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PLANS FOR FUTURE OF FORMER COUNCIL OFFICES TO BE DISPLAYED

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Residents of Needham Market are invited to put forward their views on the future of Mid Suffolk's former headquarters to a team of council staff and consultants at exhibitions in the town this April.

Plans for the future of Mid Suffolk District Council's former offices at 131 High Street, Needham Market will be unveiled for the first time on 4 April at the Needham Market Community Café. The proposals envisage a residential led redevelopment of the site.

All are welcome to call into the two drop in events on Wednesday 4 and Tuesday 10 April between 3pm and 8pm, at which representatives of Mid Suffolk District Council, Purcell Architects and Lawson Planning Partnership Ltd will be on hand to discuss the plans and answer any questions.

The events will be held at Needham Market Community Café, at the Youth Centre on School Street, Needham Market IP6 8BB.

Cllr Nick Gowrley, Mid Suffolk District Council's Leader and Cabinet Member for Assets and Investment, said: "These buildings are a key site for Needham Market, sitting at the heart of the town on the High Street, and we are determined to get their future right. A lot of thought and hard work has already gone into that future, and these events are an opportunity for anyone with an interest in the site to talk it over with our officers and partners. I'd urge anyone who is able to attend to come along and comment on the plans."

Cllr Wendy Marchant and Cllr Mike Norris, Mid Suffolk District Councillors for Needham Market and Badley ward, are encouraging everyone to have their say. Cllr Norris said: "We recommend that everyone who can takes the opportunity to view and comment on the plans for the former District Council Offices site, being in such a prominent location off the High Street. It is essential that any development on this site reflects the character of the existing buildings in Needham Market."

Attendees should be aware that The Causeway, the road leading to School Street in Needham Market, may be inaccessible to vehicles due to ongoing building maintenance. The exhibition will still be open and accessible on foot, with free parking available off Hurstlea Road.

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