

# District Councillor Report: Framsdon Parish Council

## November 2025

New 'call for sites' opens	As part of the work on the New Joint Local Plan, a 'Call for Sites' was opened on 20 October. This runs until 5pm on 9 January 2026. This call invites submissions of land to be put forward for consideration to be included in the Local Plan - for uses such as housing, employment, sports and leisure and community purposes. It is important to note that the Call for Sites will not in itself determine whether a site should be allocated for future development, and does not give it any planning status. All sites will need to be assessed further, and the overall strategy for the Local Plan will be informed by a range of evidence as well as feedback from consultations. More information about this process can be found here: <a href="https://www.babergh.gov.uk/web/babergh/w/call-for-sites">https://www.babergh.gov.uk/web/babergh/w/call-for-sites</a>
Listed Building Energy upgrades	Babergh and Mid Suffolk are the first rural councils to introduce a new Local Listed Building Consent Order. In the past, owners of listed buildings had to apply to the councils for Listed Building Consent to make upgrades to improve energy performance. They will now be able to replace some windows or install secondary double glazing without needing to make an application. More details can be found at <a href="https://www.babergh.gov.uk/llbco">https://www.babergh.gov.uk/llbco</a> .
Sustainable communities food fund.	Our Sustainable Communities Food Fund provides grants to small scale food initiatives such as community pantries, fridges and food pop-ups. Between £250 and £5,000 is available and can be used for anything from the purchase of equipment and revenue costs to delivering training and workshops. Funding is awarded on a first come, first served basis.
Armed Forces Covenant	Appropriately for this time of remembrance, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have achieved the bronze award for the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme. This award acknowledges our continued support for the armed forces community - from veterans and service personnel to their families, reservists and cadets. It also follows on from our efforts earlier in the year to restate our commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant.
Biodiversity and Nature Recovery	<p>Mid Suffolk District Council declared a biodiversity emergency in 2021. A Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), arising from the work of a dedicated Task Force, was put in place.</p> <p>The majority of the actions from the first BAP were delivered, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mapping of our tree cover – on average 8.5% against national average of 14.5%</li> <li>• Planting thousands of trees and hedges</li> <li>• Surveys of our wildlife sites</li> <li>• Creating new wildflower meadows</li> </ul> <p>The Draft Suffolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy identifies species and habitats of particular importance to the county, and the threats to them, it helps to build a picture of the scale of the challenge with arresting biodiversity decline; the causes and measures needed in response.</p> <p>The budget for a revised BAP has been approved by cabinet and focusses on a broader range of habitats and species, and also recognises the co-benefits that the BAPc and deliver on issues such as water quality, flood management and public health and well-being.</p>

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