



THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

- 1 Babergh District Council must ensure that alterations to existing buildings should be undertaken sensitively with due regard to both the character and location of the property. Local and natural materials are preferred.
- 2 Likewise, the District Council must insist that future housing developments take advantage of the best of what is new rather than just imitating existing building forms. They should continue to consult as early as possible in the planning cycle with the Parish Council especially where exceptions to policy are envisaged.
- 3 Babergh District Council's *Design Guidance Note for New Housing in the Babergh District* and the Suffolk Preservation Society's *Patterns for Suffolk Buildings* indicate and illustrate styles, features and practices which are relevant to Lavenham. Both publications provide an objective and useful basis for establishing an agreed understanding of best practice which can be referred to in any future discussion of planning applications for Lavenham.
- 4 Alterations to individual houses in terraces should be avoided when these lead to the fragmentation of the terrace facades.
- 5 *Babergh District Council is encouraged to pursue its objective of re-surveying the listed buildings in Lavenham.
- 6 The Parish Council and other interested parties, are encouraged to participate in the proposed District Council initiative to produce a Guidance Note on the criteria against which new development would be considered.
- 7 Street furniture and signs should be kept discreet and in character with existing village architecture in line with the Suffolk Conservation Manual.
- 8 *Babergh District Council has identified the need to remove telegraph and electricity poles and the 'undergrounding' of cables. The District Council must give this a high priority, and in liaison with the Parish Council agree an order of priority of the streets concerned.

VILLAGE ACCESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1 Ensure that any road developments are in keeping with the village's rural character both in scale and design.
- 2 Encourage the Suffolk Highways Authority and Police, to consider introducing traffic restrictions on certain streets and ensuring speed limits are enforced.
- 3 *Babergh District Council should widen the remit of The Lavenham Car Parking and Traffic Management Working Party to include traffic movement and the needs of pedestrians and cyclists.
- 4 *It is essential that car parking in Lavenham should remain free.
- 5 The Lavenham Merchants Guild should agree drop-off points with tourist coach operators.
- 6 The proposed community bus providing a feeder service to direct bus routes and/or 'Dial a ride' operation will meet many perceived needs and should be actively supported within the community.
- 7 The Highways Authority is urged to act to provide a pedestrian crossing at First Meadow.

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THE PUBLISHED WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION

Village Survey '*How do we live in Lavenham?*'

Lavenham Merchants Guild's Local Business Survey

4 separate Working Group Reports on:

Countryside Perspective

Planning and Design

Village Character

Village Needs and Perspectives

Statistical analyses and feedback from the Village Survey can be viewed at the Lavenham Library, Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council.



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