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DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

The September Council meeting was postponed. However the boundary commission findings have been received and are available to view at

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk//node/9231>

The electoral commission has asked that as many people, from the public as well as the council offer their opinions by emailing :

reviews@lgbce.org.uk

or by writing to:

Review Officer (Babergh)
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England
14th Floor, Millbank Tower
Millbank
London SW1P 4QP

LORRIES IN LAVENHAM

Suffolk County Council has given a prospective start date towards the end of the year for the weight restriction trial in Water Street. I will continue to keep a close eye on this and pressure the County as much as possible to ensure this is started.

ANOTHER AWARD FOR BUTCHERS

Congratulations to the butchers in the village who have yet another accolade. This time they made the final 3 of the BBC national food awards. An amazing achievement and recognition for their hard work. It also shows just how lucky we are in Lavenham with a host of excellent shops and independent retailers providing quality goods and a vibrant community.

BABERGH LOCAL PLAN

Consultation on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan has begun. This consultation runs for a period of 12 weeks, to end at 5pm on Friday 10 November, the timeline is as follows:

- Monday 21st August – Consultation opens
- Week commencing 11th September – Mailshot to all addresses in the Districts
- Throughout September – A series of briefing sessions with Town and Parish Councils and Parish meetings. An invitation with the full details will be sent to Town and Parish Councils and Parish meetings shortly, and we will of course copy in Ward Members
- Early October – public drop-in sessions will be held throughout the districts, with the following details to be publicised at the start of the consultation on Monday. All sessions will run from 2pm to 7pm:
 - Wednesday 11th October – Hadleigh Town Hall, The Guildhall, Market Place, Hadleigh, IP7 5DN
 - Thursday 12th October – Sudbury Town Hall, Old Market Place, Sudbury, CO10 1TL*

5pm Friday 10 November – consultation closes

The Consultation documents themselves are online and are available at

www.babergh.gov.uk/JointLocalPlan

CHILTON WOODS

It appears that as part of the recent call for sites by Babergh, land was put forward which connects from what was to be the north end of Chilton Woods right up to Mills Lane (between Pink Cottage and Potters Tye Farm). Surprisingly Babergh District Council has accepted this as suitable for development, and has designated it as potential employment land.

Therefore the plans for Chilton Woods seem to change continuously and so I would recommend that anyone with thoughts on the applications, even if the plans do not affect you directly, should send opinions and thoughts to Babergh.

HOUSEBUILDING/PLANNING

You may have seen in the newspapers that the government is coming under increased pressure to force councils into building more homes. Lavenham has had its fair share of new developments recently, and has propped up Babergh new homes numbers on several occasions.

There are planning applications for new developments in the village and I would urge anyone who wishes to comment, good or bad on these applications, to do so by emailing planning@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk and explaining your objection or support.