



County Council Report for Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

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Opportunity to Comment on new Suffolk Design Guide – The Suffolk Design Guide is being updated and the Council invites members of the public to comment. The [survey](#) closes on Wednesday 31st October, it asks people to offer opinions about new development projects in Suffolk, such as building style, quality, layout and access. It is anticipated that the Design Guide will be a material Consideration in future planning decisions across the County and will help steer developers toward good design at an early stage of projects. A link to the survey can be found on:

<https://www.hemingwaydesign.co.uk/suffolk-design-guide/>

Suffolk's 2019/ 2020 Budget Consultation is open - and can be accessed by visiting www.suffolk.gov.uk/budget2019 Hard copies will be available from libraries. The consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 16 November.

Beccles Southern Relief Road Opens - The new 2km long route from London Rd (A145) to Ellough Rd (C969) was officially opened by Vice Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, Robert Rous on September 25th. The road was built by Jacksons Civil Engineering on time and in budget for the main purpose of reducing HGV's in Beccles by providing an alternate route around the town.

Schools Application Deadline - The deadline for applications to secure a place at a Suffolk secondary school for 2019/ 20 is 31st October 2018. For primary schools it is 15th January 2019. Secondary schools include high and upper schools and primary schools includes infant, junior and middle schools. Note that the new school transport policy offering service for new students only to the nearest suitable school will commence in September 2019. More information about the changes is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions



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Planning and 5-Year land Supply – An appeal has been allowed for refusal of a 49-dwelling proposal in Woolpit (on the basis of harm to heritage and access). Most notably the Inspector found that Mid Suffolk has only a 3.4 years housing land supply based on new methodologies in the June 2018 National Planning Policy Framework. MSDC has arranged for an interim monitoring exercise using the new methodology to reassess our 5-year land supply position.

Mid Suffolk acquires former Aldi Building in Stowmarket - The acquisition forms part of the Stowmarket Vision for Prosperity – a five-year action plan - aiming to revitalise the town centre. The council will administer the parking on the site until further notice.

Business Rates Retention Pilot – Funds collected in 2018/ 2019 totalling £980k will be shared between district projects, including £300k for the Needham Lake Café/Visitor Centre and £240k for the Town Centre redevelopment of Stowmarket. Suffolk is one of 10 areas across the country to take part in the pilot scheme allowing business rates growth to be retained by local authorities

Meetings (all at Endeavour House Ipswich), for times refer to web site.

- 10 October – Development Control Committee B
- 18 October – Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 24 October – Development Control Committee A
- 25 October – Full Council
- 5 November – Cabinet
- 7 November – Development Control Committee B

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