

## Sudbury bypass

A Sudbury western bypass has been identified as a scheme that would provide relief and remove vehicles from the town to reduce congestion and improve air quality. A funding bid for a bypass was rejected by the Government in 2003 on environmental grounds.

Further work published by the county council in 2017 indicated that there was a credible business case to be made for a relief road. The county council has now received funding from partners across Suffolk to carry out more detailed work to develop solutions to the traffic problems around Sudbury. This work will begin with a **full assessment of available options**, large and small, that might help to address the issues. Should the work conclude (as has been found in the past) that a new road would most effectively resolve Sudbury's traffic problems, more detailed assessment of a potential scheme would be carried out in order to prepare a bid for funding. This would include consideration of the benefit and dis-benefit to the natural environment outside the town and to the community and the built environment within the town. This work will be completed by **spring 2019**.

## Marketing and branding

"Wool towns", Gainsborough, St Peters Cultural Centre, and our Silk heritage are the main elements to be explored as part of new marketing strategy to promote **tourism and investment**.

## Chilton Woods

Outline planning permission was granted in 2017 for 1,150 homes, space for 1,900 new jobs to be created, and new primary school. Suffolk County Council (as owner of the site) is promoting it and actively looking for a developer to start the 10-year construction.

## Car parking

The Council has committed to a **parking strategy** by Winter 2018 which will consider possible charges. **Girling Street** car park will remain in use for shoppers. The longer-term ambition is for **North Street** car park to be multi-storey.

## Strategies

New District Council housing, economic and infrastructure strategies will be adopted in 2018. These together with the annual publication of the Councils' priorities will demonstrate a coordinated and focused direction and ensure people understand how their Councils are delivering growth District-wide.

## Town Centre

The Town Council is leading a detailed look at the town centre and the options for improving the user experience – consultation will follow in Summer.

## Gainsborough House Museum

The District Council has gifted *Gainsborough's Chambers* to the Gainsborough's House Society, allowing it to be fully incorporated into the project's **£8.7 million investment** in the regeneration of the centre of Sudbury.

## Household Waste Recycling Centre

The HWRC will relocate to Chilton Woods when the **employment land** is released later in the development.

## Hardwick House Surgery

An alternative site is being sought and will be **announced** by the end of 2018.

## Hamilton Road Quarter

This area will be redeveloped with new shops, cafes and homes in a leisure-focused development, with a **Cinema** intended to be at the heart of the project. Buses will now stop on-street instead of at a bus station. The **Boreham Gate Centre** is to be retained and given a facelift. Details will be considered by BDC Cabinet, prior to engaging a development partner in the summer.

## Lorry Park

The need for a lorry park will be reviewed, and if necessary an alternative site will be sought and announced by the end of 2018.

## Kingfisher Leisure Centre

A **£1.4m refurbishment** of the leisure facilities will begin in 2018.

## Belle Vue House and Park

The former swimming pool and a small part of the park will be developed into an **hotel**. **Details will be considered by Babergh's Cabinet in a business case in Summer**. Belle Vue House will be sold separately for sympathetic residential conversion.

## Joint Local Plan

The Joint Local Plan will be adopted by 2020 to give certainty to developers and communities about how places will grow over the next 20+ years.

## Community infrastructure Levy

Babergh District Council has developed and adopted the *"Community Infrastructure Levy spending schedule"* and will start to invest hundreds of thousands of pounds in infrastructure and community improvements across the District.

## Growth projects

Babergh District Council will invest **£1million from Business Rate Retention** in projects that facilitate growth in 2018/19. The Council is considering how it could invest the money and will announce its intentions later this year.

