

West Suffolk Council

West Suffolk Local Plan 2024-2041 Adoption Statement

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) (Regulations 17 and 26)

Notice is hereby given that West Suffolk Council adopted the West Suffolk Local Plan 2024-2041 (WSLP) on Tuesday 15 July 2025.

The WSLP covers the district of West Suffolk and will guide development across the area over the plan period. The plan sets out the strategy for the location and amount of development in the district, and allocates sites for specific uses, including housing and economic development. It also includes policies that will be used to determine planning applications.

The WSLP was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination in May 2024. The plan has been subject to examination by independent inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State. The inspectors' report was published on 1 July 2025 and concluded that with the recommended main modifications set out in the appendix to their report, the WSLP is sound and legally compliant. It meets the duty to cooperate and satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and meets the tests of soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework, providing an appropriate basis for the planning of the district.

The adopted WSLP incorporates the main modifications recommended by the inspectors, together with additional (minor) modifications made by the council which do not materially affect the policies in the WSLP, pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (as amended).

Main and additional modifications identified by the council up to 1 July 2025 were included in the consolidated document presented to the council on 15 July 2025. Any additional modifications identified after that date will be included in the finalised consolidated document which will be published by the council in due course.

In accordance with regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the following documents are available to view at the locations listed below:

- The West Suffolk Local Plan (2025)
- The Policies Map (2025)
- The Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement (2025)
- The Sustainability Appraisal Report Addendum (2025)
- The Sustainability Appraisal Report (2024)

- The inspectors’ report and appendix of main modifications (2025)
- The council’s schedule of additional (minor) modifications (March 2025)
- West Suffolk Local Plan 2024-2041 Adoption Statement (2025)

Location	Opening times
Mildenhall Hub, Sheldrick Way, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 7JX	9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (closed on public holidays)
West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU	

The documents can also be viewed online at [West Suffolk Local Plan 2024 to 2041](#)

Any person aggrieved by the WSLP may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) on the grounds that:

- a) The document is not within the appropriate power (as defined in section 113(9) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004); or
- b) A procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made to the High Court before the end of the period of six weeks beginning with the day after the date of adoption of the WSLP. The six-week period commences on Wednesday 16 July 2025 and ends on Thursday 28 August 2025 (an extra day is allowed to account for the summer bank holiday).

Further information is available by contacting the Planning Policy Team on 01284 757368 or via email at planning.policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk

A copy of this adoption statement will be sent to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

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