



County Council Report for Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

October 2017

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School Transport – Plans to consult on proposed changes to school transport have been delayed and re-considered by Cabinet in October. The consultation is about limiting support for home to school transport to statutory levels and is still likely to run later this year.

Schools Admissions Policy - Suffolk County Council is consulting on amendments to its admissions policy for the 2019/2020 school year (excluding voluntary aided, foundation, free schools and academies). This runs from 2nd October – 13th November 2017.

To view the consultation documents and respond to the proposals, please visit

www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations.



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Planning Applications – There is no definitive news to date about either Newhall Properties, Wattisfield Rd, Outline for 62 dwellings. 1352/17, or Evolution Town Planning, Land opposite Broad Meadows, Outline for 22 dwellings. DC/17/02783.

Potential Council Merger – Mid Suffolk and Babergh are considering forming a single district council, this will be explained further at the next parish liaison meeting of 9th November (1.00 pm at Westhorpe Village Hall).

Mid Suffolk Ward Boundary Review - The Commission's draft recommendations propose that the Mid Suffolk should have 34 councillors in the future, six fewer than currently. The Walsham Ward would move into a new group joining Elsmwell etc to the south.

Refer to the Commission's dedicated web page for the MSDC electoral reviews:

Mid Suffolk: www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/eastern/suffolk/mid-suffolk

Have your say directly on ward proposals through the Commission's consultation portal:

Mid Suffolk: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/9230>

Consultation on Local Plan - The consultation for Mid Suffolk & Babergh's Draft Joint Local Plan is underway and ends on 10th November Refer to www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan

Planning - New approach to speed up delivering homes - DCLG is consulting on proposals to standardised / amend the methodology for assessing housing need and achieving targets through pooling and greater cooperation between local authorities. Greater emphasis would be placed on neighbourhood planning. (However the proposal does not say much about how infrastructure is to be provided nor about open space.) The consultation is open until November 8th.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-planning-approach-to-speed-up-delivering-homes>

Community Funding Fair - Babergh and Mid Suffolk are hosting a free Funding and Volunteering Fair at Henley Community Centre between 10am and 3.15pm on Wednesday 25 October; it is open to sports clubs, village hall committees and local volunteer groups, lunch is provided. Book a place by calling 01449 724 654, or email Josephine.beever@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

Move to Endeavour House – Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings will move to Endeavour House during the October and November period however some meetings including planning will be at Needham Market until January 2018. Public access is now open at 54 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket:

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