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Have your say on Neighbourhood Plans

Bungay and Rushmere St Andrew residents are invited to comment on their local Neighbourhood Plan, ahead of them being submitted for independent examination.

Bungay Town Council and Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council have each submitted their Neighbourhood Plan to East Suffolk Council, with the Bungay Neighbourhood Plan also being submitted to the Broads Authority. This is ahead of the Neighbourhood Plans undergoing an independent examination.

East Suffolk Council is publicising the plans and inviting representations, which will be forwarded to the examiners for consideration alongside the plans. Subject to the plans successfully completing all the relevant regulatory stages, the policies and proposals contained in the plans will be used by East Suffolk Council, and the Broads Authority for the Bungay plan, in the determination of planning applications within the Bungay and Rushmere St Andrew Neighbourhood Areas.

Cllr David Ritchie, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Planning and Coastal Management said: "Neighbourhood planning enables local communities to get directly involved with shaping the areas in which they live and work. I would encourage those living in these areas to view their respective plan and submit their comments."

Copies of the Neighbourhood Plans and supporting documents are available to at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning

Hard copies of the Bungay plan are available to view at Bungay Library, Wharton Street, Bungay, NR35 1EL and East Suffolk Council Customer Service Centre, Marina Centre, Marina, Lowestoft, NR32 1HH (during opening hours).

Hard copies of the Rushmere St Andrew plan are available to view at East Suffolk Council Customer Service Centre, Woodbridge Library, New Street, Woodbridge, IP12 1DT and Kesgrave Library, Kinsey House, Kays Close, Kesgrave, IP5 2HL (during opening hours). Hard copies can also be viewed at Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council Office, Tower Hall, 5 Broadlands Way, Rushmere St Andrew, IP4 5SU (please contact the Clerk on 01473 711509 or email sylvia.stannard@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk to arrange viewing). Hard copies of the Submission Neighbourhood Plan are also available in the Village Hall (Humber Doucy Lane, IP4 3PD) and Tower Hall (5 Broadlands Way, IP4 5SU). Please note there is no general public access to the village halls beyond organised/timetabled activities.

Should there be any difficulties in accessing copies of the document, please call 01394 444557 or email planningpolicy@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.

Representations on the plan can be made online at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning

Alternatively, comments can be emailed to planningpolicy@eastsoffolk.gov.uk or posted to East Suffolk Council, Planning Policy and Delivery Team (Neighbourhood Plans), Riverside, 4 Canning Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 0EQ.

All representations should be headed either Bungay Neighbourhood Plan or Rushmere St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan as the subject matter. Where representations relate to a particular paragraph or policy, please ensure that this is also clearly stated. Any representations made may include a request to be notified of East Suffolk Council's decision whether to accept the Examiners' recommendation and future progress with the plan.

Representations must be received no later than 5pm on Monday 6 June. All representations will be made available to view online as soon as possible after the close of the consultation.

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