

## **Consultation Summary:**

### **Time to make our listed buildings ready for the future?**

#### **Councils want to hear your views on Local Listed Building Consent Orders (LLBCOs)**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are exploring a new way to help owners of listed buildings make their properties more energy-efficient and sustainable, while preserving their historical significance. Babergh District Council is leading the initiative in considering the introduction of a Local Listed Building Consent Order ('LLBCO'), a legal tool that would simplify the process for making certain types of improvements to listed buildings, where it is recognised that many owners find it difficult to navigate the current legislative process.

#### What is a LLBCO?

A LLBCO allows the Council to pre-approve specific types of work on listed buildings, eliminating the need for individual applications. This means that if your building falls under the LLBCO, you could carry out approved works without going through the usual lengthy consent process, so long as you meet certain conditions.

#### Why is this Important?

We're committed to reducing carbon emissions and making our district more sustainable to meet our commitment of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. At the same time, we have a duty to protect our rich cultural heritage. We hope to strike a balance between these two important goals and want to consider if the use of a LLBCO would be of benefit. It could make it easier for you to improve your property's energy efficiency and safeguard and protect the fabric of your home while ensuring that any changes respect its significance as a heritage asset.

#### Who Does This Affect?

The LLBCO would be most relevant for owners of listed buildings, but we value the views of all stakeholders who share in our rich historic environment.

#### Have Your Say

We want to hear from you! Your feedback will help us fine-tune the conditions and guidelines for the LLBCO.

**This consultation will run from 10<sup>th</sup> November until 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023**