

# Rougham Airfield Planning, Context

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## WHAT

Planning consultation throughout the council area, part of a national process currently being undertaken by every local authority in England. The idea appears to be to simplify the planning process by defining development opportunities through to 2040.

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## WHY

Extracted from West Suffolks introductory documents in their [‘Virtual Exhibition Room’](#), information document **‘What is the Preferred Options Local Plan’**:

### **“What is a local plan?**

This consultation draft sets out our preferred approach to growth in West Suffolk including where new homes would be built and where new jobs will be located.

*The West Suffolk local plan, which covers the period 2021 to 2040 and will eventually become a legal planning document, allocates and guides where land is protected and where growth might take place.*

The local plan also contains the policies that secures the delivery of affordable housing, new play areas and public open space, supported by infrastructure such as improvements to health and educational facilities, as well as roads.

### **Why do we need a local plan?**

Without a plan, development can and will still happen – but the council and the residents will have less of a voice and less certainty over the council’s approval or refusal of applications that come forward. Without an up-to-date local plan, the council won’t be able to prevent inappropriate, speculative development from taking place. That in turn means less protection for greenfield sites and the countryside, fewer safeguards to stop employment land being used for housing, as well as inappropriate garden and infill developments and other development that negatively impacts on local communities. “

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## WHEN

**This stage of the consultation completes on 26 July 2022, 5pm**

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## HOW

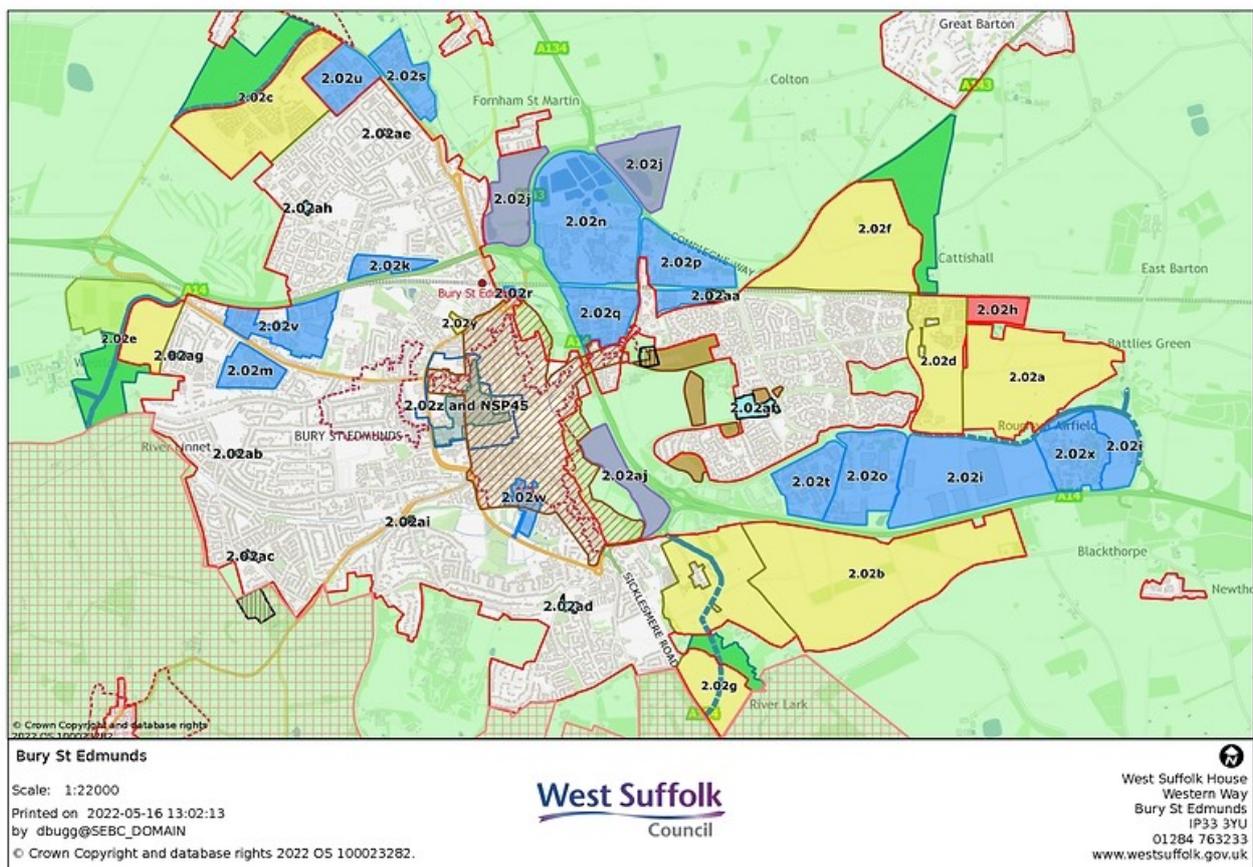
This appears to be an initial consultation to define parcels of land throughout the Council area for future development. So far as I can tell, this will be followed by detailed analysis and documentation which further ties down the uses of each parcel of land.

This first phase sets the concept in stone. The second phase attempts to build rock solid justifications to ensure that the plan will determine all development until 2040.

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## WHERE

Throughout the council area. The part that concerns the club is Rougham Airfield, designated 2.02a on Inset Map 10, Bury St Edmunds:



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## WHO

West Suffolk Council, Strategic Planning Team

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