



County Council Report for Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

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Planning – Draft NPPF 2018 out for consultation - The draft revised National Planning Policy Framework has been issued for consultation, which runs until 10th May – refer to <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-revised-national-planning-policy-framework>

This incorporates proposals from the [Housing White Paper](#) and the [Planning for the right homes in the right places consultation](#) -

Suffolk County Council to consult on future Record Office Service in Lowestoft – A public consultation will be held in early summer over the future of the Record Office Service in Lowestoft, <http://www.suffolkarchives.co.uk/about-suffolk-archives/future-record-office-service-in-lowestoft/>

‘The Hold’ in Ipswich was granted planning permission in February as a repository for most of Suffolk’s historic records and archives with facilities for public access and links to Suffolk University.

Highways – The County Highways teams are aware of the number of new potholes and drainage problems due to the recent severe weather, and requests patience while these issues are addressed. Continue to report issues on the website: <http://highwaysreporting.suffok.gov.uk>



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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.

Boundary Review – The Boundary Commission review has been completed and the Commission’s recommendations are that Mid Suffolk should be represented by 34 district councillors, six fewer than the current arrangements. The proposals also set out the names and boundaries of the eighteen one-councillor wards and eight two-councillor wards. For Babergh. The Commission proposes that the council should have 32 councillors in future: eleven fewer than now. The Commission will make its final determination in August 2018. To comment on the current proposals please write or email by **30 April 2018**:

The Review Officer (Mid Suffolk/Babergh), 14th Flr, Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4QP

Email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

Council ‘Merger’ status - The current administrations of both Babergh and Mid-Suffolk are considering options following the stated intent of Babergh to hold a referendum.

Planning Applications – The two applications on Wattisfield Road are scheduled for Committee A on 14th March.

The application to extend opening hours at Moriarty’s Café, DC/17/05865, has been refused under delegated authority.

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