

Neighbourhood Plan Update for the Annual Town Meeting 2021

The Neighbourhood Plan was drawn up by a joint committee of residents and Councillors between 2017 and 2020.

The proposals included in the plan involved extensive informal, formal and public consultation with residents, town organisations, landowners as well as East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council and the Environment Agency.

The final of many previous draft versions went before an independent examiner before being formally adopted by East Suffolk Council in July 2020. This is subject to a referendum of everyone eligible to vote in town and it requires a simple majority to be accepted.

If accepted, the Neighbourhood Plan will be adopted as a legally enforceable document alongside East Suffolk Council's recently approved Local Plan. It adds Kesgrave's own policies to theirs for determining future planning applications large or small for the next decade or so.

Council is not permitted to promote the plan as the referendum is tied to a period of sensitivity (known as "purdah") associated with elections taking place on the same day which is 6th May. However, we are allowed to encourage residents to exercise their right to vote and we hope you will!

For this reason, we cannot explain what is in the plan but it is available for residents to review on our website and that of East Suffolk Council. We encourage everyone to look it up and vote on it please on 6th May.