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### Report for The Stonhams Ward – January 2019

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#### Councils pay £549k from Development in 2018

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#### **In 2018 Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils passed £549,674.93 from developers to local infrastructure projects in their districts.**

The figure, available on the councils' new online [Developers Contributions Database](#), the first such public database in the country, follow over £279k paid in 2017, and over £377k in 2016.

In total £1,207,029.06 has been paid out for community infrastructure over the last three years across the two districts.

The money, funding a variety of infrastructure from sports facilities to public transport, was collected from developers who have brought forward developments, both residential and commercial, in Babergh and Mid Suffolk. Collected under the Community Infrastructure Levy, a set charge levied by the square meter of development, or by agreements under Section 106 of the Town



and Country Planning Act, these contributions are used to offset the impact of more development in the district.

Projects that have received funds in 2018 include improvements for outdoor football pitches in Bramford and Blakenham, renovations of many village halls and over £59k for new play equipment at Gandings Road in East Bergholt.

Cllr Glen Horn, Mid Suffolk District Council Cabinet Member for Planning, said: “Our planning committees have made some difficult decisions over recent years to provide the homes we sorely need in Mid Suffolk and with each new planning permission granted we are determined to see the developer contribute to the community. Now we’re seeing the results of this: new community facilities, old infrastructure repaired or replaced, bringing old facilities into the twenty first century: these funds are helping communities and residents right across Mid Suffolk.”

Cllr Nick Ridley, Babergh District Council’s Cabinet Member for Planning, said: “Where new development puts pressure on existing infrastructure it is right we ask developers to contribute to addressing that. These figures show how successful the council has been in collecting funds from developers on behalf of the community: the infrastructure this money pays for will be vital to making Babergh a place people continue to want to live and work for years to come.”