new, modern base for this outstanding community group. This, alongside the much needed affordable housing in the town centre, could help Needham Market to thrive for years to come, providing homes, services and community facilities all in one place."

Anyone unable to attend can contact Nicol Perryman at Ingleton Wood via [email](#) to submit their comments.

Rural Housing week is a national, annual celebration that aims to highlight rural housing issues and showcase innovative solutions for tackling them and runs from 2 July this year. It's an excellent opportunity to shine a spotlight on successful developments that offer a lifeline to local people in our market towns and villages, and to explain how housing is vital for the survival of rural communities and services.