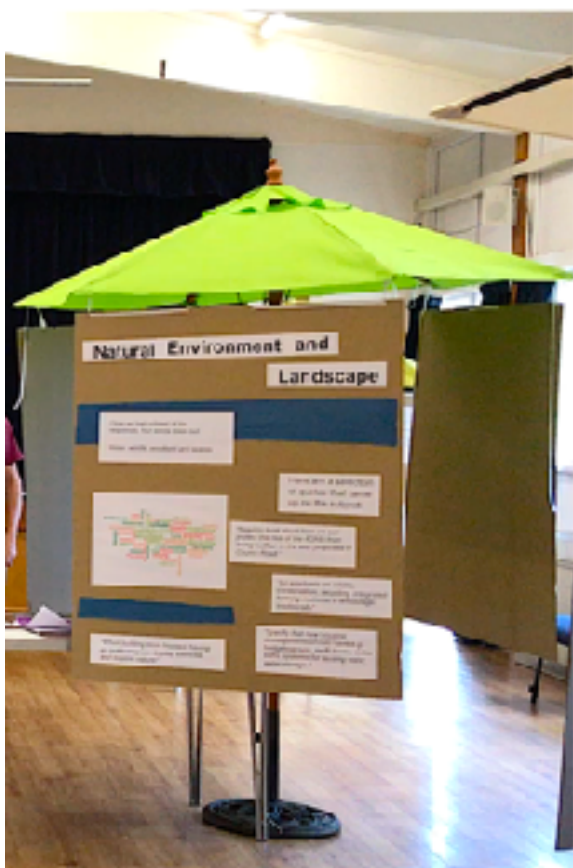


# NEWSLETTER

## Stutton Neighbourhood Development Plan



### Drop In Sessions at the Community Shop - come to ask any questions and tell us what you think

Working Party members will be in the Cafe on:

Tuesdays - 4-5.30pm  
 Thursdays - 12-3pm (not 20 Feb & 12 March)  
 Friday - 14 February, 4.45-5.30pm  
 Friday - 6 March, 4.45-5.30pm  
 Saturday - 15 February, 10-12  
 Saturday - 14 March, 10-12

### Consultation on the Draft Plan

9 February 2020 to 22 March 2020

The Working Party has written a draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan - drawing together everything you have told us so far. Now we need your feedback before we write the final version. We have prepared a Summary of all the proposed Policies and Community Actions, which you can find in:

- the community shop
- the community hall
- Looking Good
- the King's Head
- and on the village website: [www.stutton.org](http://www.stutton.org)

### Please let us know what you think by 22 March ... here's how

#### Open Meeting: Community Hall

Saturday 7th March 10.30-12.30

#### Email us:

[thebigconversation@outlook.com](mailto:thebigconversation@outlook.com)

#### Write to us:

at the Community Shop, Manningtree Road, IP9 2TA. Or drop a letter in to the shop

#### Suggestions Box:

at the Community Shop

#### Facebook:

Stutton Roundabout and Shaun's Shorts

#### Twitter:

@stuttonsuffolk1

## HEADLINES

### Sites for New Houses

The Draft Plan suggests that we do not put any new sites forward over and above those in the pipeline, which already meet the requirement for 64 new houses in Stutton, outlined in Babergh's Local Plan. However, the commitment to support affordable (social) housing on Rural Exception sites remains. Rural Exception Sites are small sites used for affordable housing in perpetuity where sites would not normally be used for housing, designed to address the needs of the local community by accommodating households who are either current residents or have an existing family or employment connection to the village.)

### Sustainable Stutton

**We will support any action taken, in proposed new developments, to address the climate emergency, including:**

- zero-carbon housing and incentives to reduce consumption of energy and natural resources
- action to minimise carbon emissions
- action to minimise use of plastics
- reducing water consumption
- action to increase bio-diversity and protect wildlife
- planting of trees
- re-using and recycling
- working together with farmers to create a natural environment which enhances and protects biodiversity and reduces carbon emissions

## Policies and Community Action

The Draft Summary identifies the Objectives that we as a village want to achieve and two ways to achieve them - Policies and Community Action. Once approved, our Policies will carry equal weight in planning decisions, (on housing development for instance). They have to be consistent with National Planning Policy Framework and Babergh District Council's Local Plan.

Community Actions are things we can do together to achieve the outcomes you identified in consultation.

### HEADLINE HOUSING POLICIES

- Any new housing development must be within the current (2019) boundaries of the village (except for Rural Exception Sites see *Sites for New Houses*)
- New housing must reflect the need for affordable 2 and 3 bedroom homes for social rent or shared ownership and for single storey homes for older people wishing to downsize.
- Any new housing development must meet the M4(2) standards for accessible and adaptable homes.

### HEADLINE COMMUNITY ACTIONS

- Identify valued green spaces and trees and take any necessary action to protect them - *tell us where you would nominate*
- Create a Greenway working group to plan and develop the Greenway through the village
- Create a Business Working Party to take lead on developing and supporting business within the village