

Badwell Ash & Long Thurlow Neighbourhood Plan(NP) November 2022 Broadsheet Article (Draft)

The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for Badwell Ash and Long Thurlow is at the very start of its journey and at this early stage it is important for all members of both Villages to have a chance to access the relevant information and ask key questions.

A presentation by the Mid Suffolk Neighbourhood Planning Officer, Mr Paul Bryant has been arranged at the **Badwell Ash Village Hall for Saturday 28th January 2023 from 1030 – 1230**. The presentation will cover what the Seven(7) process stages for the NP are, how all members of the community can make an effective contribution and what next steps need to be considered . There will be a question and answer session at the end of the presentation.

There are a number of easy read documents on the ***badwellash.suffolk.cloud*** website under the Neighbourhood Plan folder. These include the Seven Stage process for the Neighbourhood Plan and the official published Badwell Ash & Long Thurlow Neighbourhood Plan Area. A big thank you to Carole Rose for updating the website. The relevant Council website addresses for NP are;

**<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/>
<http://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/> Locality's
neighbourhoodplanning.**

There are other Suffolk Parishes who have agreed and published NP's on the Mid Suffolk Council Website which shows that on average it takes between 2 to 3 years for the NP process to be completed and fully published. This will include a mandatory Parish Referendum to approve the NP and the question we should all ask ourselves is; **"What can your NP do to add real value at the Local level?"**

We are looking for people across the community with varied knowledge and skills to become involved as part of the NP steering group helping to make sure that people have a voice. If you are interested please email your contact details through the Parish Council Website address.