



County Council Report for Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

July 2018

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Home-to-School Transport – Cabinet Decision – The decision-making process about the future of home to school travel made by Suffolk County Council’s Cabinet on 19th June has been considered by the Scrutiny Committee and upheld. The new school and post-16 travel policy will be phased in starting in September 2019.

Highways Programme review – A major review has been launched about the highways programme and use of funds for maintaining the county’s roads, bridges and other assets. A new Highways Improvement and Innovations Board has been established to undertake this work.

Consultation on Specialist Education – The public is invited to comment on options for future special educational provision for children and young people between the ages of 5 and 25, reply by close of business on 7th August. Refer to www.suffolk.gov.uk/SENDsufficiencyeducation

The options propose varying providers from either wholly independent sector, developing new special schools, and/ or specialist centres alongside mainstream schools.

We Are Listening events -Suffolk residents are invited to come and meet with the Leader of the Council, other councillors and senior managers about their concerns and ideas for Suffolk. The following are scheduled for the remainder of 2018:

- Framlingham: Tuesday 18 September
- Bury St Edmunds: Wednesday 26 September
- Haverhill: Friday 12 October
- Ipswich: Thursday 25 October



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Planning – A decision notice has been issued for the 60-dwelling outline development on Wattisfield Road, refer to no. 1532/17. Details of layout and landscaping will come back for review and comment prior to approval.

Statement of Community Involvement - The Joint Councils are consulting on updates to their Statement of Community Involvement (2014) (SCI) which sets out how Councils consult and involve community and stakeholders in the planning process. Changes include neighbourhood planning, the Community Infrastructure Levy; and the pre-application charging service. The draft SCI for MSDC update can be viewed on: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/adopted-documents/babergh-district-council/statement-of-community-involvement/>

Respond electronically to localplan@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk, or by post to: Planning Policy Team, Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX, by 4.00pm on 30th July 2018.

Needham Market Council Offices – MSDC Cabinet has approved plans for regeneration of the council offices and car park sites for residential development.

Needham Market Middle School Site – redevelopment plans for this site are out now for public consultation.

Joint Housing Strategy Consultation - the Joint Housing Strategy consultation will take place from Friday 21st September – Friday 1st November inclusive, a six-week period. The Housing Strategy for Mid Suffolk can be viewed on: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/housing/housing-strategy/>

Solar Panels - Solar Together Suffolk is a pioneering bulk-buying project, supported by Suffolk County Council and borough and district councils. It aims to promote affordable solar power to homeowners, schools, small businesses and community groups. Register interest without obligation by 21st August at www.solartogethersuffolk.co.uk Following this pre-vetted UK solar PV suppliers will participate in an auction, bulk orders mean savings can be passed on to registered users.

Save Date to Meet MP Jo Churchill at Wattisfield Village Hall - Residents of the parishes of Walsham-le-Willows, Wattisfield and Great Ashfield are asked to save the date of Monday 13th August between 12.00 and 13.30 to meet their MP and discuss matters of interest. Flyers will be sent to parishes shortly.

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