

WALSHAM LE WILLOWS
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – HOUSING

OPEN EVENT

30TH JULY 2020

PUBLIC'S COMMENTS

WHAT DEVELOPMENT, OWNERSHIP & DESIGN SHOULD WE ENVISAGE OVER THE NEXT 5, 10 OR 15 YEARS?

- Design should incorporate “Suffolk” style, i.e. Elmside rather than the new ones on Wattisfield Road.
- Houses/Flats to Rent needed – individually placed, not part of a large development with “green” credentials.
- No more estates, Single Houses that fit in with styles in WLW.
- Only single Houses – **no more estates**
- Allow new design and technology to ensure village continues to develop and thrive.
- Sympathetic to existing housing stock, **No Red Brick Estates**.
- Small bungalows for the elderly with wheel chair doorways.
- Sympathetic designs.
- We need housing designs that reflect the traditional designs of Suffolk, before regional styles in architecture are completely lost.
- Houses need to be sympathetic to existing houses, old and new – no boring boxes!

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO SEE BUILDING?

- Don't mind but don't just cram them in.
- Village road system totally inadequate for any increase in use. School has no room for any more pupils and has no room to expand.
- Could build on small field on left of Summer Road where original houses/bungalows were proposed in early 1970's.
- No more separate housing developments. The current ones mostly do not join in with village life.
- I don't want to see anymore houses at all. Walsham is ruined as it is. It does not feel like a village anymore. Walsham wood is on the wrong side of the path.
- Ensure that housing expansion is matched by capacity for our parking in streets, schooling, doctors. Roads wide enough and fit for increased traffic flow.
- Infill + small development within existing built landscape. (Rob Barber)
- Small infill within the existing area.

- Road problems in the village before the 60 houses are built. Small brown field site first.
- Small developments within the village envelope. No more large developments.

WHERE DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE IT?

- How will the school cope? No more big developments.
- No more big estates. Don't think our school can take any more pupils.
- Keep unique character of village. Do not build in conservation area or limit network of paths.
- No more estates with adopted roads.
- No buildings within conservation area.
- Where it will be intrusive to the current visual areas.
- Definitely no more on Wattisfield Road!
- Not in the centre of the village.
- Possibly on the outskirts.
- Conservation areas need to be increased. Retain grassed areas. Woodland getting nicely established – need more.
- Not on high ground where it will be intrusive to the wider landscape.
- Not in visually important landscape (Rob Barber)

HOW MUCH DO WE NEED?

- As little as possible
- Small developments only.
- Housing that can be supported by current infrastructure and on edges of village.
- Infills, small developments, we do not have the infrastructure to support larger developments.
- No big development s/ estates but enough to maintain vibrancy and prevent stagnation.
- Don't offer up any more - meet local plan required number of 90. Gain idea of future numbers if called for.
- 2/3 bed s for young families.
- 1 bed for older retired/downsized.
- Ample off-street parking essential.

WHAT KIND DO WE NEED?

- Better village sign.
- Village Green.

- More development for the ??? for boating areas + leisure.
- Smaller premises for the elderly
- Varied – for young, bedsits/studio flats to allow those living with parents to become more independent. – for adults to downsize but stay within familiar community.
- No further large developments – infill or ribbon developments or small clusters of 10/12 houses. This type of development is needed to ensure the village community is maintained.
- Infrastructure is needed. Shop. This would improve socialising which is important, not just housing.
- Infill houses/smaller bungalows for older members to free up larger houses but stay within the community.
- More space and parking required in all developments.
- Upgrade of facilities in village.
- There was an SLA on the river bank east past Rookery up to Woodlands/ Cranmer. Is it still in place?
- I feel that a small supermarket similar to that in Badwell Ash should be introduced into the village. Whatever happened to the stipulation for the builders of Elmside Lea to provide the above. This would possibly cut down on a car journey. The road to Badwell Ash on a bicycle is a bit of a white-knuckle ride.