

Draft Response to Babergh Mid Suffolk Local Plan Consultation

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are publishing a Pre-Submission Joint Local Plan under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Plan) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), together with its accompanying Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment.

The Joint Local Plan identifies the amount of development required for land uses including housing and allocates sites for new development. The policies contained within the Joint Local Plan will be used to inform future decisions on planning applications and appeals.

To view the document online, the accompanying and supporting documentation, and to submit your representations, please visit our websites at:

www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan or www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan.

Responses must be received by 12 noon on Thursday 24th December 2020.

With thanks to advice from Cllr Holborn and Mrs D Youngs who chaired the Drinkstone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, a draft response for submission is set out at Appendix A.

Appendix A

Draft Response to BMSDC on pre-submission Local Plan

There is a slight discrepancy between Drinkstone's policy **DRN12 Design Considerations subsection c** and the **JLP policy LP05** Replacement ...and Additional Development on Subdivided Plots within Settlement Boundaries. Drinkstone would prefer to see MSDC only support developments where they do not involve the loss of gardens.

The Settlement Boundaries in the JLP settlement maps have left out 2 of the Allocated Sites in the NP included in our revision of our Settlement Boundary. They are both at the Church end of the village. Site DRN3 iv, and DRN3 i. (See NP policy maps pp. 46 and 47). The JLP also places the Mills north east of Drinkstone Green, whereas it would be more accurate to place them NE of Drinkstone Church.

Drinkstone Parish Council would like to see more detail on the following issues included in the Joint Local Plan:

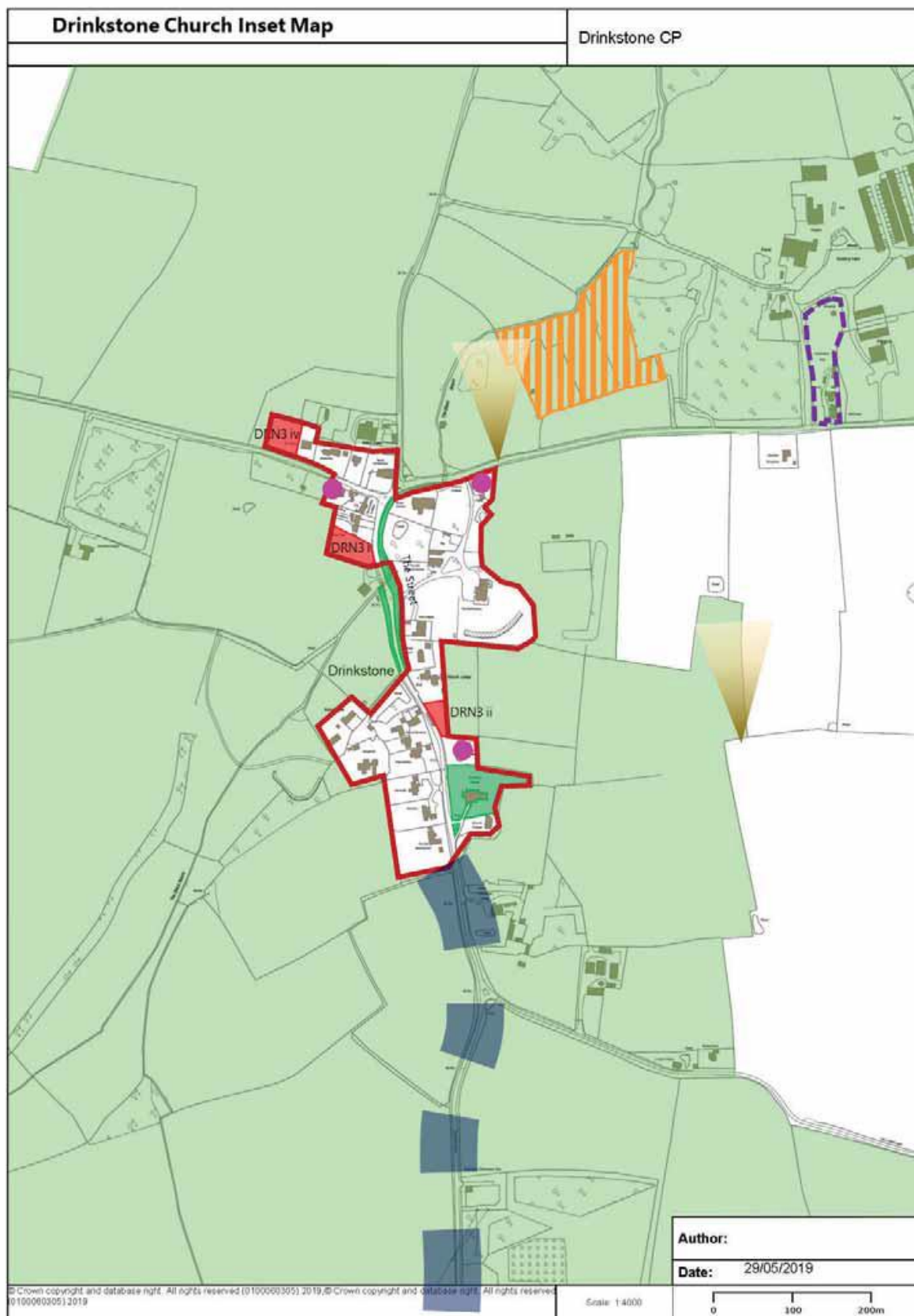
- How sustainability construction practices can be promoted across all developments
- How local energy generation projects can be embedded in the district economies
- How the district can attract more highly skilled, highly paid employment into the district and reduce commuting
- How Mid Suffolk can engage with districts which do offer high productivity, highly skilled and paid employment, for example the Cambridge Science Parks
- How carbon neutrality will be achieved by 2020, with more detail on:
 - Sustainable transport
 - Improving existing housing stock to reduce emissions

There is a discrepancy between the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELLA) Oct 2020 and the Joint Local Plan Reg consultation. The former still proposes employment use for 9ha of land off the Tostock Road (SS0791). Access is quite unsuitable and the site should be deleted from SHEELA.

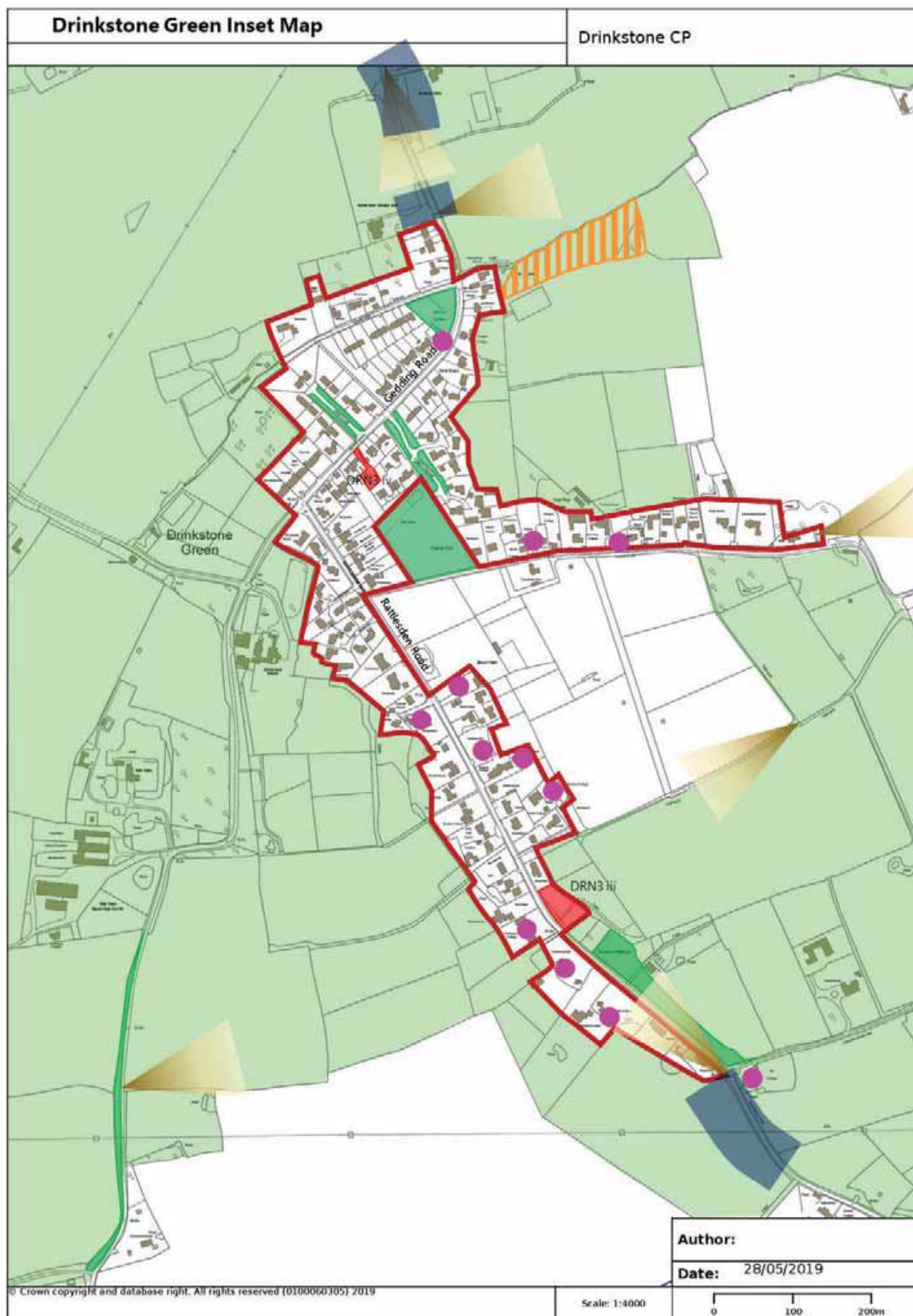
Drinkstone Parish Council welcomes the following policies in the JLP

- LP18 Biodiversity
- LP19 Landscape including Dark skies
- LP26 Design incl. tree planting

But would like greater detail on how they would be applied and enforced.



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