

# news letter

## BRANTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



A big thank you to all who've taken part in our neighbourhood planning work so far!

It's been a quieter period for our Steering group recently as we've been carefully finalising and perfecting our consultation document.

We hope that by now all households in Brantham have received a copy and had the chance to fill it in.

Your responses really do matter – they give us the first clear picture of what's important to local people and what aspects of our village we most want to protect and celebrate in the years ahead.

-Rob Chamberlain, NP Project lead

### WHAT'S THIS "CALL FOR SITES" AND WHY IT MATTERS FOR BRANTHAM

You may have heard about the Call for Sites, run by Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils as part of the new **Joint Local Plan**. This invited landowners and developers to suggest land that could be considered for future development. It's important to note:

- Submitting land does not mean development will automatically happen.
- It's an early step to see what land might be available in the future.
- Any proposals will be carefully assessed and are not guaranteed to be included in the plan.

#### So why does this matter for Brantham?

The Local Plan sets out the bigger picture for growth across the whole district, Neighbourhood Plans, like the one we're developing in Brantham sit within that framework and, once adopted, have real legal weight.

By completing the consultation document you received, you are helping to ensure that what the people of Brantham value most is front and centre when decisions are made about the future of our village.

Whether it's protecting green spaces, guiding the type and location of new homes, or safeguarding local services and the character of the village, our Neighbourhood Plan gives that voice real power in the planning system.

