

Town and Parish Council Clerks,

I am writing to you to notify you of a consultation on a new draft Local Validation List for Planning Applications.

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 enables Local Planning Authorities to set their own Local Validation requirements for applications through a 'Local Validation List', that reflects the specifics of their area including Local Planning Policies.

This draft Local Validation List which is the subject of this consultation explains which documents are going to be required to accompany a planning or planning related application before it is validated by East Suffolk Council. It can not and will not remove any national legislative requirements relating to the plans and documents required to validate an application, but it will add additional local requirements where those matters/ documents/ drawings are reasonably required to enable the Local Planning Authority to understand the proposals and assess their potential impacts, which in turn will enable the determination of the application. The document will replace the existing [Local Validation Requirements 2020](#).

Whilst this draft document is published in the form of a PDF document, the intention is that it will be published in an easier to navigate web style format with hyperlinks between the pages and to sources of future information, including guidance related to specific application types and forms of development proposal. Many of the proposed hyperlinks are indicated by the comments boxes included in the draft pdf document.

The draft Local Validation Document can be viewed online at <https://eastsuffolk.inconsult.uk/localvalidationlist/>. If you wish to comment on the draft document, comments can be submitted electronically online following the link on that webpage (our preferred method to receive responses) or by email to [dm.document.consultation@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:dm.document.consultation@eastsuffolk.gov.uk) or by post to East Suffolk Council, Development Management Team, Riverside, 4 Canning Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR33 0EQ.

**The consultation period is 8 weeks so will expire at 5pm on Friday 2 February 2024.**