

BY EMAIL
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Dear Town/Parish Clerk

As you know Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are currently considering how they will work together in future. As part of this work the Cabinets of both councils have provisionally endorsed the proposal to dissolve both councils and create a single new District Council for the area. We are engaging with residents, businesses and partners in our communities and wanted to write to you, as an important stakeholder in our communities, to seek your views as part of this engagement.

Detailed information, including the answers to frequently asked questions, can be found on our website at www.babergh.gov.uk/onecouncil and www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/onecouncil.

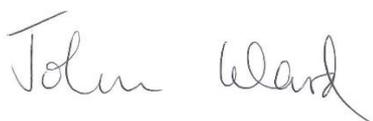
It is important to note that no final decision has been made - the Cabinet of each council has simply resolved to carry out public engagement on the option of creating one district council for the area of Babergh and Mid Suffolk. The eight-week public engagement programme runs until Monday 5 February 2018 and we are inviting people to have their say through a variety of forums, including an online survey and an independent telephone poll of residents. You can find full details of the engagement programme on our website and we welcome all responses from residents, community groups, businesses and anyone with an interest in the future of local government in Babergh and Mid Suffolk.

Subject to the outcome of this public engagement, a draft business case for the dissolution of the two district councils and creation of a new single district council for the whole area will be carefully considered by each Council.

Please write to us with your views at One Council Engagement, Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX.

We are listening: visit our website, have your say, and help shape the future of local government right here in the heart of Suffolk.

Yours sincerely,



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