



County Council Report for Walsham-Willows Parish Council

December 2017

Season's Greetings to All!

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School Transport – A consultation about proposed changes to school transport commences on 12th December running until 28th February. The consultation seeks views on three alternative options for pre-and post-16 age groups. Please refer to: www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel

Option 1: Change the school travel policy so that it is in line with the legal requirements starting in September 2019. Free travel would be limited to pupils' nearest suitable school.

Option 2: Introduce changes year by year as a child joins or moves school so that it is in line with legal requirements commencing in 2019, all changes would be phased.

Option 3: Make no changes to the school travel policy but make savings from other services provided by Suffolk County Council.

Workshops relating to the consultation are planned in January 2018 as listed below.







Workshop Venue	Date	Time
Kesgrave Conference Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Ipswich, IP5 1JF	16 January	7pm to 8:30pm
Eye Community Centre, Magdalen Street, Eye, IP23 7AJ	17 January	7pm to 8:30pm
River Stour Trust - the Visitor Education Centre, Dove House, Great Conard, Suffolk, CO10 0GF	18 January	7pm to 8:30pm
Beccles Public Hall, Smallgate, Beccles, NR34 9AD	22 January	7pm to 8:30pm
Lakenheath Pavilion, Eriswell Road, Lakenheath, IP27 9AF	23 January	7pm to 8:30pm
West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3SP	26 January	5 sessions between 2pm and 7:30pm

Have Your Say Venue	Date	Time
West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3SP	30 January	7pm to 10pm

The Council is also requesting feedback use of Rights of Way in its home to school eligibility distance calculations and at local solutions for school transport.

Highways. Reminder to use the website for reporting; please contact me if you have difficulties:-
<http://highwaysreporting.suffok.gov.uk>

Sign Replacement is limited to essential or mandatory signs as described in the Highway Maintenance Operational Plan, Matrix G. Please report missing or damaged signs and request replacement <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/how-we-manage-highway-maintenance/Suffolk-Highway-Maintenance-Operational-Plan.pdf>

Matrix G - Road Signs							
		SEVERITY					
		Extreme	Major	Moderate	Minor	Minor	Negligible
		Road Type 2	Road Type 3a	Road Type 3b	Road Type 3b	Road Type 4a	Road Type 4b
		Strategic 'A' roads	Main distributor - major urban network and inter-strategic routes	Main rural secondary distributor roads	Main urban secondary distributor roads	Local roads	Minor rural roads and urban culs-de-sac
LIKELIHOOD	Very Likely/Likely Mandatory sign missing or heavily obscured	Cat 2 2 working days	Cat 2 2 working days	Cat 2 2 working days	Cat 4 10 working days	Cat 5 20 working days	Cat 5 20 working days
	Possible Warning sign missing	Cat 5 20 working days	Cat 5 20 working days	Cat 5 20 working days	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works
	Unlikely/Rare Regulatory, Information, ADS or Tourist sign missing	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works
Notes							
Non electrical equipment only. Include reflectorised bollards with traffic sign for example dia. No. 610. Mandatory signs are referenced as Diagram No. 601.1; 605; 609; 610; 616; 670 for 30 and 40mph speed limit terminal signs. The matrix will be fully reviewed now TSRGD 2016 has been published. Insert pictures of signs							
Diagram No.:		601.1	Dia 606	Dia 609	Dia 610	Dia 616	Dia 670
							



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Christmas Waste – Please note holiday waste collection: <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services/christmas-collection-schedule/> Christmas trees can be recycled at various collection points, for Walsham this is Four Ashes Farm opposite the nursery prior to Tuesday 9th January.

Public Access–Public access is available at 54 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket. Please note that it is best to ring ahead to ensure that someone is there who has the expertise to assist, 0300-123-4000.

Mid Suffolk & Babergh Councils' Future - A consultation has been launched concerning proposals to form a new combined council, please refer to: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/onecouncil

An online survey is also open: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OneCouncil

A dedicated email address has been set up for responses: one.council@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

Ward Boundaries – Public consultation is now closed. The proposed new arrangement for the Walsham-le-Willows Ward assumes representation by 1 councillor along with Badwell Ash, Wattisfield, Great Ashfield, Langham and Hunston. Final recommendations will be considered by the Local Government Boundary Commission on 23rd January 2018 and published on 6th February 2018 with an Order made in March 2018

Planning Applications – Dates for determination remain to be decided for both Newhall Properties, Outline for 62 dwellings. 1352/17, and Evolution Town Planning, Land opposite Broad Meadows, Outline for 22 dwellings. DC/17/02783. SCC Highways has commented on recent re-submissions from both applicants and would support a 'hybrid' footpath link with details to be determined at reserve matters stage. Both will come before a planning committee, probably in around February.

Neighbourhood Planning – Bill Newman is no longer with Mid Suffolk. Paul Bryant has been appointed (Interim) Spatial Planning Policy Officer and can be contacted by email on paul.bryant@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

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