

## **Walsham Le Willows Parish Council Meeting 8 Oct 2019 - District Councillor's Report**

### **Joint Local Plan Consultation Closes.**

Thank you to all our Town and Parish Councils, and to all residents, who took part in the Joint Local Plan consultation. This has now ended, with the deadline for responses arriving yesterday (30 September). Our Strategic Planning Team will now be going through all of the comments received and considering how to amend the draft plan accordingly.

### **Green Light To Transform Stowmarket Middle School Into Much-Needed Homes**

Planning permission has been granted to transform the former Stowmarket Middle School site into 38 much-needed affordable homes for the town. At a meeting of Mid Suffolk's Development Control Committee on 18 September, councillors voted to grant permission for the redevelopment of the site in Walnut Tree Walk, which has been redundant since the closure of the school in summer 2015.

### **Residents invited To Tour Suffolk's Energy From Waste facility**

Did you know Suffolk's general waste helps to power the equivalent of 30,000 homes? Did you also know that residents can book a waste facility tour! If you are interested book via the following link: <http://www.suffolkefw.co.uk/contact/book-a-visit/>

### **Grants for Home Adaptations**

Mid Suffolk Council is offering grants between £1,000 to £5,000 to support residents and their carers carry out minor adaptations to their homes. The grant is designed to help people and their families cope with challenges of living at home with long term health conditions. The scheme is open to all homeowners, private tenants and council property tenants in the district. For more information call 0300 123 4000.

### **Councils Support 2030 Carbon Neutral Ambitions**

Councillors at Mid Suffolk District Council have voted on motions to support Suffolk's county-wide aim of becoming carbon neutral by 2030. At a full Council meeting on Thursday 25 July Mid Suffolk District Council pledged to set up a taskforce, in partnership with other public sector partners, taking a step forward in becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

Mid Suffolk also adopted a motion to help protect wildlife and biodiversity in the district, including a pledge to review existing and potential wildlife corridors as part of the climate change task force.

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