



**A look forward:  
Suffolk Coastal over  
the next 16 years**



**Council Trinity Park 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

# Declarations of Interest

- **Mrs M Andrews**

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of Saxmundham Town Council.

- **Mrs D Ball**

Cabinet 17 February 2011

Personal interest as a member of Woodbridge Town Council, the Ramblers' Association, the Woodbridge and Melton Riverside Action Group, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, the River Deben Association, the National Trust and as her husband received a BT pension.

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of Woodbridge Town Council, the Ramblers' Association, the Woodbridge and Melton Riverside Action Group, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, the River Deben Association, the National Trust and as her husband received a BT pension.

- **Sir Peter Batho**

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of Saxmundham Town Council.

- **Mr C Blundell**

Cabinet 17 February 2011

Personal interest as a member of Martlesham Parish Council.

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of Martlesham Parish Council.

# Declarations of Interest

- **Mr S Burroughes**

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of the National Trust.

- **Mr P Coleman**

Cabinet 17 February 2011

Personal interest as an employee of Suffolk County Council.

- **Mr M Deacon**

Cabinet 17 February 2011

Personal interest as a member of Felixstowe Town Council, the RSPB, and the National Trust, and as he had a small interest in BT.

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of Felixstowe Town Council, the National Trust, and the RSPB.

- **Mrs V Falconer**

Cabinet 17 February 2011

Personal interest as a member of the River Deben Association.

# Declarations of Interest

- **Mrs M Fellowes**

Cabinet 17 February 2011

Personal interest as an employee of the Suffolk Constabulary.

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as an employee of the Suffolk Constabulary and as a member of Aldeburgh Town Council.

- **Mr G Harding**

Cabinet 17 February 2011

Personal interest as a member of Trimley St Mary Parish Council.

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of Trimley St Mary Parish Council.

- **Mrs S Harvey**

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

- **Mr G Holdcroft**

Cabinet 17 February 2011

Personal interest as a member of the River Deben Association and as a deferred pensioner of BT.

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of Woodbridge Town Council, the River Deben Association, the Woodbridge and Melton Riverside Action Group and as a deferred pensioner of BT.

# Declarations of Interest

- **Mr J Kelso**

Cabinet 17 February 2011

Personal interest as a member of Martlesham Parish Council and as an employee of BT Open Reach.

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of Martlesham Parish Council and as an employee of BT Openreach.

- **Mr A Nunn**

Cabinet 17 February 2011

Personal interest as a member of Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council, as a member of the RSPB and as he received a pension from BT.

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB JAC and Partnership, a member of Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council, a member of the RSPB and as he received a pension from BT.

# Declarations of Interest

- **Mrs D Savage**

Cabinet 17 February 2011

Personal interest as a member of Felixstowe Town Council.

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of Felixstowe Town Council.

- **Mrs J Sennington**

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of Felixstowe Town Council.

- **Mr C Slemmings**

Cabinet 17 February 2011

Personal interest as a member of Felixstowe Town Council and as a Board Member of Suffolk Heritage Housing Association.

- **Mr A Smith**

Cabinet 17 February 2011

Personal interest as a member of Felixstowe Town Council and as his son was employed by BT.

Cabinet 8 July 2011

Personal interest as a member of Felixstowe Town Council, the National Trust, as a consultee of the process, and as his son was employed by BT.

# LDF PROCESS TIMELINE

- Early Public Engagement
  - Stage 1 - CS Issues and Options
    - CS Further Issues and Options
  - Stage 2 - CS Preferred Options consultation
    - CS Updated Housing Distribution
    - CS Reviewed Core Strategy
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- **Stage 3 - Formal CS Submission consultation (~Oct/Nov 2011)**
  - Stage 4 - CS Examination in Public by independent Planning Inspector (~May 2012)
  - Stage 5 - Formal CS adoption (~September 2012)
  - *Site Specific Allocations and Policies, Martlesham / Felixstowe / Saxmundham & Leiston Area Action Plans to follow*

# Suffolk Coastal District Council

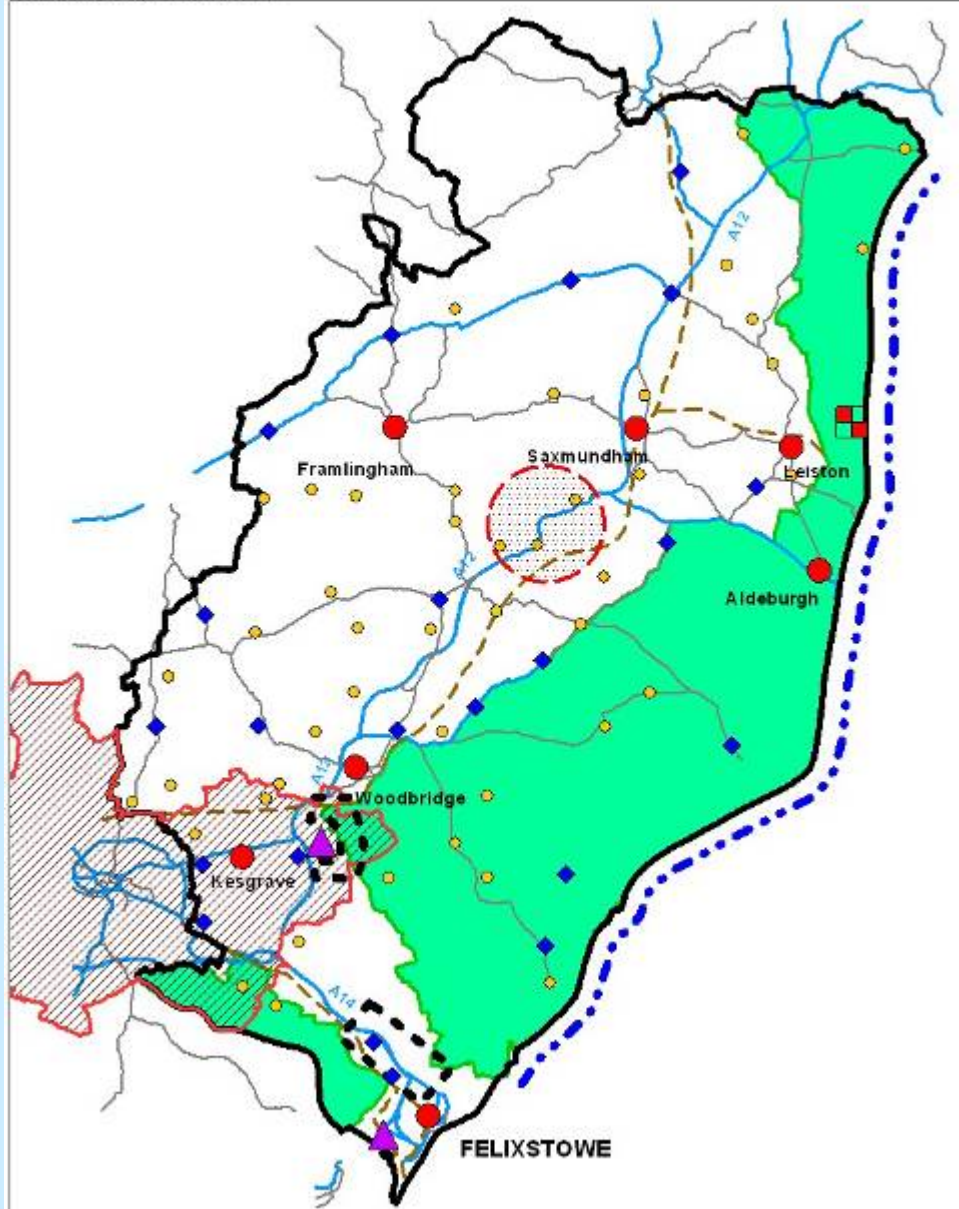
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


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## KEY DIAGRAM



### KEY

-  Ipswich Policy Area
-  Towns
-  Key service Centres
-  Local Service Centres
-  Strategic employment area
-  Strategic housing growth search area
-  Sizewell Nuclear Power Station
-  Potential 4 villages A12 bypass
-  A roads
-  B roads
-  Railways
-  Heritage Coast
-  AONB
-  District Boundary

# Suffolk Coastal



- A fantastic base to work from,
- Huge heritage,
- Wonderful biodiversity,
- Great Businesses (e.g. BT, Port of Felixstowe, Sizewell)
- Good education facilities & getting better (e.g. UCS)
- Diverse communities


**BUT NO PLANS IN PLACE FOR THE FUTURE**

# **What sort of place do we want Suffolk Coastal to be?**

- **Protect our unique natural environment.**
- **‘Quality of place’ in our towns, villages and suburbs**
- **Housing needs met locally for all sections of society**
- **Skilled and productive workforce, in a vibrant economy**

# What sort of place do we want Suffolk Coastal to be?

## Momentum: -

- Council is committed to delivery – working closely with partners
  - Homes for all (including young and old, and families)
  - Port of Felixstowe expanding
  - Sizewell C
  - Renewable Energy Section
  - ICT
  - Business friendly location – Inward investment & growing local businesses
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- A large blue Maersk Line container ship is docked at a port. The ship is loaded with colorful shipping containers. Several gantry cranes are visible in the background, and the water is calm. The scene is set in a harbor or port area.

# Change

**Significant changes over the next 16 years**

- **Climate Change**
- **Demographics – we are all living longer**
- **Development Pressures**
- **Technology**

**So What?**

- **A 16 year plan has to be flexible, in tangible chunks (5 year blocks) with an emphasis on the first 5-10 years.**

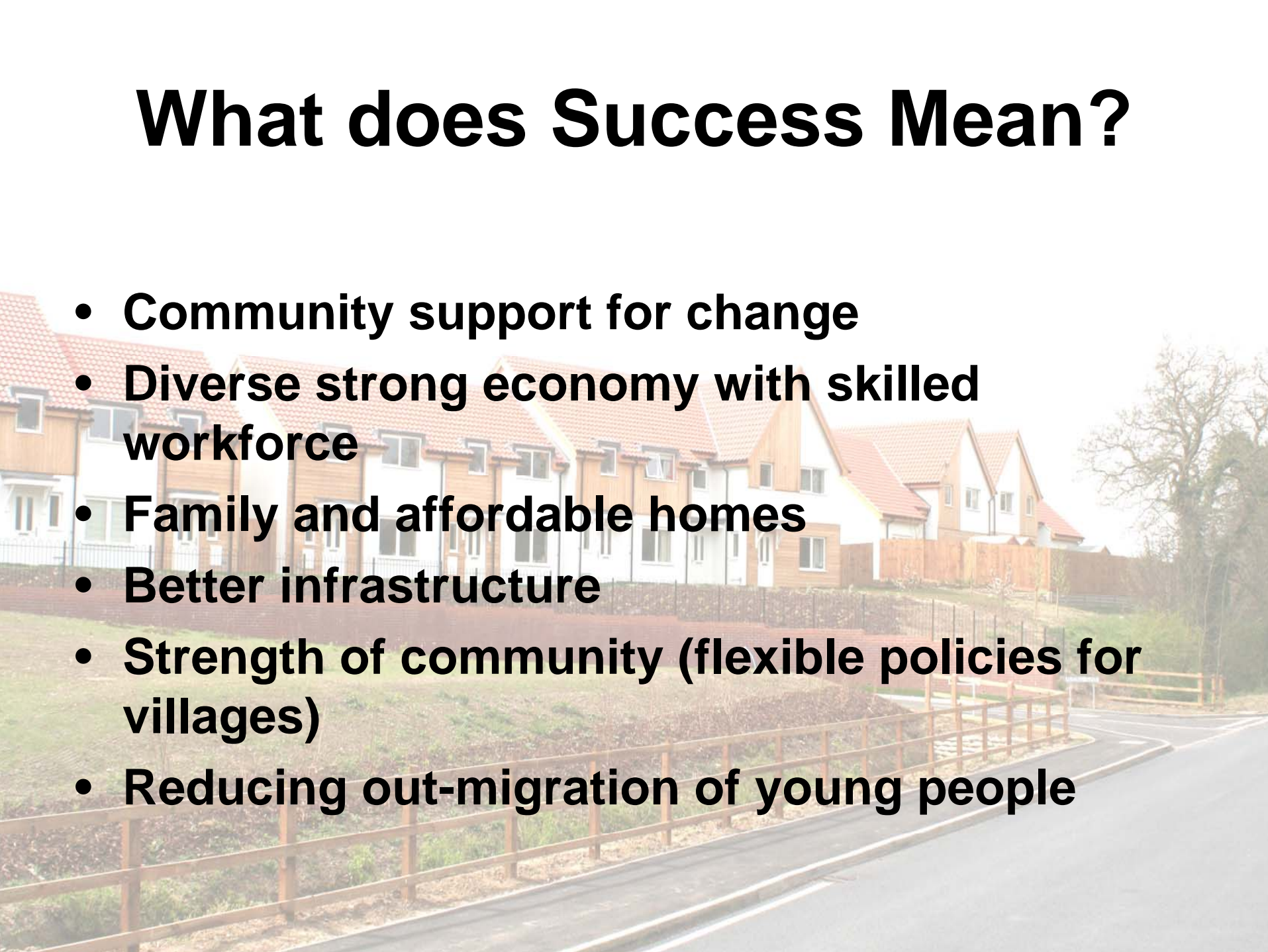
# Challenges

- **Household size decreasing – more homes required**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Accommodating growth**
- **Affordable homes for all**
- **Future employment**
- **Urban versus rural**
- **Community identity**

# Planning for success

- **Need to tackle challenges (living longer, smaller households, growing economy > need more homes)**
- **If we don't plan for success > less planning gain, infrastructure etc, greater environmental impact.**
- **Tough choices now - strategic development > quality new environment , and £'s for infrastructure**
- **IMPORTANT – Planning and Housing policies help deliver a better Suffolk Coastal**
- **IMPORTANT - Need to tap into Governments “Incentives for Growth”**

# What does Success Mean?

- **Community support for change**
  - **Diverse strong economy with skilled workforce**
  - **Family and affordable homes**
  - **Better infrastructure**
  - **Strength of community (flexible policies for villages)**
  - **Reducing out-migration of young people**
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# **Enabling Success through the Core Strategy**

- **Wide range of options considered – the best selected to take the District forward**
- **No growth is not an option – there is a presumption in favour of sustainable development**
- **Evidence informs what is right for Suffolk Coastal**
- **Ensuring support for a sustainable strategy**
- **There is much more to it all than just housing**

**That means the Core Strategy becomes the cornerstone to make Suffolk Coastal the District you want it to be.**



# Updates Post Cabinet

- Ipswich Core Strategy housing accelerated
- Response to Richard Buxton Solicitors
- Receipt of NANT Visitor Survey received late on Monday
- Other comments received to be reported

# Natural England

“In Natural England’s view, this suite of measures provides sufficient assurance that at the Strategic Level, the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies are not likely to lead to an adverse effect on the integrity of any Natura 2000 site, including the Deben Estuary SPA/Ramsar and Sandlings SPA, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. At the Area Action Plan, Site Specific Allocations and Planning Application stages, it will be necessary for further Habitats Regulations Assessments to be carried out to ensure that these measures have been adequately applied in practice.”

(26<sup>th</sup> July 2011)

# Draft National Planning Policy Framework

## **The presumption in favour of sustainable development**

■ “Development that is sustainable should go ahead, without delay - a presumption in favour of sustainable development that is the basis for every plan, and every decision. This framework sets out clearly what could make a proposed plan or development unsustainable.” (introduction)

# Draft National Planning Policy Framework

- “All plans should be based upon and contain the presumption in favour of sustainable development as their starting point, with clear policies that will guide how the presumption will be applied locally.” (paragraph 15)

# Draft National Planning Policy Framework

- “There is no necessary contradiction between increased levels of development and protecting and enhancing the environment, as long as development is planned and undertaken responsibly.”

(paragraph 11)

Published July 2011 as Consultation document  
(Consultation expires 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011)

# RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council

- i) Agrees that the Reviewed Core Strategy as amended be submitted for examination by an independent inspector, subject to completing all relevant processes and procedures including a further public consultation on the contents and conclusions of the Sustainability Appraisal / Appropriate Assessment which will be updated to take into account recent issues identified;

# Recommendation

- ii) Adopts the Policies of the Reviewed Core Strategy as amended as interim planning policy for the determining of planning applications and enforcement subject to;
  - (a) the completion of all relevant processes and procedures, including the consultation referred to in (i) above, and
  - (b) the receipt from Natural England (the 'nature conservation body') of a letter confirming their satisfaction with the processes and procedures used to produce the Appropriate Assessment, and the contents thereof
  - (c) the receipt from the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Natural England, (the 'statutory environmental bodies') of letters confirming their satisfaction with the processes and procedures used to produce the Sustainability Appraisal, and the contents thereof.

# RECOMMENDATION

It is further recommended that

- (iii) The Revised Core Strategy be referred back to Council prior to its submission for the pre submission soundness consultation if any of the conclusions of the further work identified in (i) and (ii) above require any principle of the Revised Core Strategy to be reviewed, save for minor changes.
- (iv) Otherwise, Council gives authority to the Head of Planning Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning, to submit the Reviewed Core Strategy as amended for the pre submission soundness consultation and to make any necessary minor changes to the format and presentation of the document for that purpose.