

BACTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Have Your Say About the Future of Bacton

Dear Resident,

Bacton Parish Council is preparing a **Neighbourhood Development Plan** for the parish.

As part of this process, we want to understand residents' views about the future of Bacton, including **where future housing could appropriately be accommodated and which areas of the parish are particularly important and should be protected.**

We are asking for your views at this early stage, before potential sites are considered in detail.

Why are we consulting now?

Planning for future development is taking place at both district and local levels. The emerging Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan is looking ahead to future development requirements, while Bacton's Neighbourhood Development Plan provides an opportunity for the local community to help shape how our parish responds.

We cannot determine all the planning requirements placed on our community, but **we can make sure Bacton's voice is heard about how our village should respond.**

What are we asking you to do?

We would like you to identify areas where you believe future housing could potentially be appropriate;

There are no right or wrong answers. We are interested in your **local knowledge, experience and views.**

What about the sites submitted through the Call for Sites?

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils have invited landowners, developers and others to put forward land through their **Call for Sites** process.

We have included a map showing the sites submitted in Bacton for information and transparency.

The sites shown have not been selected by Bacton Parish Council. They are not planning permissions or proposed allocations. Their inclusion does not mean that they are suitable for development.

The District Council will assess submitted sites against a range of considerations, including their suitability, availability and achievability.

We therefore deliberately ask you to complete the **blank resident response map before considering the Call for Sites map**. We want to capture your views independently, rather than simply asking you to choose between sites that have been put forward by others.

How to respond

You can post your form at the box at 'Bacton Stores (Londis)' off Shop Green, or email to neighbourhoodplan@bacton-pc.gov.uk. If you are unable to do either please contact the parish clerk to arrange to have it collected.

You can also respond online at: bacton-pc.gov.uk. If you have difficulty please contact Tina Newell Parish Clerk on 07767 163706.

The latest date for submitting your comments is Saturday 10 October 2026.

Thank you for taking the time to contribute to the future of Bacton.

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WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

A Neighbourhood Development Plan can provide the local community with an opportunity to influence planning policy in its area.

The Parish Council is therefore considering whether Bacton's Neighbourhood Development Plan should, in due course, consider identifying specific sites where future housing could be accommodated.

That does **not** mean that any particular site has been chosen.

It means that the Parish Council wants to establish the community's views and gather appropriate evidence before making decisions about the Plan.

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WHERE SHOULD NEW HOMES GO?

Your village. Your views. Your future.

Why are we asking?

Bacton Parish Council is preparing a **Neighbourhood Development Plan**.

As part of preparing the Plan, we need to understand residents' views about how and where the parish could accommodate future housing.

We want to hear your views **before potential sites are considered in detail**.

This is **not a planning application consultation** and we are not asking you to approve or reject particular planning proposals.

Instead, we are asking you to use your local knowledge to help us understand **where you believe future housing could be appropriately located**.

WHERE SHOULD NEW HOMES GO?

If additional homes need to be accommodated in Bacton, **where do you think they could appropriately go?**

Please use Map 1 — YOUR VIEW to mark the area or areas where you believe future housing could potentially be appropriate.

You can mark more than one area.

Please explain, if possible, **why** you have selected the area(s).

Things you may wish to consider



Roads & traffic – Could the existing roads cope with additional traffic?



Schools & services – Are schools, shops and other local facilities nearby?



The community – Would development fit naturally with the existing village?



Countryside & landscape – Would it protect important views and open countryside?



Flooding & drainage – Are there any known flooding or drainage concerns?



Walking & cycling – Could people easily walk or cycle to the village and local facilities?



Public transport – Is there reasonable access to buses and other public transport?



Infrastructure – Could water, sewage, electricity and other services cope?



Heritage and archaeology - Could development affect historic buildings, heritage assets, archaeological remains or their settings?



Biodiversity and ecology - Could development affect wildlife, habitats, trees, hedgerows or other ecological features?

CALL FOR SITES — WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Why are we showing these sites?

As part of preparing for future development, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have invited landowners, developers and other interested parties to identify land which they would like the planning authority to consider for future development.

This process is known as a **Call for Sites**.

A map showing the sites submitted in Bacton is included in this consultation pack; Map 2 – CALL FOR SITES.

IMPORTANT

A site being shown on the Call for Sites map does NOT mean that:

- the site has planning permission;
- the site has been selected for development;
- the site is suitable for development;
- the site is available for development;
- the site is achievable or deliverable;
- the site will be allocated for housing; or
- Bacton Parish Council supports the site.

The Parish Council has not selected or recommended these sites simply by showing them on the map.

The purpose of showing them is to provide residents with information about land that has been put forward through the district-wide planning process.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SUBMITTED SITES?

The District Council states that sites submitted through the Call for Sites process have **no planning status** and must be assessed before any conclusions can be reached about their suitability.

The assessment process considers matters including whether sites are:

Suitable

Could development take place on the site having regard to planning constraints and other considerations?

Available

Is the land genuinely available for the type and scale of development being considered?

Achievable

Is there a realistic prospect that development could be delivered?

The assessment of sites will contribute to the Council's wider evidence base for planning and the emerging Joint Local Plan.

WHY IS THE PARISH COUNCIL SHOWING THEM?

We believe it is important that residents understand what land has been put forward.

However, **we do not want the Call for Sites map to determine your initial response.**

That is why the consultation asks you first to use the blank **YOUR VIEW** map.

We want to know:

Where do local residents believe future housing could appropriately be located?

Only after gathering those views should the Parish Council consider them alongside the technical evidence and the assessment of individual sites.

YOUR VIEWS MATTER

This consultation is an opportunity for Bacton residents to contribute **before decisions are made about individual sites**.

There is no requirement for you to support development on any particular site.

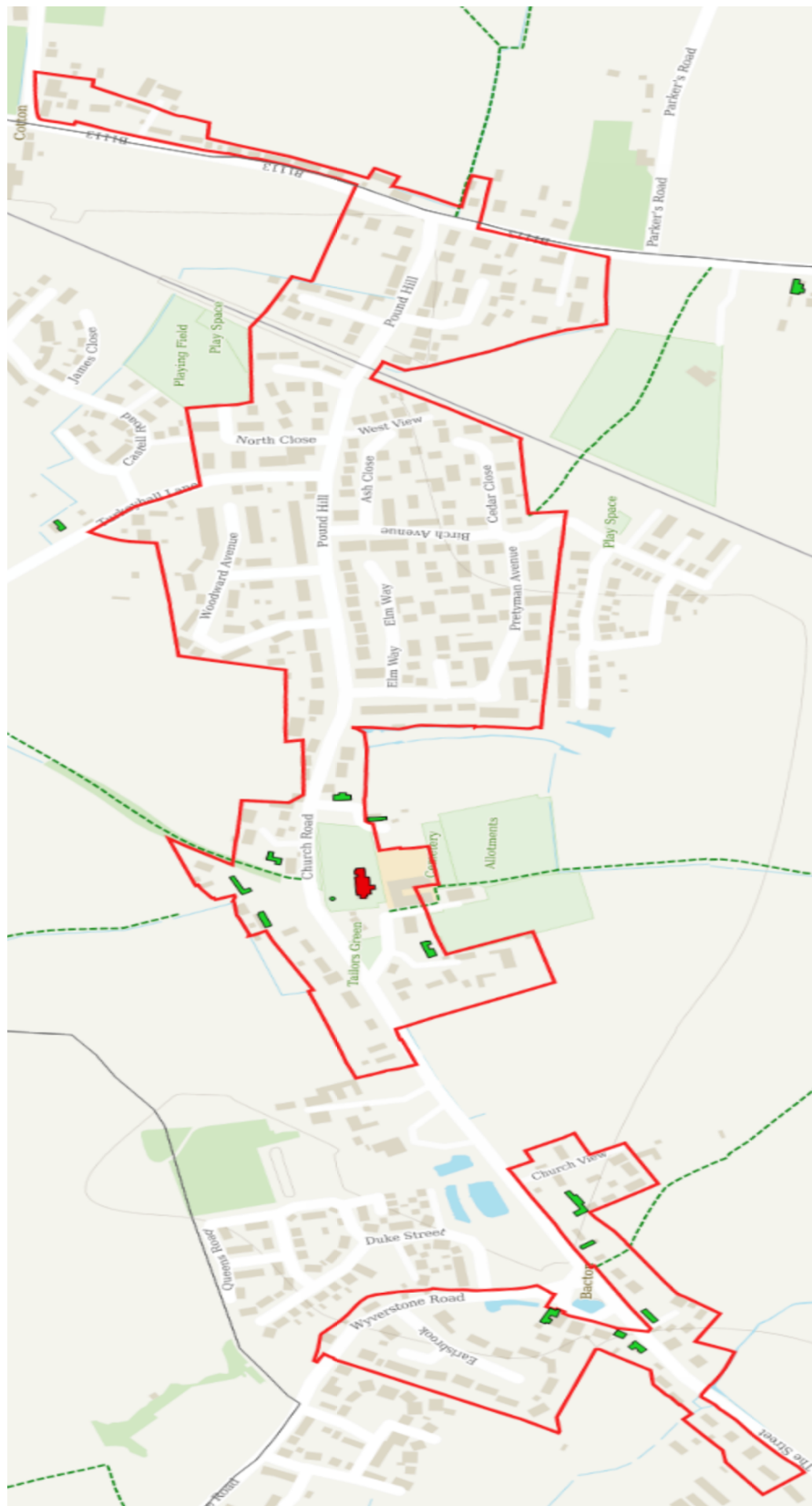
We want to understand your local knowledge, your concerns and your ideas about how Bacton should develop in the future.

Area(s) marked on Map 2:

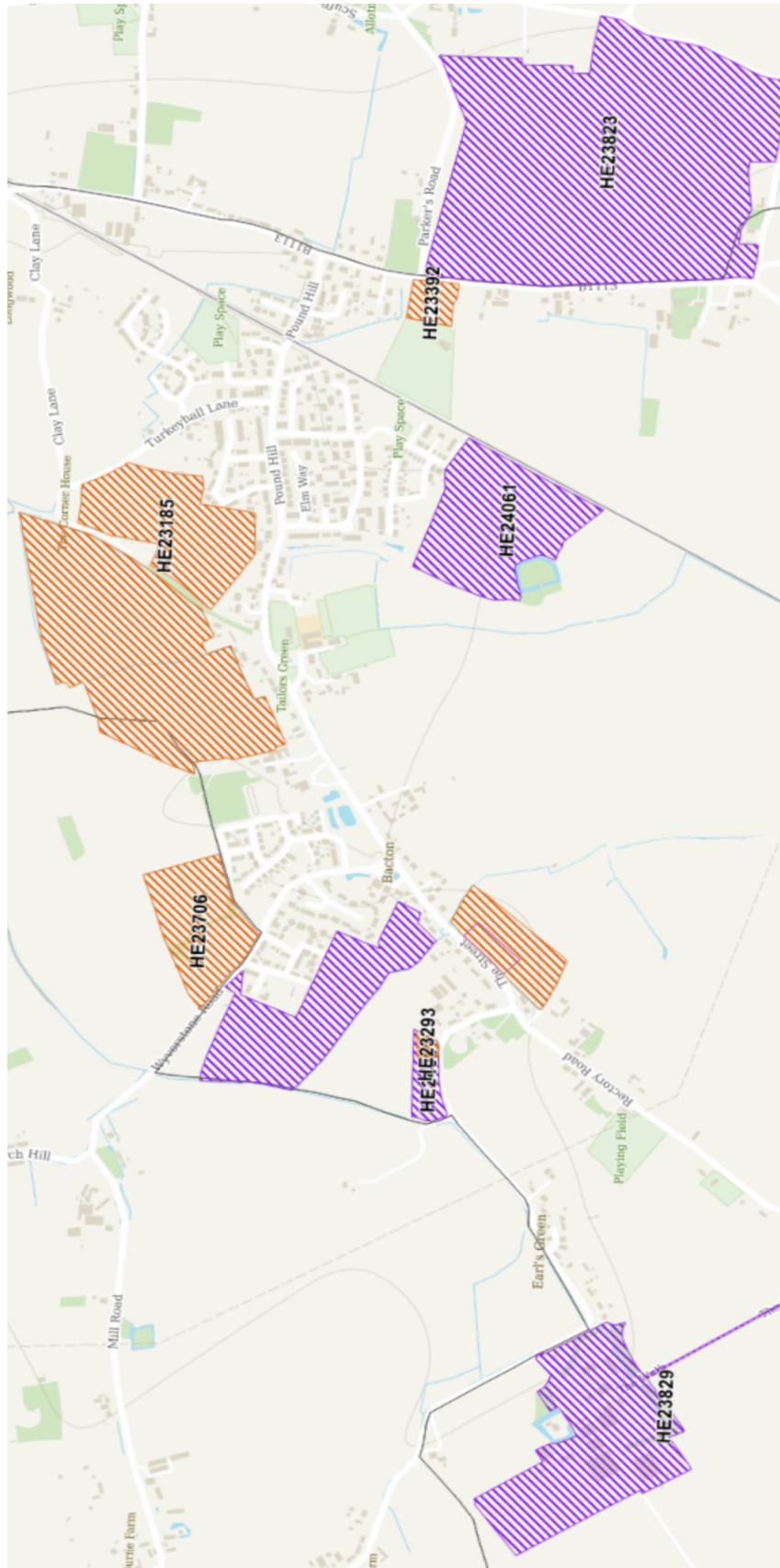
Your comments, why do you think these areas could be appropriate?

Thank you for taking part.

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Map 1 – YOUR VIEW



Map 2 – CALL FOR SITES