

Lavenham NP Revision Survey feedback briefing drop-in event 8th July 2026.

1,147 survey questionnaires delivered to all households.

620 questionnaires were returned: paper 477 online 143.

54% crude return rate. Take care with this as some households of up to 4 people completed.

128 correspondents commented. This equates to 20.6% of returned surveys and 11.2% of all delivered forms.

8 additional forms were collected from The Hub. All were 'signed for' and a record kept. All were single forms. All forms held by The Hub were accounted for.

90 households are second-homes/holiday lets.

Online forms were checked for multiple entries. Any infringement cannot be ruled out. However, from the checks made they would appear to be of a low order, if at all. For instance, four online submissions from the same address related to a family of four, with differing views.

The full survey report can be found on the Parish Council website.

The feedback report clusters the freeform comments. Not all comments are relevant to the NP Revision (e.g., criticism of the Parish Council). In addition, some comments need to be viewed in context, such as the 5 comments deemed to be supportive of a further Wellness Centre – 5 comments equate to 0.8% of 620 returned questionnaire and 0.4% of all households. This report is also on the Parish Council website.

Full Council approved the wording and distribution of the Newsletter.

The pace of the Babergh Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan will govern the production of the NP Revision. One key document awaited from the local authorities is the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. This was promised for May and remains outstanding. The second call for sites raw data showing the potential land sites for development was issued by the two authorities earlier in the year and has caused a great deal of unnecessary consternation. This consternation is due to the lack of context of the maps issued.

Any NP needs to comply with central government and local authority policy and guidance. Central governments' National Planning Policy Framework has been pushed back to the autumn and perhaps further bearing in mind the changes at the top of government. The JLP is also subject to further delays and will be governed by the awaited NPPF.

Core documents include; Landscape Assessment, Design Guide, Demographic & Socio-economic reports.

Further comments and observations may be recorded in the pad by residents. Residents may also go to the BDC website and complete its survey – which is similar to ours.