

Parish Report February 2020

Walsham Parish Council

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Roadworks Permit Scheme – SCC intends to introduce a permit scheme for all road and street works which will give the County Council powers to manage and condition work carried out on the public highway such as utilities and Suffolk Highways. The new scheme will be in place from 1st April. Details of the scheme are available on Suffolk County Council's [website](#) under the item 28-01-2020.

Discharge of Highways Conditions for DC/19/05262, Wattisfield Road – I have been in communication with the District Council (not Suffolk Highways) and understand that District officers are seeking a meeting with SCC about the proposal in the near future.

Post-16 School Travel Policy Consultation – SCC is seeking views on proposed Post-16 Travel Policy (mainly clarifications); the consultation runs from 13th January until 26 February 2020 and affects Year 11 and 12 students. Please refer to the online survey at www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations, email views to Post-16TravelConsultation@suffolk.gov.uk or write to Post-16 Travel Consultation Team, Floor 3 Gold, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX.

New Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) units - The following schools have been identified to develop adjunct SEND facilities:

- Two Generic Key Stage 1 (Primary) Units – Pipers Vale Academy and Burton End Academy
- Three Communication and Interaction Key Stage 2 Units – Murrayfield Primary Academy, Houldsworth Valley Primary Academy, and Causton Junior School
- One Cognition and Learning Key Stage 2 Unit – Clements Primary Academy
- Three Communication and Interaction Key Stage 3/4 Units – Copleston High School, Ixworth School, and Newmarket Academy
- One Cognition and Learning Key Stage 3/4 Unit – Castle Manor Primary Academy.

These units will provide 168 additional specialist placements in Suffolk as of September 2020.

A further commissioning round will begin in Spring 2020 to consider further expressions of interest from mainstream schools who would like to open units in September 2021

Ipswich Northern Relief Road - This week, SCC published the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) for the route(s). This concluded that there was an economic business case to continue the project to phase two. However, alongside the SOBC, SCC recognises other issues need to be considered if the project is to be supported, included the support of affected Districts and Boroughs and a commitment to building a large no. (15,000 approximately) additional new homes.