



IPSWICH HOUSING STRATEGY
2019 - 2024 **APPENDIX 4**

THE LOCAL CONTEXT

Local Context – Policies and Strategies

Introduction

The following lists the local policies and strategies that shape and affect housing within Ipswich. The list begins with IBC policies and strategies and then moves onto countywide / regional policies and strategies.

The 'Local Context' and accompanying 'National Context' form part of the evidence base for the Housing Strategy.

This document will be regularly reviewed and updated.

IBC Policies & Strategies

'Building a better Ipswich 2017' – Corporate Plan
This document sets out a corporate plan for Ipswich based upon three top priorities; 'Protecting frontline council services', 'Building quality and affordable homes for Ipswich people' and 'Bringing new jobs and investment to Ipswich'. These priorities are then further broken down into seven priorities; 1. A strong Ipswich Economy 2. A sustainable environment 3. An enjoyable place to live, work and study 4. A healthy community 5. Quality homes for all 6. Safe communities 7. An efficient and effective Council. https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/default/files/corp_plan_for_web_1.pdf
Economic Development Strategy 2013-26
This document sets out IBC's vision and ambition to create the right conditions to create an additional 11,000 new jobs with the Ipswich Policy Area (Ipswich boundary plus adjoining key employment sites) and to enable the construction of 10,500 new homes. https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/default/files/economic_development_2015_minus_apx_3_layout_1.pdf
Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2013-42

The purpose of this plan is to manage the council's housing assets. It details the management of income and expenditure including how the council will deal with any generated surplus. The Asset Management Strategy sets standards for repair and maintenance of the HRA assets including housing, commercial property and land. The Treasury Management Strategy details portfolio and terms of borrowing required to service HRA debt.

https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/HRA_Business_Plan_2012-13.pdf

https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/HRA_RCHF_30yr_FinPlan_Appendix_1.pdf

https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/HRA_RCHF_30yr_FinPlan_Appendix_2.pdf

Gateway to Homechoice Allocation Policy 2019

Gateway to Homechoice is the name given to the single housing register and choice based lettings scheme for the allocation of social housing. Gateway to Homechoice is a partnership register and scheme between IBC, Babergh Council, Braintree Council, Colchester Council, Maldon Council, Mid Suffolk Council and East Suffolk.

<https://www.gatewaytohomechoice.org.uk/Data/Pub/PublicWebsite/ImageLibrary/Allocations%20Policy%20-%20April%202019.pdf>

Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 - 2024

Ipswich Borough Council's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 – 2024 has been developed with partners, following the publication of the Government's Rough Sleeping Strategy (published in August 2018) which called on all local authorities to have a separate Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy. The Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy sets out Ipswich Borough Council's vision for an: *"Ipswich where those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness receive the advice, support and assistance they need to access accommodation they can call home."*

https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/default/files/homelessness_and_rough_sleeping_strategy.pdf

Empty Homes Policy 2019

This Private Sector Housing policy aims to reduce the number of long term empty homes in Ipswich by returning them back into use. It was found that there were 500 homes in Ipswich that had been empty for 6 months or more. The policy sets a target to return 50 empty homes back into use each year.



IBC Empty Homes
Policy 2019.docx

Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy

The Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy sets out how Private Sector Housing will work towards everyone having the opportunity of a decent home.
https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/default/files/private_sector_housing_renewal_policy_2012.pdf

Housing Revenue Account Asset Management Strategy 2018-2023

This Strategy was written to inform the strategic medium and long term approach to maintaining, improving and developing the Council's housing assets.



E-18-34 HRA Asset
Management Strategy

Local Plan 2011-2031

The Local Plan consists of:

The Core Strategies and Policies Development Plan Document Review, Site Allocations and Policies (incorporating IP-One Area Action Plan) DPD, Policies Map and IP-One Area Inset Policies Map. The Local Plan was adopted in 2017.

<https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/content/adopted-ipswich-local-plan-2011-2031>

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – updated Nov 2013

This document aids to underpin the Local Plan. It identifies a list of sites which may be suitable, available and achievable for housing development.

https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/SHLAA_Final_Report_Mar_10.pdf

<https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/SHLAA%20Update%20Report%20Nov%202013.pdf>

Town Centre Master Plan 2012-2027

This details the plan that IBC and stakeholders agree is the way to achieve an enhanced town centre over a 15 year period. It compliments the Core Strategy and Policies Development Plan Document. The aim is to enhance, remodel and develop the town centre by delivering a programme of regeneration and renewal through a number of actions.

https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/town_centre_master_plan.pdf

Customer Access Strategy 2018 - 2021

The Customer Access Strategy outlines how the council will continue to transform service delivery and provide customers with a variety of access channels when contacting the council and its service areas.

https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/default/files/customer_access_strategy_2018-21.pdf

Local Policies & Strategies

Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment 2017

IBC, Babergh, Mid Suffolk and East Suffolk commissioned the above research by external consultants in 2017 to assess if there was a future need for extra sites.

https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/default/files/accommodation_needs_assessment_final_report_may_2017.pdf

Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2017

This is the last SHMA conducted on behalf of IBC, Babergh, Mid Suffolk and East Suffolk

A SHMA is a piece of research aimed at estimating housing need and demand including social housing, private rented and home ownership. It covers a Housing Market Area (HMA), the Ipswich HMA covers Ipswich, Mid Suffolk, Babergh and East Suffolk

<https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/default/files/ipswich-and-waveney-housing-market-areas-strategic-housing-market-assessment-part-1-may-2017.pdf>

https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/default/files/ipswich_and_waveney_shma_part_2_sept_2017_v.3_inc_errata.pdf

An update to the SHMA was published in January 2019:

https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/default/files/strategic_housing_market_assessment_part_2_update_january_2019_-_final.pdf

New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Economic Plan

This plan aims to transform the economy of Norfolk and Suffolk and establish East Anglia as a centre of global business excellence. Partnership working will aim to deliver 95,000 more jobs, 10,000 new businesses, improved productivity and 117,000 new homes by 2026.

<http://www.newanglia.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/New-Anglia-Strategic-Economic-Plan-V2.pdf>

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Suffolk

JSNAs are local assessments of current and future health and social care needs within an authority's area (Suffolk County Council). JSNAs are produced by the Health and Wellbeing Board for each local authority. The aim is to improve health and wellbeing of the local community and reduce inequalities for all ages. JSNAs are used to decide what actions local authorities, NHS and partners need to take to meet health and social care requirements. The documents are also used to address the issues that will impact on health and wellbeing within Suffolk. JSNAs underpin the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for each area.

There are a number of documents, the link below will take the user to the main JSNA homepage:

<https://www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/JSNA>

'The State of Suffolk' report is a key document of the JSNA and provides an overview of the strategic health and wellbeing needs of Suffolk residents, including housing and education.

<https://www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/jsna/state-of-suffolk-report>

A Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy for Suffolk refresh 2019-2022

This document is produced by the countywide Suffolk Health & Wellbeing Board. The strategic outcomes are 1. Every child in Suffolk has the best start in life 2. People of working age are supported to optimise their health and wellbeing 3. Older people in Suffolk have a good quality of life 4. People in Suffolk have the opportunity to improve their mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/council-and-democracy/the-council-and-its-committees/health-wellbeing-board/JHWS-2019-2022.pdf>

A Housing & Health Charter for Suffolk

This charter, produced by Suffolk Strategic Housing Partnership and the Suffolk Health & Wellbeing Board, sets out the vision that 'Suffolk people live in suitable affordable homes that are in good condition where they feel safe and supported by the local community'. It is a requirement of The Care Act 2014 for closer co-operation of services. The charter highlights a commitment to a joint approach to deliver whole system outcomes. The charter describes how will work in partnership, through the Suffolk Health & Wellbeing Board, with private developers, public bodies, registered providers, homelessness organisations and the voluntary and community sector in order to achieve the vision.