

STRADBROKE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW 2024-2044

Regulation 14(v) & Regulation 17(e)(ii) - Modification Statement

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

March 2026

Statement from Stradbroke Parish Council:

The Stradbroke Neighbourhood Plan was first made (adopted) by Mid Suffolk District Council in March 2019. It contains 19 policies and covers the plan period 2016-2036. It is now undergoing modification by Stradbroke Parish Council.

Whilst the made Plan has generally been considered by Stradbroke Parish Council to be working well, it is now 5 years since it was made by Mid Suffolk District council and is due a formal review. The Neighbourhood Plan Review aims to update the plan to ensure it remains relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan Area. The review will address changes in legislation and reflect the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 which was adopted since the Neighbourhood Plan was made.

The made Neighbourhood Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan Review are broadly similar. The Plan Review extends the plan period to 2044 to reflect the plan period for the emerging revised Joint Local Plan as advised by Mid Suffolk District Council.

The plan review retains 13 of the existing policies but uses this review opportunity to update some of these so that updated national planning policy and planning guidance is reflected. Five policies have been removed – two of these relate to site allocations, with one having been build out and the other withdrawn (following engagement with the landowner), and the other three policies because they have been adequately addressed by the Joint Local Plan Part 1. One new site allocation has been included.

Taken as a whole, Stradbroke Parish Council is of the opinion that while modifications have been made to the Stradbroke Neighbourhood Plan, these do not significantly or substantially alter its overall nature. Consequently, the Parish Council consider that the Stradbroke Neighbourhood Plan Review document will require examination, but subject to the decision of the independent examiner, would not require a referendum.

The table at the end of the statement (page 3) summarises which policies have been added, deleted or amended, and those which remain unchanged.

Background:

National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) paragraph 106 (Reference ID: 41-106-20190509)¹ explains that *'there are three types of modification which can be made to a neighbourhood plan'* and that *'the process will depend on the degree of change which the modification involves'*. One example given of a material modification which does not change the nature of the Plan, would require examination, but not a referendum, is the addition of a site or sites, which, subject to the decision of the independent examiner, are not so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the plan.

NPPG paragraph 085 (reference ID: 41-085-20180222)² also sets out what is required of the local planning authority when sending a modified plan to an independent examiner.

In the case of a modification proposal, Regulations 14(v) and 17(e)(ii) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)³ requires the relevant local planning authority to submit to the examiner *'a statement setting out whether or not the authority consider that the modifications contained in the modification proposal are so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the neighbourhood development plan which the modification proposal would modify, giving reasons for why the authority is of this opinion.'*

On behalf of Stradbroke Parish Council, this statement informs that purpose.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2#updating-neighbourhood-plan>

² *ibid*

³ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/regulation/17>

Policy review information: March 2026

New policy reference	Old policy reference	Title	Comments
STRAD1	STRAD1	Development strategy	Updated to reflect current sites included.
STRAD2	STRAD18	Land south of Mill Road	Updated to reflect granted permissions.
STRAD3	STRAD15	Land North of Laxfield Rd	Updated to reflect granted permissions.
STRAD4	STRAD19	Land at Grove Farm	Updated to reflect granted permissions.
STRAD5	N/A	Land off Laxfield Rd	New policy as new site being included in plan review.
STRAD6	STRAD11	Historic environment	No requirement to update
STRAD7	STRAD3	Housing Mix	No requirement to update
STRAD8	STRAD4	Utilities Provision	No requirement to update
STRAD9	STRAD5	Flood mitigation	No requirement to update
STRAD10	STRAD6	Education & Health	Reference to land for High School removed, as site promoting this has been removed from the plan
STRAD11	STRAD8	Highways & pedestrian movement	No requirement to update
STRAD12	STRAD9	Parking provision	Updated to reflect most recent guidance
STRAD13	STRAD10	Local Green Spaces	No requirement to update
STRAD14	STRAD12	Light pollution	Updated to reflect most recent guidance
STRAD15	STRAD14	Retail provision	Changes made to reflect changes to the Use Classes Order.
N/A	STRAD2	Design Principles	Removed as covered by JLP Policy LP24
N/A	STRAD7	Community Infrastructure	Removed as covered by JLP Policy LP28
N/A	STRAD13	Employment sites	Removed as employment sites are covered in JLP Part 1
N/A	STRAD16	Land east of Farriers Close	Removed as the site is no longer being promoted for development
N/A	STRAD17	Land south of New Street	Removed as the site has been built out