



## YOUR VIEWS

Over the last few years we have carried out regular consultation with you through “*Babergh Matters!*”, “*Suffolk Speaks*” which is carried out by MORI, and other means.

You have told us that you have concerns about:

- The loss of facilities in your communities.
- The shortage of affordable housing, particularly for young people in your community.
- The district becoming a less safe place to live.
- The future cleanliness of the district.
- The lack of facilities and opportunities for young people.
- The need to protect the environment.
- The need for health improvement.
- Facilities and opportunities for older people.



Belle Vue Park,  
Sudbury

## OUR PRIORITIES

On the basis of your concerns, and in order to support strong and inclusive communities in the district, we will concentrate on the following priorities:

Social, Economic and Environmental Well Being

Community Shop,  
Monks Eleigh



Creating and sustaining the conditions in which individuals and communities can thrive by contributing to partnerships that:

- promote healthy living and reduce health inequalities.

- increase the supply of housing that local people can afford to rent or buy.
- maintain a safe and clean environment.
- minimise domestic waste production and maximise recycling of waste.
- give easy, convenient access to quality public services.

## Active Citizenship

Encouraging and facilitating the active involvement of citizens in local democracy by actions that will:

- improve and enhance effective, two-way communication between the Council, Babergh’s citizens and the Council’s partners.
- demonstrate how local opinion has been taken into account in the Council’s decisions.
- provide honest, transparent explanations for the decisions made.
- encourage public involvement in decision making.
- actively promote and support the involvement of young people in local decision making and activities.
- give influence and power to communities wherever possible.

## Ambition and Opportunity

Raising individual and community ambitions and creating the conditions of equality of opportunity in which those ambitions can be fulfilled by:

- promoting and supporting a climate of high ambition and equality of opportunity.
- active participation in business and other partnerships that provide learning, developmental and employment opportunities.

For each of the priorities we describe the concerns, what we are already doing and our plans for the future.