

Walsham le Willows
Neighbourhood Plan
Consultation Statement

To accompany the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan
submission version, for examination

April 2023

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background and consultation requirements

1.1.1 Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led document for guiding the future development of the parish. It is the first of its kind for Walsham le Willows and a part of the Government's current approach to planning. It has been undertaken with extensive community engagement, consultation and communication.

1.1.2 The Consultation Statement is designed to meet the requirements set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 for Consultation Statements. This document sets out the consultation process employed in the production of the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan. It also demonstrates how the requirements of Regulations 14 and 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 have been satisfied.

1.1.3 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have endeavoured to ensure that the Plan reflects the desires of the local community and key stakeholders, which have been engaged with from the outset of developing the Plan.

1.1.4 Part 5, Section 15(2) of the Regulations sets out that a Consultation Statement should:

- a. contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- b. explain how they were consulted;
- c. summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- d. describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

1.2 Designation as a Neighbourhood Area

1.2.1 Walsham le Willows Parish Council made an application for designation as a Neighbourhood Area on 19th July 2018 (see Appendix 1(a) and 1(b)). Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council designated the area on 30th July 2018.

2. Community engagement stages

2.1 The recruitment of a Steering Group

- 2.1.1 During summer 2018, Walsham le Willows Parish Council agreed to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan and that a Steering Group of interested residents should be formed to guide and produce the Plan. See Appendix 2 for Steering Group members.
- 2.1.2 The Steering Group developed Terms of Reference, see Appendix 3. All Steering Group members completed a Declaration of Interest form.

2.2 Community engagement

- 2.2.1 In September 2021 the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group appointed consultancy support and agreed a communication plan and community engagement plan. It was agreed that engagement needed to be effective through the process and would result in a well-informed Plan and a sense of local ownership. The aim was to inform and involve the community throughout the process. Communication is dealt with in section 3 of this report.
- 2.2.2 There are four stages in which residents of Walsham le Willows and key stakeholders were engaged. This section gives an outline of each stage. Full details of the purpose, date and locations, consultees, publicity, preparation, event details, follow up and results can be found in the appendices. The names of individual respondents have been removed.
- 2.2.3 **Stage 1: Initial evidence gathering** (2018 and 2019).
- Neighbourhood Area designation, July 2018.
 - Initial evidence gathering. First community drop-in day, June 2018 (Appendix 4).
- 2.3.4 **Stage 2: Further development of the evidence base** (2020 and 2021).
- Second community drop-in day with housing focus, July 2020 (Appendix 5).
 - Vision and objectives drafted, September 2021.
 - Character appraisal of the parish undertaken by the Steering Group.
 - Commissioning of Housing Needs Assessment (produced by AECOM).
 - Commissioning of Design Guidance and Codes document (produced by AECOM).

- Household Survey distributed to all Walsham le Willow households in the parish, November 2021.
- Data profile for the parish completed in January 2022.

2.3.5 **Stage 3: Development of policy ideas** (Spring and Summer 2022)

- Following analysis of the household survey results (Appendix 5) and the data profile, together with a review of the information collected from the drop-in days, draft policy ideas were developed.
- Housing Needs Assessment completed in April 2022.
- Design Guidance and Codes document completed in July 2022.
- Drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan took place from April 2022.

2.3.6 **Stage 4: Pre-submission consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan, Regulation 14** (Autumn 2022)

- The draft Neighbourhood Plan was issued for pre-submission consultation (from 17th October to 2nd December 2022). It was sent to statutory agencies and available for residents to comment (Appendix 6).

2.3.7 As well as publicising the opportunity to comment on the pre-submission draft Neighbourhood Plan within the Walsham le Willows area, the following organisations were also asked for representation:

- AONB Officer (Joint AONBs Team) Suffolk Coast & Heath AONB
- BMSDC Community Planning Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils
- Chief Executive Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
- Conservation Officer RSPB
- Conservation Officer (Essex, Beds & Herts) RSPB
- County Cllr to Blackbourn Division
- County Cllr to Hartismere Division
- County Cllr to Thedwastre North Suffolk County Council
- Dedham Vale Society
- DIO Assistant Safeguarding Manager Defence Infrastructure Organisation
- Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich
- Director James Lawson Planning Ltd
- Director Suffolk Preservation Society
- East of England Office Historic England
- East of England Office National Trust
- East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board
- Ecology and Planning Advisor Suffolk Wildlife Trust
- Essex & Suffolk Water
- Essex, Norfolk & Suffolk Sustainable Places Team Environment Agency
- Estates Planning Support Officer Ipswich & East Suffolk CCG & West Suffolk CCG
- Highways England

- Land Use Operations Natural England
- Mid Suffolk Ward Cllr to Bacton
- Mid Suffolk Ward Cllr to Gislingham
- Mid Suffolk Ward Cllr to Rickingham & Walsham
- Mid Suffolk Ward Cllr to Walsham-le-Willows
- MP for Bury St Edmunds
- MP for West Suffolk
- National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups
- Norfolk & Suffolk Gypsy Roma & Traveller Service
- Parish Clerk to Badwell Ash
- Parish Clerk to Finningham
- Parish Clerk to Gislingham
- Parish Clerk to Langham
- Parish Clerk to Rickingham Inferior / Superior
- Parish Clerk to Stanton
- Parish Clerk to Wattisfield
- Parish Clerk to Westthorpe
- Parish Clerk to Wyverstone
- Planning Policy Team West Suffolk Council
- Rural and Community Housing Enabler Community Action Suffolk
- SCC Neighbourhood Planning Suffolk County Council
- Senior Growing Places Fund Co-ordinator New Anglia LEP
- Senior Manager Community Engagement Community Action Suffolk
- Senior Planning Manager Sport England (East)
- Spatial Planning Advisor Anglian Water
- St Eds Ward Cllr to Stanton
- Stakeholder Engagement Team UK Power Networks
- Stakeholders & Networks Officer Marine Management Organisation
- Strategy Manager New Anglia LEP
- Suffolk Constabulary
- Suffolk Preservation Society
- Theatres Trust
- Three
- Town Planning Team Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
- Transco - National Grid
- Vodafone and O2 - EMF Enquiries

2.3.8 A letter was also sent to the owners of Non-designated Heritage Assets and Local Green Spaces.

2.3.8 As well as local residents, the following organisations made representations:

- Highways England
- Historic England
- Mid Suffolk Council

- Ministry of Defence
- MP Jo Churchill
- National Grid
- Natural England
- Non-designated Heritage Asset owners
- Residents
- Suffolk County Council
- Suffolk Wildlife Trust
- Water Management Alliance

2.5 Environmental assessments

2.5.1 A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report was prepared by Land Use Consultants Ltd (LUC) during November 2022. The report considered that the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects and that full SEA is therefore not required. The SEA screening opinion was sent to the three statutory consultees (Natural England, Historic England and the Environmental Agency). Written responses were received from Historic England and Natural England. Both concurred with the screening report conclusion. In the light of the SEA Screening Opinion (Nov 2022) prepared by LUC, and the responses from the two statutory bodies, it is determined that the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment in accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

2.5.2 A Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Report was prepared by LUC during November 2022. At the screening stage of the HRA, no likely significant effects are predicted on European sites as a result of the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan, either alone or in combination with other policies and proposals. An Appropriate Assessment is not required for the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan as none of the policies will result in development and likely significant effects from the plan can therefore be ruled out. The HRA screening opinion was sent to Natural England). In their response they concurred with the findings of the report. In light of the HRA Screening Report (November 2022) prepared by LUC, and the response to this from the statutory consultee, it is determined that the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan is 'screened-out' for further assessment under the Habitats Regulations 2017 and that an Appropriate Assessment is not required.

3. Communication approach

- 3.1 Good communication has been key to residents and businesses feeling informed and involved in the production of the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3.2 An important part of the Neighbourhood Plan process was the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan page, <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/neighbourhood-plan/>. The website was updated during each phase in the development of the Plan. It contained information on Neighbourhood Planning, consultation results, steering group members and meeting minutes.
- 3.3 To spread news of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, the Steering Group used:
- The Parish Council website
 - Posters displayed around the parish and flyers in various locations
 - Articles in the Walsham Observer (monthly parish magazine) which goes to every house in Walsham le Willows.
 - Facebook.
 - Updates at Parish Council meetings.
- 3.4 Prior to the Referendum, the Steering Group intend to write a short summary of the Neighbourhood Plan to feature in the Walsham Observer.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The programme of community engagement and communications carried out during the production of the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan was extensive and varied. It reached a wide range of the local population and provided opportunities for many parts of the local community to input and comment on the emerging policies.
- 4.2 The comments received throughout and specifically in response to the consultation on 'Pre-submission draft of the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan' have been addressed, in so far as they are practical, and in conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework and the adopted Mid Suffolk Core Strategy and the emerging Babergh Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan.

Appendices

APPENDIX 1: Designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area

APPENDIX 1(a): Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Development Plan area designation application

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area



Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)	
Parish clerk details	
Title	Mr
First name	Kevin
Last name	Boardley
Property name/number	Willow Cottage
Address line 1	The Street
Address line 2	Walsham le Willows
Town/Village	Bury St Edmunds
County	Suffolk
Postcode	IP313AA
Email address	clerk@walshampc.myzen.co.uk
Additional contact details (if different)	
Title	Mr
First name	Phil
Last name	Newby
Property name/number	██████████
Address line 1	██████████
Address line 2	Walsham le Willows
Town/Village	██████████
County	██████
Postcode	██████
Email address	
Relevant body	

Confirmation that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with the regulations	Yes
District	Mid Suffolk District Council
Parish	Walsham-le-Willows
If adjacent LA/Parish was selected these details have been provided	
Name of neighbourhood area	
Name by which the neighbourhood area will formally be known	Walsham le Willows NDP
Extent of the area	
Intended extent of the area	Whole parish boundary area
Is assistance with an OS plan required	Yes
To satisfy Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 the following statement has been provided to explain why the area being proposed is considered appropriate:	
<p>The Parish Council have been considering preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for some time, but this was actively taken forward by a community group in April 2018, made up of residents, including professionals, Parish Councillors, and interested persons. The intention to take forward a Neighbourhood Plan has been advertised in the village for several months, including via the local community newsletter, "The Walsham Observer", and the Parish website, which culminated in a 'drop-in' event on Thursday 27th June 2018. The purpose of the event was to establish if there was a local appetite for taking forward a Neighbourhood Plan, and if the Parish Boundary was an appropriate boundary to use. The event took place between 14.30 and 21.00, with over 150 people attending throughout the day. Over 140 signatures of support for the Neighbourhood Plan boundary to be the Parish Boundary were received. Further information is available from the website, or a more detailed explanation can be provided as necessary.</p>	
Intention of neighbourhood area	
The following is intended to be undertaken within the neighbourhood area	Neighbourhood Development Plan
Support provided for this choice:	

The community of Walsham le Willows have been actively engaged and involved in the very early process of progressing a Neighbourhood Plan, which has resulted in a high level of support and encouragement for taking forward a Neighbourhood Plan that is based on the existing Parish Boundary. Several options were considered to get to this point, including making the identified area smaller to closer reflect the existing settlement boundary, or to make the Plan boundary wider and extend into other Parishes. Both of these alternative options were duly considered, with their being pros and cons of both approaches. Ultimately, a good proportion of the community met to discuss this initial stage of the Neighbourhood Plan process at a specific drop-in event on 27th June 2018, at which there was overwhelming support from attendees for the Neighbourhood Plan to follow the same as the Parish Boundary. It is therefore considered by the community of Walsham le Willows that their Neighbourhood Plan should follow the Parish Boundary, which as it is felt this gives the future Neighbourhood Plan greatest area of control and most flexibility.

Adjoining parish clerk details (multi-parish areas)

Details of adjoining parish or parishes clerk details if provided	N/A
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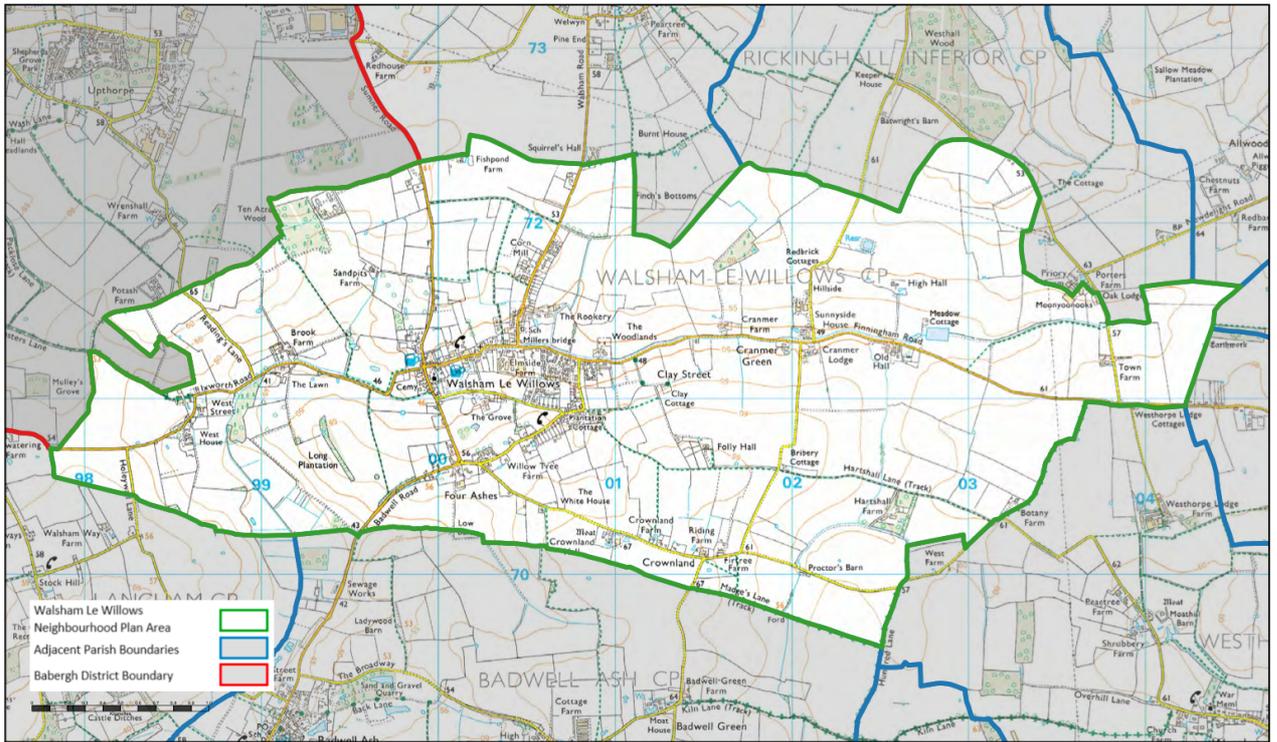
Declaration

I/we hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and on the accompanying plan.

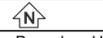
Name(s)	Kevin Boardley / Phil Newby
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Date	19/07/2018
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APPENDIX 1(b): Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Development Plan area map



Walsham-Le-Willows Neighbourhood Plan Area



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APPENDIX 1(c): Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Development Plan area designation notice



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION NOTICE

WALSHAM le WILLOWS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mid Suffolk District Council received an application from Walsham le Willows Parish Council (the 'Relevant Body') to designate the whole of the parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area on 19 July 2018.

The application was made under Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). A copy of the application and a map which identifies the area to which this relates can be found on the District Council website at:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/WalshamleWillowsNP>

Regulation 5A states that ... "where (1)(a) a local planning authority receives an area application from a parish council" and (1)(b) the area specified in the application consists of the whole of the parish council's area, (2) the local planning authority must exercise their powers under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to designate the specified area as a neighbourhood area."

Regulations 6 and 6A relating to publicising an area application do not apply in this instance. Therefore, in accordance with Regulation 5A(2) and 7(1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Mid Suffolk District Council hereby give notice that it has designated the parish of Walsham le Willows as a Neighbourhood Area in order to facilitate the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan by Walsham le Willows Parish Council.

Tom Barker

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Dated: 30 July 2018

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APPENDIX 2: Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group members

The Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group included the following members:

- Jimmy Bailey, local resident
- Richard Belson, local resident and Chair of the Parish Council
- Ian Campbell, local resident
- Sally Johnston, local resident
- Alison Martin, local resident
- Suzi Martineau, local resident
- Gordon Murray, local resident
- Nick Mecrow, local resident and Parish Councillor
- Phil Newby, local resident, Chair of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Supported by

- Parish Clerk: Kevin Boardley
- Consultants: Rachel Leggett, Andrea Long and Emma Harrison

APPENDIX 3: Terms of Reference for Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Purpose

The main purpose of the Steering Group is to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish, on behalf of the Walsham le Willows Parish Council, in line with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, which sets out policies and proposals that seek to address the community's aspirations for the area.

In undertaking this role, the Steering Group will:

1. Ensure that Neighbourhood Planning legislation, as set out in the Localism Act 2011, as well as the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, are followed in the preparation and submission of the Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Set out a project timetable, featuring key milestones, and a budget for preparing the Neighbourhood Plan.

3. Seek appropriate funding to meet the costs of developing the plan.
4. Plan, manage and monitor expenditure incurred in the preparation of the plan and report back to the Parish Council on these matters.
5. Report regularly to the Parish Council on progress with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and make recommendations on any proposed content of the Plan.
6. Seek to gather the views of the whole community, including residents, groups, businesses, landowners etc., in order to inform the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.
7. Liaise with Mid Suffolk Council and other relevant authorities and organisations in order to make the plan as effective as possible and to ensure that it remains in conformity with local, national and European planning legislation.
8. Be responsible for the analysis of evidence gathered from the community and elsewhere, development of local policies, and the production of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Membership

The Steering Group will include up to 15 members, including representatives of the Parish Council and any interested members of the community, as approved by the Parish Council.

At the first meeting the committee will elect: a chairperson, a vice-chair, a secretary, and a treasurer.

All members of the Steering Group must declare any personal interest that may be perceived as being relevant to any decisions or recommendations made by the group. This may include membership of an organisation, ownership or interest in land or a business or indeed any other matter likely to be relevant to the work undertaken by the Steering Group.

Meetings

The Steering Group shall meet every month, or as may be required. Notice of Steering Group meetings shall be given to its members, by email or post, at least five working days in advance of the meeting date. Notices must include details of the matters to be discussed.

Decisions on operational matters (relating to the process of preparing the Plan) shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Steering Group members present and voting. In the case of an equal number of votes, the chairperson shall have a casting vote.

Decisions on matters relating to proposed content of the Plan shall be made by the full Parish Council, following consideration of recommendations made by the Steering Group.

The Steering Group may decide the quorum necessary to conduct business – with a minimum of five members.

The secretary shall circulate minutes to members of the Steering Group not more than 14 days after each meeting.

Working Groups

The Steering Group may appoint such working groups as it considers necessary, to carry out functions specified by the Steering Group. Each working group should have a nominated chair but this person does not have to be a member of the Steering Group.

Working groups do not have the power to authorise expenditure on behalf of the Steering Group.

Finance

The treasurer shall keep a clear record of expenditure, where necessary, supported by receipted invoices. Members of the Steering Group, or a working group, may claim back an expenditure that was necessarily incurred during the process of producing the Neighbourhood Plan. This could include postage, stationery, telephone calls, travel costs, childcare costs etc. The procedure for claiming and rates for these expenses shall be drawn up by the treasurer and agreed by the Steering Group.

The treasurer will report back to the Steering Group on planned and actual expenditure for the project and liaise with the Parish / Town Clerk to set up a petty cash system and enable cash withdrawals and payment of invoices to be made, as required.

Changes to the Terms of Reference

These Terms of Reference may be altered and additional clauses added by agreement, shown by majority votes, of the Steering Group.

APPENDIX 4: Stage 1 – Initial evidence gathering

APPENDIX 4(a): Results of first community drop-in day (June 2018)

DESIGN

- New houses in-keeping with village environment.
- Some modernist buildings in contrast to the old ones.
- Any new homes must be eco-friendly, i.e. building materials and heating.
- Forget contrasting – BLEND! (see above)
- More green space / gardens. Not least to minimise runoff and therefore flood risk. TL
- New houses should have at least 2 parking spaces due to lack of public transport.

- The close packed buildings in the street have important “through” vistas – Tiled House, Avenue, Allotment Lane – an important feature I feel. R Barber
- Too many houses. Keep the increase in proportion with what we already have.
- Any excessive development will detract from the charm and conservation of the village.
- With all the proposed building within the parish boundry what further consideration is being given to increasing capacity at our school and more parking?

ENVIRONMENT

- Identify new open spaces across village
- Ensure protection of valuable assets—trees, hedges, ponds – there is a large number from days of dairy farming and need water access in fields.
- Protect footpath network and develop where possible eg: divert no12 ditch along from Plantation Cottage to Clay Street away from centre of field.
- Improve allotment Lane and Sports club for pushchairs and lighting for night access.
- Any chance of improved network in the Eastern half of the village, Hatchmere forward
- Understand the use of the public footpath network and ensure no planning disrupts or detracts from this public amenity.
- Protect veteran and other specimen trees. Protect hedgerows for wildlife, also ponds and rivers.
- Some benches near woodland areas
- More green spaces
- Dog walking /meeting field (run by dog walkers) More woodland
- Village green
- Sewage pumping station does not have back up power supply, there have been power cuts there. With another 80 houses plus, what to do in heavy rain and it already overflows into stream
- If the Wattisfield Road development happens we will lose turtle doves, hedgerows and other red line endangered species, there are ancient trees and hedgerows at high danger
- Protect our green spaces, they are disappearing fast. The countryside is where our food is grown and where will come from once we have concreted over everything
- Protect footpaths and green areas
- Dog walking field is a good idea, Walsham is good at conservation support for all good initiations
- More open spaces perhaps there could be a pond or something to encourage more wildlife in the area
- Green spaces must be retained, grass, not arable fields. Especially that in Grove Park.

FLOOD RISK

- Insurance premiums and difficulty of finding insurance for homes close to the stream. David Daniels Flooding; contaminated land; noise; air quality; ecology . Advisor
- Consider where the surface area is going to go. Preferably not in my kitchen.
- Look at flood alleviation scheme even if the last big flood was 1968. Rob Barber
- Perhaps too much paving is allowed. Patio at the back and hardstanding for the car – where does the run-off go?
- Stream in village needs to be kept clean to prevent blocking.
- More green space → better attenuation and therefore reduced run-off.
- The large Stanton development is on designated industrial development land which may/may not impact on residential use.

GREEN ISSUES

- Sustainable building – e.g. using zinc in roofs so they can be recycled in the future.
- Where new properties are approved, opportunities to explore environmentally friendly design/construction e.g. wet areas (ponds), swift boxes in buildings.
- Make sure houses are as eco-friendly as possible.
- Keep Fishpond lane as a public footpath – no traffic. Yes! Village in bloom opportunities.
- Note, arable fields are not green spaces!
- Wildlife survey. Species of interest in decline.
- Put some benches in the wild wood and some shady areas.
- When planning for houses has been given and conditions have been made e.g. provisions of bat boxes, replanting of trees, and these conditions have not been complied with, enforcement actions must be taken.
- Existing green spaces must be protected.
- Green space is usually mown grass. This should be preserved and expanded. TL Promote the community garden.
- TPO's in 3 hornbeam in Grove Park. They are magnificent! TL

HERITAGE

- Continue to protect our listed buildings and Conservation Area.
- Protect heritage – Nunns Hardware shop was repaired and functions beautifully as a café despite MSDC's earlier approval of demolition. The shop has an iconic front window which is so special in the street scene. Rob Barber
- St Mary's church goes back to the 11th century. (Mainly 15th century now still standing) still a valuable meeting place.
- Outside the school is a bottleneck. Always cars parked outside the school leaving barely enough room for a lorry or tractor to get through where the Maltings juts into the road. Helen Dougall

- Conservation area is of prime importance! Sometimes neglected! Any new builds must be in keeping with current housing stock.
- Any new builds must provide extra facilities – doctors/post office/shop/big school? Must be in keeping but provide for the young families.
- Be aware of our conservation area. More cars will put the old buildings at risk. Keep our village safe. Cherish our heritage which is so obvious in Walsham. Planners please note!

HOUSING

- Do not forget, for every house there are at least 2 cars and possibly 4 people. Applications to reflect requirements of first-timers from village. TR.
- New homes near me (Plantation Cottages). SY
- No ribbon development please. DmD
- More parking, i.e. min of 3 spaces is a must.
- Protect views through houses.
- Keep a tight rein on planning permission so as not to affect sanity of village life.
- Can the sewage pumping station cope with the extra housing?
- Very necessary but must be the correct type.
- Several old people are moving away as there are no suitable houses for them. How about a sheltered complex of bungalows?
- We must learn from the design and shortcomings of Elmside – inadequate parking, access for vehicles, no shop/retail provided.
- Hotel for people who want to visit. EH
- New homes in keeping with the village environment.
- We need to accommodate first time buyers and young families. If we don't expand the village will die.
- Bungalows and smaller houses for those who wish to downsize, + first time buyers.
- Build new school on R & D development site. Use facilities at sports centre if school built on R & D site.
- Applications to reflect mixture of need - e.g. smaller units for OAP's down-sizing and for first time buyers.
- Concern regarding the future development of open field behind Elmside development. Agree!
- Really cheap affordable homes needed for village families.
- More smaller affordable units for local people, old and young.
- Housing for the elderly who do not want to move away to be accommodated in the village. And a post-office.
- Please keep it in perspective and sympathetic developments.
- Please remember that Elmside Lee was once opposed - and now fits happily in the village. Build houses on arable land. How much oil seed rape can we eat? TL
- I would like some bungalows round here.
- Bungalows, mews complex would be appreciated.

- 60 houses – too many!
- When the piggeries development took place the planners ignored village requirements (e.g. unworkable shop premise, High “Executive” to Affordable house ratio etc). Also, I thought they promised additional sports facilities. Same mistakes again?

JOBS AND SHOPS

- Very limited shopping availability in current village. Lack of shops in village, jobs few and far between. Post Office. Small supermarket may help.
- Limited shops – lack of choice.
- Post Office please – sad to lose this facility.
- Small village shop would be fantastic.
- To support further housing development infrastructure will be required.
- 82 houses(,) cannot possibly provide jobs for everyone.
- Very little shops for those who can’t drive.
- I want shops.
- Lack of shops for those without cars or who cannot drive.
- We need shops!
- We need a shop.
- A couple more small shops, as not to eradicate Rolfe’s, would be good.
- Urgent need for a fairly priced shop like Badwell Ash. TL
- A village shop would be fantastic!
- Encourage businesses.
- Balance of small industry with housing – to encourage local employment, and save fuel mileage (pollution).
- Co-ordinate on-line shopping.

SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS

- School is a key issue, It does not make social or environmental sense to bus children to schools in other areas
- Larger school to cope with children at the moment and those coming of school age next year
- I think we need more staff to paly on the field Extend the school for more children
- In the school, more climbing things
- Extend the school
- The school is full at the moment but it seems wrong to bus them to another school out of the village, can it be extended
- Will the school be able to take more children
- We need some equipment in our school like slides and a swing The school needs to be bigger
- The school is already at full capacity and will not be able to cope with more children. Needs to be worked with sports club to use their facilities for the PE activities
- They should move the ramps at the play park

- The prospect of more housing is good to bring more families into Walsham but a bigger school / grounds needed.
- Present school cannot support and substantial increase in housing
- Need to think about a bigger school as present one full to capacity. Possible on R&D site
- Large school with ample parking for staff and drop off point
- Schooling provision essential even with current planned development Serious problems with parking at school making it very dangerous
- Develop a purpose built pre-school building on a new site allowing the school to expand into the existing pre school building. This would allow children in the new houses to attend the village school. The pre-school could then have a larger outside space. Pre-school staff and committee and Walsham school headteacher suggested and agreed this suggestion.
- This proposal has been discussed with councillor Jessica Fleming who told us put this on the plan as it would solve several of the problems in the village
- Could a different site for a purpose built pre-school be found? This would enable the school to expand into the pre-school building The new site for pre-school would need to be within walking distance to school to enable wrap around provision to continue
- Pre school which is based on school site in order to assist with smooth transition to school would not be able to cope with anymore children. Perhaps new preschool and school building but that defeats the above point.
- School is not big enough to take more children from Walsham. If you move to a village you would expect your children to attend the village school. Designed for years reception to 4, already housing 5&6
- Need to re think size of school so it can take more children, more parking We need to extend Walsham primary school
- Priority should be given to Walsham children not bus them to other schools. The existing school has already been enlarged so play area would be decreased if from classrooms
- It will be wrong if as a result of an increase in pupils at the school, that children living further away than the new development will be excluded on the distance from the school rule. The school is already full so some will be excluded.

SPORTS AND LEISURE

- Brilliant sports club! Perhaps new and a greater variety of equipment in the play area. In the play park, more bike and scooter places for older children.
- I want the ramps to be placed somewhere else.
- Improve paths across from Wattisfield Road to Sports Club.
- W-L-W is well catered for with recreational facilities for grown-ups but is still limited for younger children.
- Increased traffic and lorry size makes a footpath to the sports field a priority. David Daniel We love the Wild Woods, would love more events there and

maybe a picnic table there. It is essential to have a path and bicycle way to the sports club from the Six Bells.

- To help children who get lost or stuck in the play area. MS
- Play area – swings and equipment for toddlers and young children.
- A footpath to sports club would be a safety addition. This road is busy and not very wide.
- Footpath Sumner Road to the sports club.
- Sports club (excellent) needs a footpath from the cross roads.
- Possibly a youth club for the ever growing community.
- Need to place toddler swings and young children equipment at play area.
- Swimming pool.
- Good idea!
- Footpath to sports field from church cross roads. All weather path from school to sports field so school can use the astroturf etc.
- More equipment and activities for older children.
- There needs to be more ramps and a football, netball and basketball area.
- T-shop open in the evenings for special “feature” or special course evenings. SUCH a lovely venue & business. Give them your support. GREAT for evening leisure.
- No more building on the school field.
- There needs to be a sports area for public people.
- I like the big park and the little park because it is somewhere fun to go. Play area – more equipment for the older children. Things to do. Maybe an outdoor gym area would be good.

TRAFFIC

- Traffic calming on Wattisfield Road in view of increased traffic
- Pinch points at bottom of Wattisfield Road and The Street from Rolfes to MV Hall Safe access up Summer road to Sports Club via pedestrian access
- What about a One way system through The Street
- Improve footpaths in the Street
- Restrict parking in pinch points but at same time don't make it easier for speeding
- Improve speed control on Causeway which is a race track at times
- Seriously concerned about traffic implications for further large developments. Already serious congestion at times and hazards of parking on footpaths.
- Parking on footpaths in Finningham Road happening more and more, why?
- Congestion on Wattisfield Road outside school spilling onto The Street, Many parents now work and need to transport children
- Roads cannot cope with current volumes of traffic, parking on the Street is already a problem
- Parents cause parking issues and congestion along Wattisfield Road, can they use car park at beg/end of day
- Speed of traffic down Wattisfield road, possible new road signs, (30mph) and speed bumps

- How much traffic can The Street take? It is difficult enough to get through now. Also Wattisfield road on a school day is impossible, traffic parked outside Elmside dangerous
- Traffic congestion down Wattisfield road in light of new developments More public parking with Electric charging points
- Traffic to use the Causeway and Summer Road as much as possible, straighter road and less population
- Double yellow lines on corner by hairdressers to Rolfes
- On street parking restricts traffic speed, double yellow lines would make it a high speed rat run
- Put HGV embargo on The Street, Summer Road and the Causeway except for access
- Traffic already too fast in Causeway, too many large lorries still ignoring advice regarding access
- An extension of the speed limit would be a splendid idea
- 30mph signs UP Summer Road from crossroads need improving. Take a drive and LOOK WHERE they have put the signs. If you move off from the crossroads and for some reason fail to see the first 30mph there is NO OTHER til you are level with the Sports field by then if kids involves crossing it would be too late and street lamps in front gardens of Martineau cottages are not sufficiently noticeable by daylight. So come on road council please put another sign in and stop Police making all their money sitting in entrance to sports field, I've been caught there, have YOU??
- One of those smiley face speed signs green smiley face less than 30mph
- Development of the Sports fields has led to a large increase in traffic on Summer Road, Great facility, extension of 30mph zone and traffic calming should be implemented ASAP
- Traffic in the Causeway speed is not monitored, The Bridge often scene or Road Rage, signage should be reversed
- One way system for The Street will only exacerbate speed problems and encourage more traffic inc ever larger lorries
- Inappropriately large developments will destroy the character and heritage of the centre of the village due to increased traffic movement for which the road was not designed
- Even parking in Elmside can be stupid at times, hardly space to get through, several times road blocked, what if an ambulance wants to get through
- Highway parking, Street, Elmside Wattisfield Public needs persuasion about best options NOT on INSIDE of bends as at Elmside and The Street which blocks view of oncoming vehicle
- Crossings, one near school one between sports club and fields opposite Village should be a 20mph speed limit
- 30mph around West Street
- Footpath ort traffic calming on Summer Road, speed bumps, road restrictions, speed awareness signs it is the most dangerous road in Walsham

- Use MVH car park to relieve parking congestion in the narrow part of The Street
- Is the plan to allow constant ribbon development on previous Green field rather than Brown field sites? If so the traffic burden is likely to become untenable
- Pinch points in the village include out side school, bottom of Wattisfield road and opposite the café, these are already a safety issue
- What about a one way system through our main street, if this was to happen what about a link road north of the village joining Summer Road, Wattisfield Road, this would enable one way traffic perhaps or at least ease village flow

TRANSPORT

- We do need a better bus service
- Increased public transport would help traffic through village
- Train for people to get in and out of village
- More buses for out of village for work and education
- What transport! All the new developments will ensure there are more cars on the road. A more regular bus service might help
- Consider opening or reopening Fish Ponds Lane and The Avenue as public road and possibly introducing a one way system
- Car parking for school traffic
- Consider a one way system in the Street, outside Moriarty's or prioritise the road
- Transport needs to improve. Better timetable offering more buses in and out of the village
- More buses to and from the village
- More buses to Diss, Stowmarket and Bury
- More public transport needed, Public car parking also required to alleviate The Street
- A timetable of bus routes could perhaps be included within the Walsham Observer
- Better public transport
- Parking on blind bends in The Street is a hazard and high potential for incident with vehicles and pedestrians
- Late buses, One way system for The Street
- I'm against Peter Ruddenham's proposal, having fought hard about 20 years ago to prevent Fishponds lane becoming a BOAT Byway open to all traffic
- The Street cannot take anymore traffic Car parking for school traffic
- Regular bus service to fit office hours so that traffic lessens
- Village Community bus, volunteer drivers to take people to school or town

ANYTHING ELSE?

HAVE WE FORGOTTEN ANYTHING THAT YOU FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT?

- In general build on arable land closer to the village centre

- Consider a wider consultation with neighbouring parishes once the WLW plan is established. Stanton / Hepworth
 - Post Office is needed
 - There is no democracy concerning this application two councillors voting for irrelevant reasons totally incorrect
 - I would like a place where kids can play with water and maybe have a swimming pool there.
 - Access for emergency vehicles is difficult at the moment in the street Footpath up Summer Road to sports club would improve road safety
 - Don't allow the current parish envelope to be lost by defining a new parish wide boundary.
 - Post Office needed!!
 - Cars parked round by Elmside on the corner
 - Post office needed in WLW!!
 - The scale of house building in the wider area seems to be out of proportion to requirements following Brexit, when we all leave
 - Maintain mobile library for those who have no transport / most definitely
 - Accessible venues/facilities/club where young can meet or is this a bit 19th century, non alcoholic
 - I would like to see our lovely well initiated Tea shop open in the evenings and I struggle to see why cars cannot use the MVH. They have made such a lovely business shouldn't it be open on occasional special evenings?
 - Support the council please!
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APPENDIX 5: Stage 2 – Further development of the evidence base

APPENDIX 5(a): Results of second community drop-in day (July 2020)

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.

APPENDIX 5(b): Results of the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan survey (November/December 2021)

Response rate: It is believed there are 528 households in Walsham le Willows. There were 142 responses to the survey, a 27% response rate.

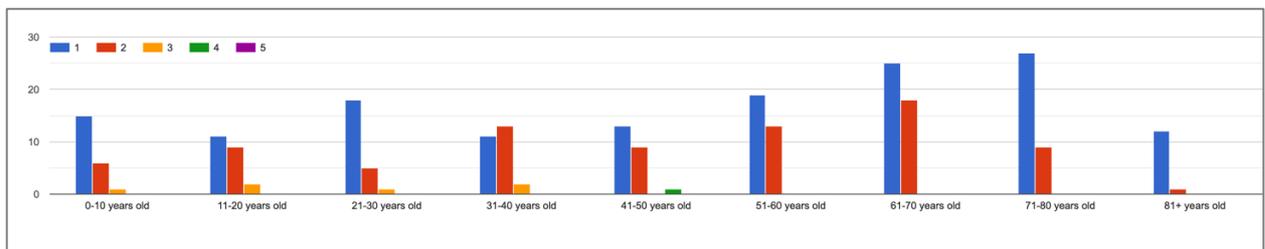


About your household

(1) Age of people in your household. Please specify numbers in each age group.

Summary of the data: the age of respondents reflects a spread of views across different ages. The age profile of Walsham le Willows has a greater proportion of 30–59-year-olds than completed the survey.

Results



(2) Please tell us about yourselves (please tick ✓ one or more boxes).

142 responses

Summary of the data: the majority of respondents are residents of the parish, some of whom also own businesses or work in the parish.

Results

Raw data (unsorted)

- A lovely closely knitted village community. Plenty of country walks. A lively sports club with various activities. St Mary's CoE Church- Village Hall
- A small peaceful village. No more development unless infrastructure is seriously improved
- Access to countryside. Peace and quiet. Mix of households.
- Access to the countryside, peaceful and beautiful location
- An active and thriving community and its amenities. Sports Club, tennis courts, shops, groups. Its beauty, peace, surroundings.
- Aspalls
- Attractive small village (friendly)
- Attractive, well maintained, friendly village away from busy towns.
- Closeness to open countryside
- Community
- community and character of village
- Community and Community Spirit
- Community and rural living
- Community Spirit
- Community Spirit
- Community Spirit; Village Hall Activities; Quiet Environment
- Community Spirit. Friends. Social Aspects. Traditional layout of houses and buildings.
- Community, beautiful village to live & farm estate walk
- Community, village life
- Countryside
- countryside
- Countryside and people
- Countryside and quiet
- Countryside walks and pubs
- Countryside, activities, Shop, Pubs, Quietness.
- Facilities: Shop is essential, Pub, Sports Club, School (so village is not the preserve of the elderly), Church
- Freedom to walk. Village activities.
- Friendly
- Friendly quiet open spaces. Lots of walking areas.
- Friendly village feel
- Friendly, community rich village.
- Green spaces and the amount of trees
- Has more than most villages; seems to cater for older people with lots of social activities.
- Historic architectural heritage, community and unspoilt countryside, dark skies.
- Historic fabric, unspoilt countryside
- How friendly people are
- it has a very nice feeling about it and is still a village.
- It still looks like a village.
- it's a beautiful village with a variety of traditional and modern buildings and great views but it also feels like a community. And it's great got have Clarkes and especially Rolfes, so that feels thriving economically too.
- It's a well-kept, attractive village. Walsham Le Willows is compact and friendly. There is plenty going on in the village for residents to take part in.
- It's beautiful open spaces
- It's people and it's beauty
- It's easy to get to the A14 from.
- It's our Home
- It's rural heritage
- Its modest size, relatively compact layout and being 12 miles equidistant from Bury, Stow, Diss and Thetford which has always encouraged a sense of community and useful community assets such as Churches, School, Pubs Sports Club, public halls, footpaths from centre to periphery and beyond.
- Its size, its sports ground, its butchers. The Clarkes business. But it is big enough now.
- Living in a beautiful village
- Living in a small rural community with good amenities
- Living in a village community.
- Living in a village with good facilities, clubs and country pursuits

- Location - large enough for some services but small enough for sense of community
- Location and beautiful surrounding countryside. Access to several towns for shopping etc.
- Location, community spirit and current size. And the houses.
- Not over built
- open spaces
- Open spaces great opportunities to walk out into the countryside and enjoy the peace and quiet along with the natural environment. Great community.
- Outstanding beauty, pride in the locale by residents, having a shop and diversity of age groups.
- Peace and tranquility.
- Peace, space, community
- Peaceful countryside community
- Peaceful, quiet, up to now un-spoilt village.
- People
- Picturesque rural village with many attractive period properties and a good community spirit.
- Pleasant village location
- Quiet
- Quiet country environment with footpaths to walk
- Quiet countryside location
- Quiet location, safe, community, village looked after
- Quiet rural setting
- Quiet.
- Quietness! Seclusion where I live. Picturesque Village. Privacy etc. Fresh Clean air. Wildlife. Nice people.
- Relatively peaceful. The country lifestyle
- Rural feel and quintessential village lifestyle
- rural location
- rural location, peaceful
- Rural setting
- Rural setting
- Safe
- Safe, peaceful, nature
- Safety and countryside location
- scenic location and traditional village feel with good community engagement
- Scenic Walks, open countryside
- Semi-rural location
- Sense of community - village activities - historic buildings - paths around fields for walking.
- Sense of community.
- Size - not too big.
- Small enough to have a friendly atmosphere and community spirit lost in bigger villages we have lived in
- Small village esthetics
- Sports club
- Sports Club
- Sports club facilities. Community councils' enthusiasm for improving the village.
- Still relatively small compared to a lot of villages.
- Strong community spirit - peace and quiet
- That it is a small quiet village with relatively low development.
- The aesthetics of the older buildings, the wonderful walks and friendly people.
- The charm, character and community of the village.
- The community
- The community
- The Community (small)
- The community spirit and local facilities-Sports Club, Pubs, Butchers, Clarkes. It feels safe.
- The community spirit.
- the Community Spirit.
- The Community, the built environment, St Mary's the rural surroundings, the School, the Church, the Pubs, Rolfes and Clarkes
- The green open spaces. The sense of Community
- The green spaces on the edges of the village, the pub, the shop and hall.
- The history and character
- The lack of light pollution and the country landscape undisturbed by Lego housing estates.
- The landscape, countryside, footpaths /walks.
- The long, wide walks in many varied directions around the village surroundings.
- The pub

Raw data (unsorted)

- A 'real' general store rather than an expensive butcher
- a bistro/restaurant, shop -another one, badminton and table tennis, less water floods on road -? blocked drains. Off road parking.
- A cafe or a decent pub.
- A Co-op
- A convenience store
- A shop
- A shop! Butchers is way too expensive!!
- A walk that took me further along the river, if possible, towards Badwell Ash. I think this would be beautiful. Also, maybe, a clearly marked circular route, right round, miles outside of the village, clearly way marked too.
- abolish the insidious urbanisation that pervades the village scene
- Access roads and paths, Speed restrictions / safety cameras, A shop
- Access roads e.g. Wattisfield Road
- Access to public transport
- Add a bigger shop
- amenities, only in the sense of a competitively priced and well stocked local shop.
- Another shop or cafe
- Another well stocked reasonably priced grocery shop
- Appearance of the stream from the bridge to Clarks
- Average age (maybe we should think of getting rid of a few of them especially the older ones - maybe pull names out of a hat???)
- Better public transport
- Better public transport links
- better relations between the various village organisations
- Better traffic management
- biodiversity- woodland
- Bomb the Lowell development
- Broadband provision
- Bus and Taxi services.
- Bus service
- Bus services
- Convert redundant buildings (farm barns) to workshops with linked residential accommodation.
- Corner shop!!! - not the butchers!
- Could do with a General Store/Shop- Not a Supermarket that takes orders.
- Don't build any more housing estates.
- Eliminating the planning policies and decisions which undermine the charm, character and community of the village.
- Faster Broadband
- Formal footpaths
- Greater connectivity through broadband services.
- Greater democracy in planning/housing applications
- Have a shop londis or a coop in walsham le willows for the people who do not drive and elderly
- Have our Post Office back!
- Having a shop
- Heavy goods vehicles not travelling on The Street
- I use the bus services and would like more people to be aware of and use these services -if only to stop them being taken away.
- Improve public transport frequency
- Improve the community facilities: Education, Business Opportunities; Sports Facilities; Public houses: Shops etc.
- Increasing number of cafes, local stores in the community.
- Infrastructure
- Infrastructure
- Introduction of a good Village shop
- It needs a shop!!!
- keep a cafe in the village
- Less housing developments
- Less housing in future. New houses create parking problems e.g. Elmside corner. Houses all have rooms that are too small for families. Too many per plot. Pre-school and School does not have the space & facilities for more children.
- Lighting
- Lighting on darker roads and pavements down some roads. E.g., Summer road to connect the footpaths or the end of Palmers Street.

- Limit / Stop any further development
- Limit further housing development and any that are built should be sympathetic to the core village properties.
- Local facilities i.e., shop
- Local general store/shop
- Making the roads safer for walkers and cyclists by reducing number and level of traffic particularly speeding traffic.
- More amenities - shops, takeaway, etc.
- More facilities in the village, a general shop for example
- More frequent bus service
- More houses to rent, traffic speed control
- More power to veto poor design in new housing
- More shop facilities - or longer hours for those which exist
- More street lights
- Move Clarkes (and the concomitant truck movements) to the periphery or an industrial estate (e.g., Stanton).
- Move the School to a different site.
- Need a shop
- No more houses being built.
- No more housing
- Number of small shops, Parking in The Street
- Off street parking by opening V Hall carpark to High St residents and visitors.
- On road parking throughout the village.
- Parking
- Parking
- Parking along the high street and outside the new developments
- Parking around the school and safe walkway access up Summer Road to the sports club
- Parking in general particularly the school.
- Parking in The Street
- Parking on path in Finningham Rd + on road.
- Parking on pavements
- Parking throughout the village.
- Paths (especially where there is no footpath from palmer Street towards west Street.
- pavement provision and street lighting
- play park suitable for younger children.
- possibly a more comprehensive village shop
- public transport
- Public Transport
- Public transport
- Public transport especially at weekends
- Public transport links
- Public Transport options & links
- Public transport.
- Public transport.
- Re-open Moriarty's Cafe
- Reduce the number and speed of light vehicles and HGV's passing through. Walking in some parts of the village is extremely dangerous.
- Reduce traffic noise and speed.
- Reduce traffic passing through the village & parking
- Road safety for pedestrians. Summer road needs a pavement. Wattisfield Road is too narrow and increased through traffic at speed is a threat to pedestrians.
- Road signs
- Road speed.
- Roads and house prices
- Should the housing authority take on central government demands the majority of housing will be reserved for foreign migrants. Your note below is spurious the reasoning is simply for additional housing for Johny foreigner
- Shut down the night Rat Run. Turn off the streetlights at @ 11pm
- Sort out the river start farting around
- Speed control entering village
- Speed limit being imposed on The Street and parking problems addressed.
- Speed management on the main road at the edges of the village
- Speeding traffic through the Village.
- Street -School Parking.
- Take parked vehicles off the Street and the school area - make it safe when you are driving through. Problem areas around school and near the butchers.

- The addition of a larger convenience store and a better play park.
- The crazy parking in all areas but especially the high street and the front of Elmside lee on a corner
- The High Street - traffic! Calming of some kind & convenience store
- The Parking issues around Elmside Lea? Finningham Road, the school parking area to make it safer for children crossing Finningham rd. With a 2-tier school system, some children are crossing the road without an adult.
- The play park
- The quality of the new homes that are being built. its interesting to see that of all the views that Walsham has to offer for the front of the Survey Form, the worst one was chosen.
- The quality of the roads
- The road from Ixworth through Werst Street to Walsham to have a 30-mph limit through built up areas. An HGV ban on this dangerous road where three young people have been killed in recent years. Sodium lighting on the Sports ground to be lowered.
- The School facilities can't keep up with the ever increasing size of the Village!!
- The stream, to reverse its total neglect in places, to improve its resistance to overflowing and flooding and promote local flora and fauna where possible.
- The village needs a general store
- The village urgently needs an effective traffic calming scheme. The speeds on the approach roads to the village, particularly the Causeway are outrageous and dangerous. There is little regard for the 30mph limit.
- Tidiness of stream Too overgrown.
- To have a shop.
- Too much traffic coming through the Main Street and climbing the pavements at speed.
- traffic
- Traffic and pedestrian management.
- Traffic flow and congestion
- Traffic through the village, especially HGV traffic
- TRAFFIC Traffic calming, large volumes of heavy traffic and speeding on unsuitable roads.
- Transport Infrastructure
- We need a general store, and a replacement for Moriartys
- We need a Post Office combined with a village store.
- Would be great to have a cafe or two in addition to the pubs



Housing need & location

(5) Please indicate whether you or a member of your household (i.e. yourself, older children or dependents etc.) is likely to be in housing need within the next 5 years.

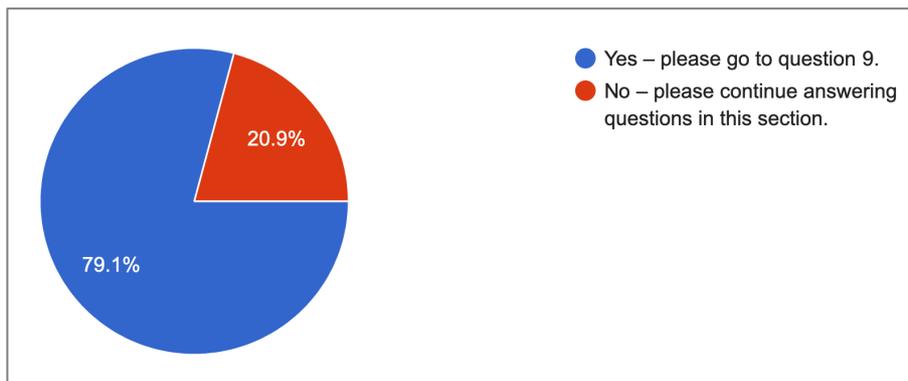
My current home is likely to be suitable for all the people that are currently living in it, for the next 5 years (please tick ✓).

139 responses

Summary of the data: the majority (79.1%) of respondents think their home is likely to be suitable for the next 5 years. One fifth (20.9%) of respondents are likely to be in housing need within the next 5 years.

Action: policy on housing need.

Results



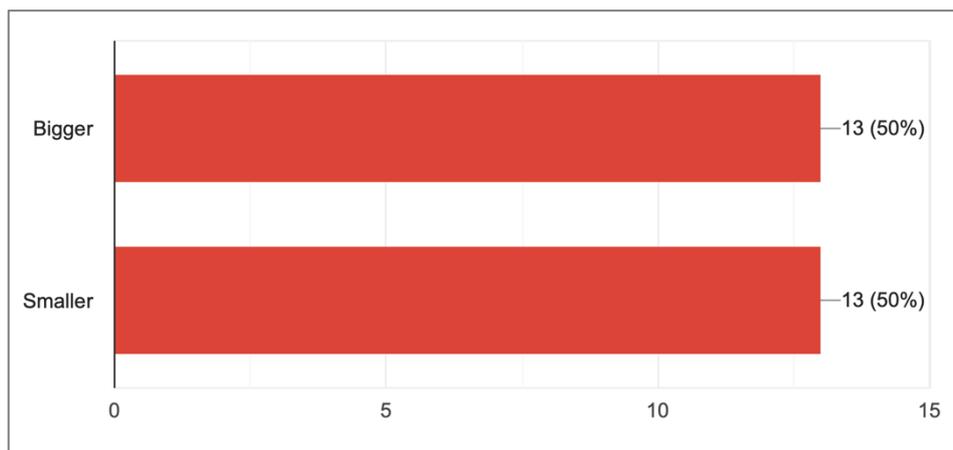
(6) Are you looking for a bigger or smaller place to live? (Please tick ✓)

26 responses

Summary of the data: Half of respondents are looking for bigger places to live and half are looking for smaller places to live.

Action: policy on housing type and size.

Results



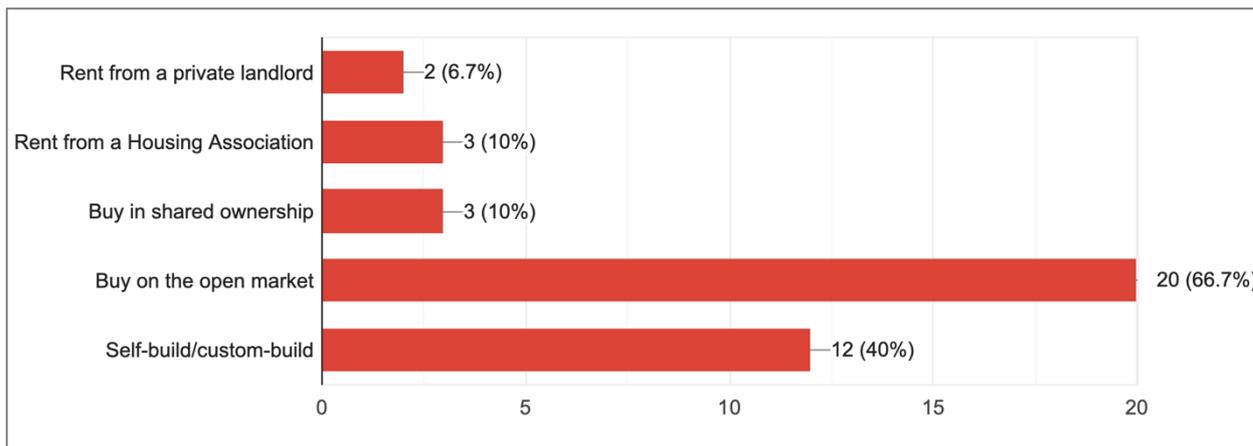
(7) If the following were available in Walsham le Willows, which would you be looking for? (Please tick ✓ one or more boxes)

30 responses

Summary of the data: The majority of respondents are looking for buy on the open market (66.7%), some are looking at self-build/custom-build (40%), and smaller numbers are looking to buy in shared ownership, rent from a Housing Association or rent from a private landlord.

Action: policy on type and tenure of housing.

Results



Other (2 responses)

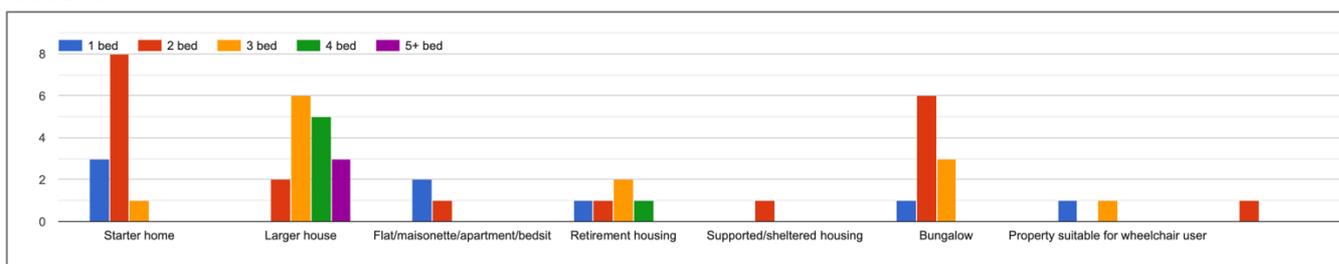
- Sheltered high quality housing so we can size down but not have to move out of the village.
- Eat the landlords

(8) If you, or a member of your household, are seeking a new home within the next 5 years, what type of property do you think you would be looking for? (Please tick ✓ the kind of property that would best suit your needs).

Summary of the data: There is particular interest in starter homes (2 bedroom), larger houses (3 and 4 bedroom), and bungalows (2 and 3 bedroom).

Action: policy on type and tenure of housing.

Results



Other (4 responses)

- 4 bedroom detached house
- plot for self-build
- Outskirts of village
- detached house

(9) If the parish had to accommodate more housing development in the future, where would be the most appropriate location(s)?

133 responses

Summary of the data: A variety of responses for where development could go, but also a sense that there has been enough development.

Action: policy on location of new development to be considered.

Results

Theme	Sorted data
General/ various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adjacent to locations already spoilt by housing developments. ○ Any brown field sites. ○ Brown-field locations ○ Ixworth Rd/West St, Summer Road, Between Ixworth Rd and Badwell Rd or top end of Grove Rd (to avoid flooding). All expand the village with least impact on traffic in the village. ○ Behind Townhouse Road ○ The Debenham's site ○ Around Playground Area
Away from centre of village/outskirts of the village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As close to Bury Road as possible so additional traffic wasn't coming down The Street and other small routes in the village. ○ Avoiding the centre of the village. Summer Road? ○ Away from the heart of the village, nearer to the butchers ○ No room within village so surrounding roads such as Finningham Road, summer Road. Outskirts of village ○ Not attached to already developed areas as this would create a closed in feel and increases noise light traffic pollution ○ Not in or near the village. ○ On the outside of the village ○ on the outskirts by Wattisfield. ○ on the village periphery ○ on the western fringes of the village. ○ Outside the village boundary ○ Outskirts of village and nowhere that impedes the aesthetic and historic value of older properties ○ Outskirts toward A143 to prevent local congestion and better access for new builds. Village can remain traditional ○ outskirts. ○ Small developments, individual or up to six houses on the outskirts of the village or further out within the parish. No further developments in Wattisfield Road, which has already had more than its fair share at the disadvantage of the existing residents. ○ Village outskirts where appropriate access and infrastructure can be implemented.
Centre/infill/ in the village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I don't have a specific suggested location but generally infill and small developments close to the centre are better to support local school and services. ○ Either within or adjoining the settlement boundary of the village. Use some of the suggestions from previous NPG events, e.g. the coloured dots on the map of the village. ○ Fields in the village -not on outskirts. ○ Inside the village if possible as who wants the village to become like Thurston or Elmswell. ○ NOT edge of village (sprawl) - infill instead. ○ On brown field sites (and NOT green field as has been the recent policy) ○ Very small developments within the village envelope on brown-field sites. ○ Somewhere walking distance to the village centre with good footpath access
Clarks/ adjacent to Clarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All of Clarks land should be a priority number 1. They should be on an industrial site which would reduce traffic -both light and HGV's. The

	<p>Causeway -again this should reduce the speed of traffic if appropriately designed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Behind Clarkes. NOT Along the Avenue. o Between Grove Road and Clarkes o Clarkes of Walsham site (if sold). o Clarkes site o I do not wish for further development however so there is a patch of isolated field behind Elmside development and I would develop Clarkes as a brownfield site only o Field off Palmer Street extending across to Clarkes of Walsham o Grove Road. The parcel of land behind Clarkes of Walsham. o The Clarkes site and some of the fields behind it would also be ideal. o the one place would be the field behind Clarkes. o current industrial site i.e. clarkes
Elmside/Grove Road/Palmer Street/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Develop the site between Elmside and Grove Road. o In field at end of Elm Drive o Land at grove Road/Palmer Street junction and adjacent to Elmside. Clarkes of Walsham Site -If they closed down or moved to Stanton Airfield. o Land behind Elm Drive, Town house road o Land behind Elmside / Townhouse/ Palmer Street o In fill and un fill in the Causeway. The open land between Grove Road and Willow Close. o The field to the south of the Elmside development which currently exits into Grove Road. Any brownfield sites within the current settlement boundary which may become available. o Rear of Elmside. Development should be small scale and within the framework of the village. No further development should be made to extend the village. Infill not linear development. o Palmer Street - Between Willows Tree Farm/The Old Vicarage/Crowland Road. o Palmer Street area - towards Westhorpe. Grove Park area. Townhouse Road area.
Finningham Road and Cramner Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o East end of Finningham Road o Off Finningham Road o On Finningham Road or Badwell Road BUT not on Wattisfield Road o On Finningham Road. o towards Finningham or Crowland Roadway on basis its outskirts and existing roads o Finningham Road o The east end of Walsham towards Cranmer Green as the size of the road is more appropriate for further development. o Cramner Green area
Badwell Ash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To meet up with Badwell Ash, towards Finningham. o Towards Badwell Ash- Badwell has got amenities and it's a good-sized road o Badwell Ash Road on land near the old blacksmith building o Badwell Ash. Nowhere that encourages more traffic through street. Smaller developments. No more large housing estates. o Border of Walsham and Badwell Ash
Summer Road and towards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Summer Rd going out of the village but would need a proper pavement! o Summer road o Summer Road

Shepherds Grove Airfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Summer road o Summer Road o Summer Road - beyond the sports complex. o Summer Road between the sports Hall and Fishpond Farm o Summer Road. o Off summers road o Somewhere that balances the recent expansion to the east and north - along the Causeway or along the Ixworth Road. o Up Summer road -around the sports club. Field up Grove Road. o Shepherds Grove Airfield. o Towards Stanton, summer road
Crownland/ Four Ashes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Between Four Ashes and Crownland
Causeway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Land adjacent to the causeway o The Causeway o The Causeway, South of Palmer Street o The field between the Arts & Craft houses on The Causeway or between the School and Rookery. o Up the causeway o The Causeway - Opposite Bench Around Clay Street
Wattisfield Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Wattisfield extension o Wattisfield Rd and Finningham Rd areas o Wattisfield road to allow easy access to school o Wattisham Road(?) o Somewhere between Wattisfield road and Summer Road leaving lots of natural spaces too and the paths linking to the Sports centre. o Walsham - Wattisfield Road
Misc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Don't know o Don't know. o Don't know? o I do not know o I don't know of any land within the boundaries of the village that could be built on. o I don't think Walsham has the capacity or infrastructure to support any more large developments. Houses in ones and twos which fit in acceptable. Maybe some on the old airfield site? o No preference o Hard to say. I think roads would need improving wherever new developments are built in/around the village o Is that what the community neighbourhood plan is all about? o It's not so much whereas what. I want no more clone bar break offs in our village. All over our island whether town or country, north or south, the only thing that varies is the size of the lump broken off and slapped down. I would rather see a limitation of five houses maximum for any development with self-building encouraged. o Not sure o Where suitable roads facilitate exit from the village avoiding the High St o What locations! They have all been built on already. o Where it should be most sustainable. o Walsham-le-Willows - I love it here. Continue building outwards. o small plots of 1- 5 houses where they can be sited discreetly.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The views of this Parish has little or no relevance. The planning department will do the bidding of central government. This is simply politic ○ Think with the latest development and the prospect of Broadmeadow being expanded we will have used all locations up ○ The infrastructure and facilities need to be improved first ○ There are none, taking road safety into account, I am at a loss to think of a suitable location.
No more development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No more houses ○ No more houses the roads can't cope with the volume of traffic now. ○ No more housing - too much already. No infrastructure for anything new. ○ No More housing development!! Walsham Le Willows should be encouraging the development of houses that are of high architectural value and quality unlike the cheaply thrown together ugly housing development that has been allowed recently!! Possibly summer Road as easy access to main road. ○ Not in walsham, you seen them roads, ridiculous, does the government even care, no ○ Not in WLW. When we moved in 25 years ago, a major selling point was the lack of new build. There has been far too much open space lost since. I see Badwell Ash are squeezing houses into lots of places and WLW doesn't want to get like that. If I'd wanted to live in a town, I'd have stayed in Ipswich. ○ Not much scope is there? ○ Feel Waltham Le Willows has had enough development as facilities too small to support more development e.g., School, Shops -only Rolfes - transport links. ○ I would not like to see any more housing without better village facilities and roads that are better maintained - suitable for higher numbers of cars. Ixworth Road is an accident waiting to happen!! ○ No further development down Wattisfield Road ○ No location should be offered up until the full impact of Then Acorns development is known. This may take several years to evaluate. ○ None....we have had to adapt to an ugly, crowded new housing estate without any amenities, and narrowing Wattisfield Road to a single track in one place. A village with a poor bus service and no Post Office. Currently the school is apparently full. ○ Not anywhere that would impact the character of the village and unique properties. Not here the Church. ○ Not in Walsham le Willows ○ Nowhere ○ Nowhere!! ○ Nowhere. Walsham is big enough. ○ There is no need for any mass development in our lovely village. Covering land with concrete increasing the traffic problems and adding pressures on doctors and schools etc. is not needed. But of course, no notice will be taken of views such as these. The destruction of our beautiful old village will continue. Surveys such as this are a waste of time. ○ There is sufficient housing given the infra structure of the village. No more. New builds please. ○ There has been enough new development and no more houses should be built

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is already sufficient housing in the village. The roads and infrastructure cannot support anymore. ○ Roads will not take any more houses
Elsewhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Close to the A143 ○ Location summer road nearer to A143 to cope with the traffic. ○ On edges of town ○ Somewhere else.

Housing design & heritage

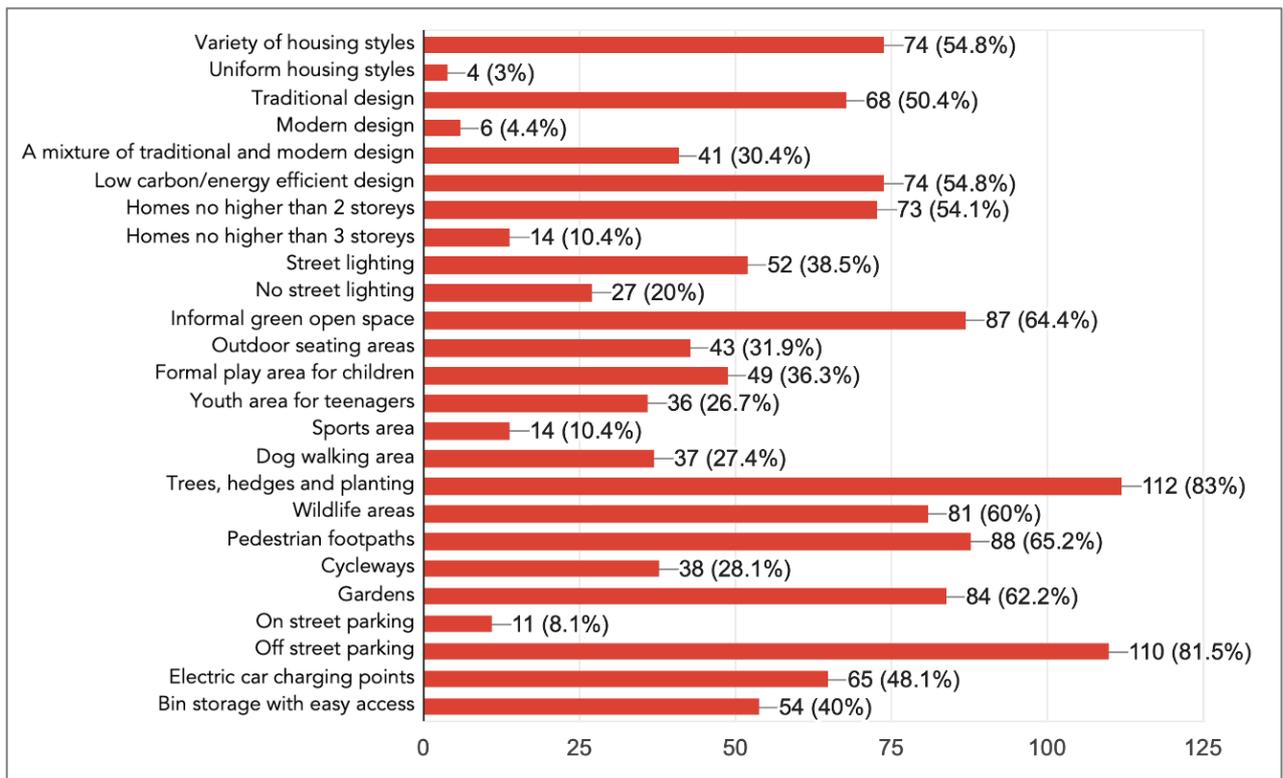
(10) What features would you like to see included in any new housing development? (Please tick ✓ one or more boxes)

135 responses

Summary of the data: Particular interest in trees, hedges and planting (83% of respondents); off street parking (81.5%); pedestrian footpaths (65.2%); informal green open space (64.4%); and wildlife areas (60%).

Action: include in the Design Code and Guidance document. Policy on design.

Results



(11) Are there any other design criteria that new development should include for Walsham le Willows?

89 responses

- Better link roads to new housing developments
- Buildings have to have gaps between them and space around them. Sky and gardens visible too Not like higgledy piggledy toytowns with no respect for local building design
- Bungalows are needed.
- Bungalows are the most important.
- Car club facilities.
- Carbon efficient"
- Clear integrated provision properties for rent, designed with specific social needs in mind-disabled, low waged, single occupancy, first time home seekers.
- Cottage designs or Arts & Crafts
- Design can be modern or traditional but should be of good quality, as should be the construction."
- Developers should be forced to provide land and funds for the creation of community wild spaces equal in size to the site that they are developing.
- District heating schemes, possibly a small solar farm (Shepherds Grove area).
- Don't cram them in, intelligently spaced to allow for privacy
- Eco housing
- Ecologically sustainable - low energy housing. High Insulation / heat pump technology, to achieve carbon neutrality. Any new housing should have fibre broadband and electric car charging points.
- Enough parking so on road parking isn't necessary
- Enough parking spaces for residents & visitors to avoid pavement parking.
- Ensuring that new developments do not take from green space or accessible walking routes.
- Family sized gardens.
- Footpaths to link with other parts of the village"
- Front gardens
- Garaging
- Good noise insulation between adjacent houses, aim for good quality of life for all residents
- Greater off-street parking per house, as a rural village ALL households have min of 2 cars
- Heights; materials: Mix of Housing: Open Spaces; Parking. ideally a Masterplan should be required for Developments of 5 or more new houses in the village which the community should be involved in.
- High Quality Internet connection
- High speed broadband access for all properties.
- Houses not directly overlooked by their neighbours
- Houses with off street parking and in keeping with surrounding homes.
- Housing features incorporating local materials rather than an estate that could go anywhere in the country
- I hate modern design. Houses that may be built should be sympathetic to the village.
- In keeping with a traditional village. No need for more development
- In keeping with existing design - lower density.
- In keeping with surrounding buildings.
- Increased parking as families grow and more transport is required
- Infrastructure - shops, healthcare, schools etc.
- Innovative design using sustainable materials
- Just to be in keeping with the surrounding houses.
- Keep and create wildlife corridors
- Large Communal bins as used in Europe may take up less space, more cost effective .Also 1) Any development to use ground source heat pumps to fuel the entire thing .Air source exchange heating systems let out a constant humming noise .Our Neighbours have installed one and we no longer enjoy absolute silence at night. Lots of them would increase noise levels .2) Thought given to lighting where street lighting is absolutely necessary, then downward pointing. Cut down on coast concreted areas. 3) Hedge Hog gaps in fences.
- Larger gardens for families

- Larger Gardens which aren't overlooked.
- Lovells have pulled a fast one, compared to the site they have built in Gisslingham - The Acorns is appalling."
- media connectivity
- More TERRACES, MORE SPACE FOR INDIVIDUAL HOUSES.
- NB 'Minimal' was added to streetlighting option in qn10
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No more big sites. Only developers benefit!! Good size starter homes.
- No more estates. Only consider small clusters (2-5) of housing with design that blend in with the traditional tone of the extant village appearance.
- No more on street parking. Development opposite Lovell Homes -parking on road. Finningham Rd - parking on road. Next development needs top cater for CARS!
- No removal of existing hedgerows or trees. Swift bricks should be installed in every new build.
- No see above
- No social housing
- Not sure what developers mean by "traditional design" or "modern design". Wooden houses with black weatherboarding would fit the Suffolk vernacular. Reading the list of desirable features makes it sound like a separate village with its own play area, youth area etc. etc. Of course, these are desirable features for a village, especially for "youths" but it really is sounding like a separate settlement, stuck on to Walsham. Is there a "blend seamlessly" way of going about it? I would be very anxious about street lighting - that can do so much damage for miles around. This needs creative thinking as does car space provision. Looking at new developments this is what sticks out like a sore thumb - acres of macadam and concrete curbs. I have ticked sports area but our present sports ground is a desecration. Especially the lighting and fencing.
- Off street parking should be for two or three cars per house.
- Proper natural air ventilation with high grade triple glazing.
- Proper road management rather than the 'fudged' solutions recently used
- Rainwater capture and reusage in house and garden "
- Rainwater harvesting
- Restrictions for road access for large vehicles.
- Retain open spaces_ avoid crowded development. Roads to include traffic calming measures. The volume and speed of traffic in the village is a serious problem.
- See answer 9. There are not enough shops / schools to accommodate any more people.
- Shops!
- Should be small developments so existing village is not dwarfed.
- Skatepark
- Small scale - in keeping with rural village - The Acorns is too big.
- Solar panels
- Solar panels as standard.
- Solar panels on all houses
- Stop on street parking in new development."
- Streetlights for evenings and mornings (low/off at night). It is essential to keep the existing and historic footpaths we have around the village, and if anything, ADD to these existing pathways to increase access of different areas.
- Sustainable housing utilising grey water, built from recycled materials, etc.
- Sympathetic to the historical buildings in the village centre
- sympathetic to the local environment - not like the development on Wattisfield Road which is appalling
- The Acorns has been built without a link to the traditional housing in Walsham but to conform with the housing opposite.
- The designs must be sympathetic to those of the existing housing stock at large across the village rather than

- simply mirror the lowest common denominator as has happened on the current Lovell's development in Wattisfield Road
- There needs to be sufficient car park spaces for property. Getting up Finningham Road and the main street is getting harder.
- There should be no further developments as we are told we have achieved our quota. But, if new houses are to be built they should incorporate access for Bats, Swift, Swallow and House Martin nest boxes. Even retrospectively, new houses should be fitted with them.
- They should match the village core - traditional Suffolk houses.
- To keep traditional houses
- traditional housing for conservation area with parking off road + green space+trees around.
- use of local materials. carbon neutral. non light polluting.
- Use the old and historic names in new road/estate names
- Water park
- wildlife corridors, underground garaging, verge and margin protection from construction and onward use, deterrents to using green space for parking
- Yes let Walsham le Willows evolve at a natural pace, not forced because of governmental politics.
- Yes. Stop building houses in small rural villages.

(12) There are 66 listed buildings in Walsham le Willows

(www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk). Do you know of any buildings or features which are not listed, but which have significant local heritage value due to their age, rarity, aesthetic interest, archaeological interest, historical association, landmark status or social and communal value?

63 responses

Summary of the data: a variety of ideas.

Action: turn list into a short list of potential Non-designated Heritage Assets for assessment.

Results

Raw data (unsorted)

- 20's plenty in main village area or speed cameras. Traffic calming areas or footpaths for better access
- All old barns that are still barns please.
- Building currently used as 'Moriarty's Cafe' on The Street
- Causeway Homes.
- Cygnet House, The Rosary, Clipper Cottage, Nelson House, wall around Orchard House, most flint walls, Garden Cottage
- Memorial Village Hall & Bowling Green. Sports Club.
- Mock Jacobean houses on Summer Road? All Martineau estate and public buildings. Old Nunn's building store.
- Moriarty's might be eligible on the above criteria. But frankly the Street as a 'streetscape' merits preservation (in principle) in its entirety. How can this be reasonably achieved? The Bowling Green.
- Moriartys cafe building
- N/A
- Need information about what is listed and what is not. Without that unable to make a comment.
- Nil
- No x30
- No.1 and No.2 Avenue cottages. Church Farm Barns in the Causeway
- None to my knowledge
- no not sure

- Not Known
- Not known.
- Nunn's Yard and what is currently Moriarty's cafe, which are not a listed buildings. These buildings housed the Jaggards and the Nunn's building and undertaker's businesses. From these premises many Victorian and later buildings were built (including the Martineau houses) and restoration carried out, including the work on St Mary's. These buildings are a unique central reference point for Walsham le Willows.
- Protect Moriarty's Cafe (Nunns Hardware Store) The Fire Engine House (between Avenue House and The Old Bakery)both for their historic and aesthetic interest and their prominent position in the street scene within the conservation area.
- Renovate Nunns shop latterly Moriarty's cafe
- Sports Club
- The cafe (currently closed)
- The Maltings, Wattisfield Road.
- The now closed Moriarty's cafe in The Street
- The Old Four Ashes in Palmer Street.
- The Pound
- The Rosary
- The Rosary, Clipper Cottage, Jackdaw Cottage, Gurnard Cottage, The Old Four Ashes, Nelson Cottage, Hunt's End, Garden Cottage, Cygnet House, Sydney Cottage and all the Martineau cottages.
- The Six Bells, although listed needs to be put on the 'At risk' register. "
- The village Pound -end of play area.
- Village Bridges
- Village Hall; Riding Farm; Bowling Green; Church; Priory Room; School
- We have a Parish Council and many dedicated parishioners who are both qualified and competent



Natural environment

(13) Through the Neighbourhood Plan we can protect green areas of particular community importance. These need to be close to the community, special and not an extensive area of land. What green spaces should we try to protect?

115 responses

Summary of the data: a variety of ideas.

Action: turn list into a short list of potential Local Green Spaces for assessment.

Results

Raw data (unsorted)

- 1. The village school, wild wood area adjacent to the allotments 2. The small woodland area to the north of the village school which is becoming a re-wilding natural habitat.
- Again the Parish Council is fully aware of the needs of the parish.
- All
- All
- All areas to the North of the village
- All conservation areas and natural views /beauty should be protected.
- All fields, green areas, along Finningham Road + going towards Badwell Ash. To maintain areas for birds +wildlife
- All green spaces around the village boundary.
- All Green Spaces need to be protected for our next generation. If we wanted to live in a town we'd move to one.
- All green spaces!

- All land differentiating Walsham from neighbouring villages
- All of it!
- All of them
- All of them
- all of them - especially the bowling green and the play park
- All of them!
- All of them.
- All public footpaths & protecting local wildlife
- All the area around the village; don't extend the village.
- Allotment and garden area. Keep the village green spaces
- Allotment and neighbouring woodland, field behind the war cemetery
- Allotments
- Allotments, wild wood, sports club and playground
- Allotments, Wild Wood, Sports Fields, Bowls Green.
- Any areas which allow people to meet and socialise.
- Any that currently exist
- Any!
- Anything along the river. The bowls club.
- Area along the stream.
- Area around the Avenue
- Area behind the piggery development which should become a communal area and area behind the Avenue on the right with the Street behind.
- area north of the Street, fields to left of village with view of church, cricket ground,
- Area of land between Woodlands and The Rookery. important open space in the most densely developed part of the village.
- As many as possible
- As many as possible
- As many as possible. The Bowling Green for one.
- Avenue, green at Staple Close, Town House road and Grove Park
- Bowls Green
- Centre of the village with current green areas
- Children's' Play Area Townhouse Road
- Clay Street footpath and surrounding fields
- Countryside
- Either side of the Avenue
- Everything within the village now, the areas are used by all and give residents a good place to venture with children.
- Existing children's play area on town house road
- Existing green space to be retained; Allotments; Play areas : Green space within developments (e.g. at Elmside Lea). Areas around The Grove towards the centre of the village, and areas around the Sports Club.
- Existing green spaces accessed by the public. Mature trees and hedgerows.
- Farmland and open walking areas
- Field behind Church Barn
- Fields opposite town house road, Elmside estate and all Town farm trust land environment is too densely built on already just opposite as well as Cayser owned land at Grove and on Summer Road
- Four Ashes triangle
- Gallants Meadow, Wild Wood, The Avenue, Grove Park.
- Gallants Meadow. Land to the North of the Street and east of Summer Road owned by Elizabeth Gilmore.
- Gallents meadow"
- Gant's Meadow
- Grassy verge by Stream around Clarkes. The Avenue.
- Green areas between villages. Development that spreads to neighbouring villages should not be allowed.
- Green space in Staple Close.
- Grove Park, Staple Close, Townhouse Road.
- Hedges and farmland
- Hedges, Sports field, Paths.
- If an area is chosen it would need to be made more environmentally friendly
- In fill fields are so important fir a village.
- Land to the West of The Avenue. The green spaces owned by the Walsham le Willows Old Town Trust. The Grove

- estate. Gallants Meadow. The Wildwood.
- Land to the west of wattisfield Road. The fields are what makes the village.
 - Most
 - N/a
 - None
 - Not a very democratic statement you have just made, you are telling us what twee little patches we can have. Try to think of avenues, pathways connecting the greenery altogether. Humans are wildlife too and need to share the corridors with animals and be free to roam.
 - not sure
 - Parkland around The Grove
 - Parks and Footpaths
 - play area
 - Play area
 - Play area & any arable fields or pony paddocks
 - Play park. Allotments
 - Pockets of green spaces within the heart of the village
 - River Bank, roadside verges, stream channel between Chapel and Wattisfield Road.
 - see below
 - Specified wild areas and public footpaths.
 - sports fields and play areas.
 - Staples Close
 - Summer Rd, The Causeway, Badwell Rd, Ixworth Rd, Crownland Rd, Palmer St, The Grove
 - The allotments and surrounding fields up to the sports club.
 - the Allotments and Wild Wood.
 - The Allotments.
 - The Avenue
 - The Avenue (connecting The Street and Grove Road). The land opposite Clarkes that connects the allotments, memorial wood and sport's club. The field off The Causeway that connects to Ixworth road - with the footpath in. The woodland around that field has owls living in it.
 - The Avenue and its adjacent fields. However, if push came to shove, the bungalow area in Grove Park and present development of Townhouse Road, could be razed and rebuilt to accommodate more people and designed more in local keeping.
 - The Avenue area.
 - The Avenue, land adjacent to the stream both in and to the west of the village
 - The Avenue, the field at the bottom of the Causeway with the footpath, the walk alongside the river, the Woods, allotments - all green areas near the centre of the village
 - The Avenue. The walk by the river along the Ixworth road.
 - The bowling green
 - The bowling green, the Wild Wood
 - The children's play area on Townhouse Road
 - The fields as you enter the village from Finningham on both sides of the road.
 - The fields between Summer Road and Wattisfield Road
 - The fields on the north side of Grove Road
 - The green space in Palmer Street where the children play football and the playground
 - The Grove area
 - The Grove parkland.
 - The Lane near Clarkes
 - The meadows behind the Six Bells
 - The parks
 - The Play area and The Wild Wood
 - The Play area in Townhouse Road, The Wildwood, The Allotments in Wattisfield Road
 - The small fields behind the houses on the west side of Wattisfield Road, along the public footpath from The Street leading to Fishponds Lane. "
 - The views coming into the village from Ixworth and Finningham
 - The walk next to the acorns building site
 - The Walsham Wild Wood, the meadows on either side of the West Street entrance to the village, the meadow on the eastern side of Summer Road as it enters the village, the land to the east of The Causeway and the land either side of The Avenue.
 - The Walsham Wild Wood.

- The Wild Wood - the allotments - play area on Townhouse Road - sports club.
- The Wild Wood, the allotments, the Play Area
- The Wild Wood.
- The Wild Wood. The Allotments.
- To our knowledge all extant green areas belong to farmers. The only green space is the play park on Town House Road. There is nothing else to protect.
- Try to protect existing footpaths from encroachment by farmers, e.g. Madge's Lane and Mill Lane (between Clay Street and Bribery Lane).
- Walsham wild wood and green space
- walsham Wild Wood, Allotments, park.
- Wild Wood
- Wild wood and allotments
- wild wood, allotments, fishponds lane, bank along the brook in the centre with the little bridge. Public footpath through woodland next to nature reserve off of summer road comes over stile and along ixworth road.
- Wild wood, pathway down to the pond
- Wild Wood"
- Wild Woods / Sports area / Allotments. Agricultural land and grassland. No development should be on green field sites
- Wildlife areas
- Woods, or trees in general along with hedgerows and any areas that are wildlife reserves

(14) Are there any views or vistas within the village/parish that we should look to retain?

97 responses

Summary of the data: a variety of ideas.

Action: turn list into a short list of potential community views and vistas of importance across the parish for assessment.

Results

Raw data (unsorted)

- All
- All
- all around the Church and the roads radiating from the crossroads.
- All around the Grove, The village stream. The allotment land east of the Parish towards Clay cottage and Crownland
- All but particularly vistas towards the village from outside
- All existing green spaces.
- All fields
- All green belt areas beyond the boundary of the village.
- All green fields.
- All of them
- All of them
- All of them, why would you not want to retain it
- All of them.
- All of them.
- All surrounding green land, woodlands, hedgerows etc.
- All those that we currently have.
- All wherever possible.
- Along the Avenue.
- Any beyond the current village boundaries.
- any real wildlife areas
- Any view in or out of The Street, or elsewhere, see 2007 21st c Village design Statement.
- Approach from East (Finningham), West (Ixworth) and South (Badwell Ash). View from Wild Wood towards Church.
- Area around the wild wood and allotments.
- Around St Mary's and The Street.
- As above
- As many as possible

- Avenue, Grove Road, from the top of Crownland Road looking down onto the village, from Plantation cottage looking to Finningham road
- Church / The Street / The Avenue are just three but by identifying these specifically it does not reduce the value of many vistas in the Parish. Nor the transient vistas of seeing wildlife in its natural environment.
- Church Crossroads
- Community! Open gardens
- Edge of the village between Gallants Meadow and The Lawns
- Everything
- Fields near allotments/Walsham Wild Wood overlooking the Church.
- from Rottell's Lane (FP 10) towards Causeway and the Church; (b) from the Wild Wood to the Church; (c) from Wattisfield Road towards Burnt House
- From the Wild Wood to the Church.
- From Wild Wood down to centre of village and the Church.
- good as is.
- Graveyard. Genuinely no one seems to respect the dead like they used to.
- Green space off the Causeway (opposite Grove Rd where sheep graze)
- Is this a serious question
- looking across fields from Wattisfield road on way to Wattisfield.
- Looking down Grove Road as it bends. From the end of Palmer Street towards the triangle
- Looking West from The Wild Wood. The pasture fields to the West of the Church all along the stream, looking North, up to the Noah's Ark Pond. Views from Gallants Meadow.
- N/A
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No need to change any in the centre. In the approach we need to keep all the trees - that is what makes driving into Walsham special.
- not sure
- Oh Yes - The Causeway and Village High Street
- Ones opposite elm drive and properties that currently that front face onto open land
- Protect views out back of Four Ashes, Crownland Road and across Long Plantation, all areas of natural beauty /historic interest and conservation.
- Riverside
- Rural walks
- The area behind the street: The Avenue.
- The Avenue
- The Avenue between Grove Road and The Street. The view across to St. Mary's Church from Allotment Lane and The Wildwood
- The Avenue, Gallows Meadow [sic] Gallants Meadow?
- The Avenue. The area around the bends then cemetery as you enter the village from the Ixworth direction. It gives a real feeling, with the view of the Church, and the cows and sheep in the fields to the right and left of a lovely rural village.
- The Causeway, from Four Ashes coming into the village.
- The Church from Ixworth Road.
- The Entrances to the village.
- The field opposite the war cemetery on the right as you walk out of the village towards Ixworth
- The fields by the cemetery.
- The High Street, and areas where the properties are from an early period and traditional style.
- The High Street.
- The main street
- The only views and vistas that may be seen by the public are the fields beyond the village environs. Further development would impact the views. These should be preserved in accordance with paragraph 11 above.
- The open space behind four Ashes farm of the fields around Squirrels hall -Beautiful.
- The Street
- The Street.
- The top of Bribery Hill
- The view from the top of the Causeway towards the Church.
- The view of St Mary's from the West Street bends across Church Farm

- meadow and the view of the meadows on the other side of West Street. The view of the High Street from the corner with Summer Road and the view of St Mary's from the same point. The view from the Four Ashes triangle down the Causeway towards St Mary's.
- The view on entering the village from the west (opposite the cemetery) is stunning. As is the view of the Church from Four Ashes in the south.
 - The view over the street from the church, linked to the maintenance of the land occupied by the bowling green.
 - the views coming into the village
 - The views coming into the village from Ixworth and Finningham
 - The views from the Wild Wood to the Church.
 - The views on the edges of the village overlooking the open farmland.
 - The walk along the river and field - favourite walk. The general area near the Church
 - To the right of ashwell construction offices, footpath. & Wild wood.
 - Top of the hill between Crownland Road and Finningham Road. View from Crownland Road towards the village (Between Pink House and Crownland Hall)
 - Tree lined path from The Avenue
 - unknown
 - View from Staple Close and Palmer Street up towards Crownland.
 - View from Wild Wood to the Church.
 - View from wild wood towards church
 - View of Church
 - View of the church from the North (Wild wood area). View of the village from the West (from West Street)
 - View of village/church from the public footpath running from Fishponds Lane to The Street.
 - View to the right when approaching the village from the Ixworth Road (fields, church, church barn etc.).
 - Views into the village along the main approach roads = Badwell Rd. Ixworth Rd. Summer Rd. Finningham Rd. and Crownland Rd.
 - views of church
 - Views of the Church and views along The Street.
 - Village stream. Around sports club - unspoilt open landscape to east of village apart from too high Autumn House.
 - We don't want to give up any views or vistas.
 - Yes the Avenue and fields behind it
 - Yes, Up and down the Causeway and the Street. These views encapsulate the historic image of the Village.

(15) Please name any areas that you know of that are prone to flood and should be identified within the Neighbourhood Plan.

72 responses

Summary of the data: a variety of ideas.

Action: turn list into a short list of potential areas prone to surface water flooding.

Results

Raw data (unsorted)

- ? Don't know.
- 6 Bells carpark -drain needs looking at.
- All along the river next to Finningham Road
- All areas alongside village stream (River Lark) is prone top flooding.
- Along the river near Clark's - it came close to bursting it's banks last year
- Alongside the river; Areas north of the Finningham Road.
- Areas in the centre of the village near to the stream will become more vulnerable to flooding if there are increased flows of water in future

- years so any development should not have that result.
- Areas near the stream.
 - Behind the acorns building development
 - Bottom of fields between Rookery and woodlands
 - Bridge opposite Rolfes.
 - Clay Lane, Finningham Road.
 - Entrance to Brook Farm (West Street)
 - Finningham Road
 - Finningham Road
 - Finningham Road and Ixworth Road
 - Finningham Road area
 - Finningham Road From old hall to Millers Bridge
 - Finningham Road from the Old Baptist Chapel past Sunnyside
 - Finningham road from the woodlands to passed Cranmer Farm and Sunny side to edge of village area, basically that whole road
 - Finningham road near Sunnyside farm. Finningham rd near Elmside Lea .Village centre on the river trail, Ixworth Rd.
 - Finningham Road; Cranmer; Street
 - Fishpond Lane - Wattisfield Road. All drains and ditches should be cleaned at least once a year.
 - Four Ashes
 - Four Ashes corner where the drains are unable to cope after heavy rain.
 - Four Ashes triangle
 - From what I have seen there is adequate precautions(???) and canals throughout Walsham le Willows.
 - Gallants Meadow, The Street outside Clarkes.
 - High street corner
 - Ixworth rd along West Street is prone to flooding.
 - Ixworth road .River maintenance through village.
 - Land adjacent to the stream
 - low -lying areas in village e.g. Grove rd .
 - Millers Bridge /Grove Road
 - N/a
 - N/A
 - N/K
 - Near Clarkes
 - No
 - None
 - Not sure
 - Outside Rolfe's on The Street and along Finningham Road up to 'Old Hall', i.e.. past Sunnyside.
 - Road from palmer Street towards the lorry park
 - Section of road between Clarkes and Rolfes.
 - Stream in High Street
 - Sunny side
 - The area at the new housing development on Wattisfield Road.
 - The area immediately outside Rolfes and then back along The Street towards Clarkes.
 - The area surrounding Millars Bridge - very vulnerable to any concreted development that reduced soak away. This is of paramount importance for any future planning in the light of global warming and increasing heavy downpours. Village school at risk.
 - The corner of The Street where the Butchers is placed and along that road beside the river (through onto finningham road)
 - The High Street. Get rid of plants growing in River bed. It's ridiculous allowing it to get so over grown.
 - The main village street. It has in the past and on the night of 23rd-24th Dec 2020 came perilously close to flooding again. I believe it to be really unwise to consider it as some sort of re wilding project. As well as flooding there is the risk of structural damage to paths, roadways bridges, building footings .In a similar vein the drainage to the lower end of Summer Road is a real mess with water backing up a long way in the ditch during periods of high rainfall.
 - The river along the butchers and Clark's of walsham
 - The river. We all know why. Busy bodies always sticking their beak in. Pretending their opinions are more important than the welfare of the masses. Bloody Karen's.
 - The road at Four Ashes!!! It floods regularly both on the corner near the Palmer Street sign and in front of Orchard House & The Coach House.

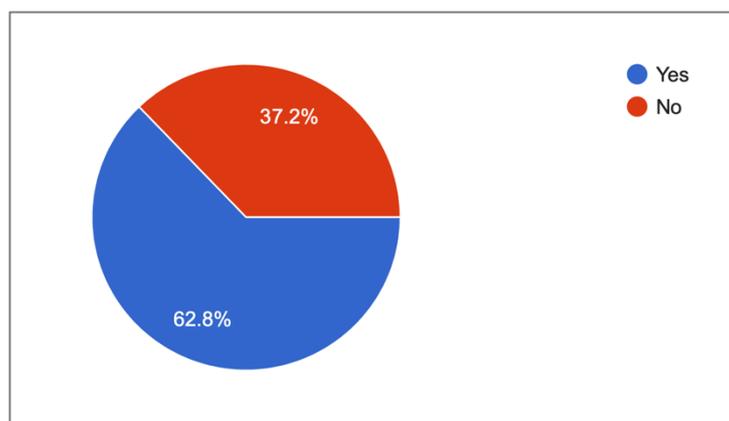
- The run off from fields behind the Grove which runs down the Avenue towards the stream.
- the stream needs to have regular maintenance/ clearing to avoid floods
- The stream, between Millers Close and Rolfes.
- The Street
- The Street
- The Street and Finningham Road
- The Street around Rolfe's shop and also the Finningham Road East of the village.
- The Street is prone due to the river.
- The Street near butchers.
- The Street outside Clarkes.
- The street through W-L-W, clearance of the stream to prevent flooding
- The Street.
- The village stream is prone to breaking its banks .The stream should be regularly cleared of growth .This does not happen at present and this presents a flood risk.
- This information is already held by Suffolk CC.
- Unknown
- Up Summer Road ; at the lower corner of the Sports Centre Underneath the Road across to the top of the Martineau cottages and downhill ; For some reason there is a blockage here so the water doesn't run. There will also be an issue with new housing being put in on Wattisfield Road to high in the village ,of increasing run off down into the river in the centre of the village. This is likely to cause flooding in the river outside the butchers .This is a huge future problem.
- Wattisfield Road

(16) Would you like to see new country footpaths (Public Rights of Way)?

121 responses

Summary of the data: a variety of ideas.
Action: consider list of potential new footpaths.

Results



If so, where?

Raw data (unsorted) 81 responses

- 1.Establish Hatchmere Lane as a Public Footpath. 2.Paved path from the Sports Club to the Church crossroad at The Street. 3.Suggest a Permissive Path from Finningham Road, cross the road at the field bridge, walk along the headland alongside the stream. Turn left opposite the cottages, following the field margin, until an opening to join up with the Permissive path, Hatchmere Path, leading from Wattisfield Road.

- A few across the village (a) Hatchmere Lane down to the Finningham Road (b) along Summer Road from Six Bells to Sports Ground
- A path across the NE section of the village so that you could do a circular walk around the parish avoiding bust roads.
- All around the village.
- Along the fields of Wattisfield Road
- Alongside the roads leading into the village from adjacent villages (these paths should also be suitable for cyclists). Restoration of some of the lost parish boundary paths, e.g. parallel to but south of Crownland Road.
- Anywhere
- Anywhere easily accessible from the village. (With plenty of dog waste bins).
- Anywhere really
- Anywhere that doesn't involve walking on the roads around the village .
- Currently think that as a village we are very lucky; Richard Martineau has done loads to make sure. The one place we need a footpath is from the Social Club down to the Six Bells.
- Don't know as only recently moved here, but should be looking at bridleways and byways too. One byway could be from Wattisfield Road just past the new builds to Summer Road
- Don't know.
- Everywhere
- Extend the network accessible on foot from the village to create more circular routes of varying lengths.
- Finningham Road end of the village to create more of a circular route around the village
- Finningham Rd end of the village to create circular walks around the village boundaries.
- Finningham road
- Finningham road back into Walsham - very busy road. Also Summer Road from playing fields to the church.
- From Four Ashes either side of the Badwell Ash road until it meets the footpath that crosses from the Ixworth Road
- Anywhere that is feasible.
- Anywhere where feasible
- Around the elm drive area
- Between Finningham Road and Squirrels Hall
- Between here and baswell ash
- Between the neighbouring villages to encourage walking/bike riding
- Between Walsham and Finningham
- but existing paths are highly valued !
- Circular routes around the parish
- Circumnavigating the whole village : HIGH UP , out of the village giving several hours happy walking and the ability to do different bits vat different times and to drop back into the village as and when tired ! Up and across to wattisfield to the EAST of the Wattisfield Road and joining back to Wattisfield in that village. Along the river towards Badwell Ash , as much as possible ,allowing for floods
- From Hatchmere to Finningham Road
- From Jolly's Way down to Finningham Road.
- From the sports club to the village
- Good existing network
- Hatchmere Lane, and also from Hall Fm. to Noah's Ark
- Hulkes Lane from Cranmer Bridge to join Hatchmere lane (permitted path east of Wattisfield Road just north of Broadmeadow.
- I have put yes but would like to see funds used to maintain many of the existing permissive paths. Need a footpath in the Summer Road from at least the Sports Club south to the crossroad; fatalities will occur at some point on this busy road
- In favour of any additional footpaths but we are currently very lucky with the level of permissible pathways around the Village.
- It rather depends on the developments location.
- It would be nice to have one off of Finningham road going North towards Whattisfield
- Joining up to others , reaching out towards others, Badwell Ash etc.

- Leading from the church and out to the sports club, lit route, also access from Wattisfield road to the sports club.
- Linking existing paths and to neighbouring villages
- Linking Summer Road to the Sports Club ,and then Sports Club east towards the Allotments, to create a safe route for all .
- Lot so fields around, field edges. Also better / safer access (i.e. avoiding walking on the roads). Between Wattisfield and Walsham.
- More important I would like to see the existing ones kept in better condition so that they are usable.
- More loop based walks. Also safe walks (don't have to go on roads) to Stanton and Badwell Ash
- Near the School
- No there is good provision of footpaths
- No view on this.
- North of the village linking Wattisfield Rd and Cranmer Green
- Off Summer Road to avoid pedestrians being obliged to 'dice with death' by walking along that road.
- On the North eastern and eastern sides of the village
- Opposite new Lovell homes on wattisfield road. Clearing brambles and signposted along walk.
- Palmer Street. Summer Road.
- plenty of walks.
- re Q 16 - would like the ones we've got to be maintained and accessible though
- Some footpaths are not maintained as footpaths within this area, though these are made up for with "permissive" footpaths. The more walking links that can be provided the better for all within the village
- Somehow existing footpaths to meet up with others from i.e. Wattisfield & Badwell Ash, Westhorpe and Stanton
- south east of village is poorly served
- Summer Road and Grove Road.
- Summer Road into main village as residents on Summer Road have no footpath and speeding vehicles are going to kill someone soon.
- The track that runs alongside the allotments extended in a wide tree lined footpath all the way to the sports ground to form a green corridor that mirrors Fishponds lane. The track that runs from The Street opposite Clarkes entrance to be tree and hedge lined to form a green corridor up to Fishponds Lane.
- The village is well served with off road footpaths.
- There are sufficient.
- To East of Wattisfield Road
- To open up opportunities to walk over the fields that surround the village.
- To sports club from six Bells or footpath
- To the East of the village off the Finningham Road both heading both North and South in order to create a circular route public right of way around the village
- To the sports club.
- Towards sports Club
- Walks across areas away from residential areas.
- Walsham has a huge amount of Public rights of way already ! Most of which were only used in lockdown.
- We excellent country footpaths thats to the generosity of our landowner Richard Martineau
- we have plenty
- Wherever available , not a good answer I know but I can't think of any currently .
- Wherever possible
- Wherever possible! New spaces to explore and dog walk would be important. Can't say where as I haven't explored places that aren't currently public rights of ways to know any suitable suggestions.
- Would like to see improvements to existing footpaths for example, keeping the hedgerows cut, over hanging trees cut back, things to make walking them easier
- Would prefer if they were more accessible for off-road pushcha

- service to Bury St Edmunds and Diss. Present service is totally inadequate.
- 3) A General Stores retail unit to give Rolfe some much needed competition.
- A doctor's. School could be relocated to sports club so children could have space to do sports - school site could be used for housing plots inside the village.
 - a general store
 - A good bus route.
 - A large school to serve growing community. Possibly Wattisfield Rd area. Old School site could then be used for housing.
 - a larger or second village shop (b) cafe facilities - possibly as part of one of the pubs"
 - A local grocer's shop with a cash point machine. Expansion of the school facilities to increase pupil intake. Encourage more commercial businesses to open such as restaurants, hairdressers, garden centre etc.
 - A new shop, better pub facilities and a better [?] park [?]
 - A permanent post office would be good but not if it results in traffic problems like the coffee shop did when it was open.
 - a place to get cash.
 - A shop is a must. The primary school, can it take extra children, traffic in the morning/evening
 - A shop would help to bring people together. Transport needs to be looked at with all the building that's going on in the area, as traffic is going to become a major issue.
 - A small general store
 - A small shop would be useful, one that included a post office (or make the post office a more regular visit to the village hall) and maybe a more local pharmacy.
 - A village convenience store. Health centre .Dentist .Road traffic management ,keep HGV traffic to a minimum .
 - A village shop. Consider the size of school.
 - access to medical practices, schooling, public transport
 - Adequate off-road parking
 - An affordable shop! asap
 - Another shop to encourage roles to develop. Bigger School. Post Office.
 - Another, or bigger Primary school to accommodate future children to be able to attend school in their own village so hopefully avoiding parents having to drive their children to other villages.
 - Better bus links; better GP services; Better shops
 - better bus service, doctors, gym - perhaps grant to sports centre? tearoom
 - Better bus service.
 - Better footpaths and teenager facilities
 - Bigger Primary School. Post Office. Better after school clubs.
 - Bigger School but this would take away the charm of a village school.
 - Bigger school to take on more children as they are completely full, more buses, a shop/post office.
 - Bigger School. Pre -School Toddlers/under 5's. Post Office, General Store.
 - Bigger Village Hall or another new community centre. Faster Broadband
 - Bus service
 - Bus Services. Parking
 - Coffee Shop/ Family Activity (think Hollow Tree Farm concept) could also double up as a shop, gift shop, community space for toddler groups, village library, 2nd hand store, local crafts, deli, etc. "
 - Convenience Store (affordable)
 - Convenience Store, New School, Play Areas
 - Corner shop / gp surgery?
 - Develop fitness facilities at the Sports Club to minimise need for transport out of village
 - Doctor, School, Stores, Swimming Pool, Parking.
 - Doctor's Surgery. More shops
 - Doctors Surgery
 - Doctors' surgery, bigger school, more shops, café

- doctors' surgery, sports facilities, bus services, better street lighting, traffic calming
- East of England Co-op to support local producers and sell Rolfes produce out of hours! Moriarty's cafe to re-open! This helps home-workers break up the day and provides a meeting place. Other local shops e.g. Pharmacy / craft/ antiques
- Ensuring the school can keep up with intake.
- Existing Play area needs some serious investment. A play area near the sports ground. Village car park with electric charging points.
- Expanded school capacity - better bus service - full pavement around village (fill the gap on Palmer Street) - better parking facilities - better broadband.
- Facilities to allow a greater level of sustainability: Grocery Shop. Delivery lockers for internet shopping deliveries.
- Food shop
- General food store / shop
- General shop and Post Office with easy foot or cycle access.
- General Store with opening hours that suit working people
- GP surgery, dentist, shops, more buses
- GP surgery. Size of school. Transport infrastructure,
- Health and Infrastructure
- Health care, shops, education
- Health Provision.
- High quality housing for older folk so they can size down without losing quality of life. Repair cafe. Home working office hub.
- Improved Infrastructure. Build on success: the Sports Club. Encouragement of introduction of enterprises such as shops and small businesses and professions.
- Increased size of school
- Larger school, bus services
- Larger school. bus services and village hall
- More buses.
- More buses. A Post Office. A small self-service grocery shop in the Acorns.
- More Schooling. Another bigger Shop.
- More schools provision. More local shops. Better public transport. Electrical vehicle charging points everywhere
- More shops or businesses, or at least the ability for new businesses to come to the village.
- Much better bus service; Doctor's Surgery and Pharmacy; Shop; Larger School
- NA Nil Growth.
- New preschool off site of school so school can have more classrooms. (1 per year rather than mixed year groups.)
- None - increasing facilities will open us up for more building of houses to follow.
- None beyond the excellent existing facilities
- Parking. School
- Parks, Schools, footpaths, doctors, dentists
- playground, cafe, restaurant
- Possibly a larger primary school and a shop would be required.
- Post Office and Store. Doctors Surgery. Enough School Places. Better bus services. Community Cafe.
- Public transport
- public transport and social care
- Public transport links for young adults
- Public transport, school, shops, Drs,
- Public Transport. Road access and road capacity also traffic calming. Click and Collect lockers. Additional shops - Convenience store. Access to GP's and other health services. Increased site of Primary School Re-site near Sports Hall / Fields area. Re-site Clarks outside the village and nearer the A143
- Re-assess the school.
- Reduce hiring charges of the Memorial Village Hall to encourage local activities"
- Roads, Paths, Play area, green area, Shop, Schooling
- School increase in size. A village shop

- School options, dentist
- School, bus
- School, shop and buses
- School; Pre-School; Shops; Improve Buses; Footpaths
- School. Bus Services. Post Office. Doctors. Shop
- Schooling - Post Office.
- Schooling & transport that doesn't take 1hr to get into main town on the bus (BSE). Electric charge points.
- Schools, dr, dentists, a village shop
- Schools, local shop
- Schools, small shop/store, possibly a shared office space where people that work from home can come to meet up or start their own local business
- Shared office hub with cafe. Repair cafe? Better public transport One day electric shuttle bus service to Elmswell station or Bury St Edmunds?
- Shop and children's nursery
- Shop is a must
- Shop, post office , food establishment i.e. fish and chips / Chinese / artisan foods
- Shop, Use of village Hall for parking
- Shop. New School placed on the edge of the village
- Shop/post office
- Shopping facilities
- Shops
- Six Bells needs investment.
- Size of school, no general shop, limited public transport
- Ski slope
- Small local retail store, restaurant, and cafe
- Sports-badminton and table tennis. Shop-general stores + Post Office
- The location of the butcher's shop. The location of Schools. Small business units // starter units. Post office and small shops reinstated/encouraged.
- The school is too small to accommodate new children from The Acorns.
- The school, shops. more buses, a cafe and more Community wild spaces.
- The suitability of the school to accommodate the number of children that further housing may bring to the village. A GP consulting service served from the different local surgeries.
- The village is well served
- Transport, larger Pre-school/Primary School.
- Transport, Medical, Education, Recreation
- Transport, Post office and possibly a shop
- Transport. Healthcare. Schooling. Recreational spaces.
- Transport. Shop. Parking off main high road. Street Lighting
- Village Shop, better public transport (especially running later)
- water and sewerage. Healthcare.
- Water; drainage; sewerage; rubbish collection
- We have lost Doctor and Dentist, apart from shops. Services and facilities within the village would help to keep the traffic down.
- We need some sort of shop
- Workshops with living quarters -see Q11 Larger School - Clarkes site.
- Youth Clubs, buses and transport, the main problem will be traffic which Waltham Le willows is struggling with at present.



Business & employment

(18) What would encourage and help businesses to thrive in Walsham le Willows?

91 responses

- Ah! justified business rates, better road access. See what other communities do.
- Appeal to a younger demographic
- Availability of sites / premises
- Being allowed to use the carpark at the Memorial Hall. Customers of Moriarty's are no longer allowed to use this car and the business is now closed.
- Better Access
- Better adverts
- Better broadband
- Better broadband
- better internet service
- Better parking
- BETTER PARKING. BETTER INTERNET
- Better parking. More family activities at pub/sports club.
- better patronage from the villagers
- Better roads and or restrictions on main road parking
- Broadband
- Buy local.
- By having more businesses
- Cafe
- Develop units in the old cowsheds on Finningham Road.
- don't know -more reliable Wi-Fi.
- Don't know.
- Don't know.
- Excellent broadband connection.
- Fast and reliable broadband. Realistic rent/rates.
- Fibre-to-the-premises broadband connectivity
- Foot flow - we need a destination pub similar to The Norton dog with good food, good service, 5-star hygiene rating, decent parking, landscaped garden and play area - once one business is set up and attracting people other businesses would follow.
- Good broadband
- Good Broadband. Off road Parking. Make the memorial hall car park public.
- Having suitable places for them to go
- High speed Broadband-currently useless- Grove Park
- High speed broadband. Better cell phone coverage. Better public transport. More affordable housing
- I think it's difficult given its rural location and access roads.
- I think they are thriving, and we don't need more HGV's using the Street
- IT provision. Local networking.
- It's a difficult one as the competition from nearby towns is always going to impact. Just a decent shop that has reasonable prices would be sufficient.
- Keep Clarkes do not develop it.
- Light industrial/office units, perhaps on a farm.
- Longer opening hours
- Low-cost accommodation and ease of access and movement.
- Lower business rates
- Lower prices at the butcher's, UBI supplied by increased taxation on the rich and wealthy (that lady bird that lives up the road, Paul, etc.)
- Lower rates, improved roads and signage.
- Lower rentals and business rates - access to parking and offering the community what they require.
- More affordable housing for younger workers. Better public transport links. Designated business spaces for both manual and office-based businesses with parking and storage facilities (may be by repurposing redundant farm buildings on the outskirts of the village?). Full fibre broadband.
- More affordable shopping
- More buses and a cafe
- More Houses = More People.
- More housing. In order to survive a village has to thrive. In order to thrive it must be alive. New blood always encourages growth/school remaining open etc.
- More local Customers
- More office space at an affordable rate, in keeping with local architecture. Like bungalow style, black barns.
- More parking
- More parking available to The Street. The allowance of use of the village hall carpark.
- More residents=greater demand for retail. Possibly small industrial units outside the village. Affordable housing for young families.

- More spaces for business - better broadband - better public transport.
- not sure
- Not to have to drive through high-pressure.
- Nothing to contribute.
- Off road Parking
- Office hub - amenities such as cafe.
- Parking
- Parking
- Prices
- Purpose built units for rent
- Review of Business rates and a buy British, buy local campaign
- Safe parking
- Small business units/ workshops
- Sufficient parking. Good Broadband. Good mobile phone coverage.
- Suitable access roads and parking. No parking on the Street.
- Support of what we have in the village.
- Support scheme for startups
- The best possible broadband
- There are a number of business parks - look after them
- Transport and parking. Phone and Broadband
- Ultra-fast broadband
- Utilize the Business area on Summer Rd
- We don't believe that new businesses should be encouraged as it would lead to even more traffic than there is currently.
- Would relocation of Clarkes reduce number of large 6 axle vehicles using The Street.

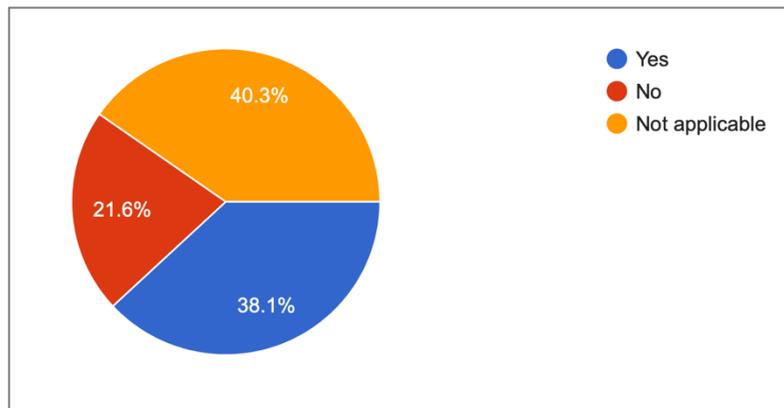
(19) Do you envisage working from home more in the future?

134 responses

Summary of the data: for the majority of respondents (40.3%) the questions was 'not applicable', 38.1% of respondents envisage that they will be working from home more in the future

Action: consider what is need for individuals, businesses and community infrastructure as more people work from home ongoing.

Results



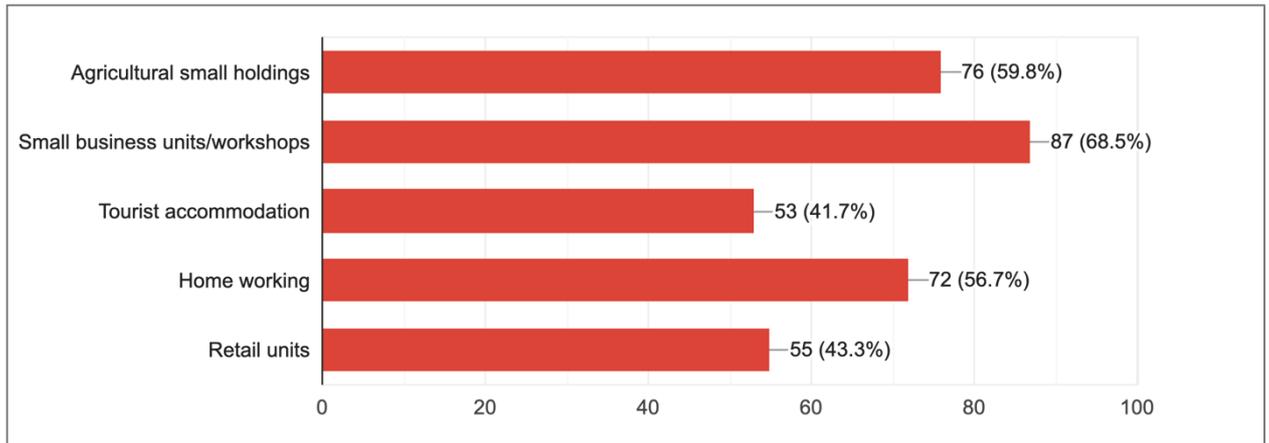
(20) Should the following be encouraged in Walsham le Willows? (Please tick ✓ one or more box)

127 responses

Summary of the data: respondents showed interest for encouraging small business units/workshops (68.5%), agricultural small holdings (59.8%) and home working (56.7%). There is also interest in the other options, retail units (43.3%) and tourist accommodation (41.7%).

Action: business policy encouraging certain types of businesses.

Results



Other (15 responses)

- A shop
- artisanal working - maybe to link in with existing artists or promote an artisanal trail (aka Melbourne in Derbyshire). Thank you for your perseverance and hard work doing this !
- Bungalows
- Cafe
- Cafe.
- Cafes.
- Community art studios. There are many artists working in Walsham. Creativity can regenerate areas.
- Convenience Store.
- Don't know!
- Encourage a cafe similar to Moriati's
- Informal community gathering places for all: Cafe Pubs Restaurants
- Other
- Pubs.
- Restaurant / cafe
- Wedding Venue.

Under 18s only

PLEASE ANSWER THIS SECTION IF YOU ARE **UNDER 18**.

(21) How would you like to see Walsham le Willows develop for the better within the next 20 years?

29 responses

Results

Raw data (unsorted)

Better Basketball Court (three point lines ,free throw lines etc.)

- Better play park and equipment for all ages of children
 - Both pubs should be encouraged to become centres of the community. Quality housing to be built with large gardens etc.
 - Discourage 'urban style' developments. No Executive style houses. Concentrate on homes for younger families who will go to the village school. shop locally, use local facilities etc.
 - Do not over develop, don't make the quant village feel be lost, it's a historical village and over doing what we have now will kill that feel
 - I think we must accept that, even nationally, rural life is a thing of the past. But in going forward we must retain and integrate the positive features it has created - notably the greenness and fauna and flora and all that is integral to Suffolk alone. Bury has lost its appeal for villagers to go to with its rush hours and lack of parking. Walsham should aspire to being more self-sufficient - a place where youngsters are encouraged to stay rather than migrating to a rapidly becoming unlivable London. Shopping basic stuff will continue to grow online, but Walsham needs a lot more eateries. Oops just realised I'm over 18.
 - Improve services to current houses. Stop developing housing estates in rural areas or on the outskirts of the village.
 - Limited housing for local residents only if and when called for.
 - Looking after the assets we have
 - Not at all building-wise. Look after our green areas first and woods, play areas and footpaths and roads.
 - Not much because I like the simplicity of Waltham and the 'village charm' but if they're building new houses then we'd need a bigger school and maybe another village shop for the necessities.
 - only a modest increase in size with a variety of housing that enables young people to remain in the village and a very strict limit on second homes.
 - Only small development up to 3 houses, in the way villages historically developed.
 - Sensitively and with aesthetic awareness.
 - Stop building
 - Sympathetic building sites which are sustainable and future proofed. development in suitable locations which are accompanied by suitable infrastructure.
 - The village will be best served over the next 20 years by, so far as possible, preserving it as it is. Development should focus on upgrading and modernising utilities - sewerage, water, power and broadband. Our roads, footpaths and hedgerows also need to be maintained. The village will also need to play its part in responding to the climate crisis over the coming years. Thoughtful help and guidance to old building owners on how best to invest in preserving our many beautiful properties whilst reducing the impact on the environment would serve the village well.
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APPENDIX 6: Stage 4 – Pre-submission consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan

APPENDIX 6(a): Publicity for the exhibition – flyer/poster

Comment on the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Walsham le Willows

Drop-in exhibition
2pm-8pm
Monday, 17th October
at the Memorial Hall

Or from 17th October to 2nd December, read a copy at the Memorial Hall, or at www.walsham-le-willows.org/neighbourhood-plan
Consultation closes for comments on 2nd December 2022

The Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan is a planning policy document written by the community to guide future development in the area until 2037.

The Steering Group want to know your views on the draft Plan. Comment on the Plan this Autumn.

Drop-in exhibition on the draft Plan
2pm - 8pm on Monday, 17th October. Comment with a cuppa at the Memorial Hall.

Or from 17th October to 2nd December, read a copy at the Memorial Hall, or at www.walsham-le-willows.org/neighbourhood-plan

Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2037

Pre-submission DRAFT October 2022

After this consultation, the Neighbourhood Plan will be revised and submitted to Mid Suffolk Council for examination and local referendum. If voted for by residents of Walsham le Willows, it will become part of the statutory development plan for the area.

APPENDIX 6(b): Consultation Response form

Note, this was also available online as a google form.

WALSHAM LE WILLOWS Neighbourhood Plan

DRAFT Neighbourhood Plan CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

Consultation period: Monday, 17th October to Friday, 2nd December 2022.

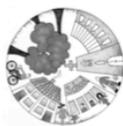
The Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan is a planning policy document written by the community to guide future development in the area until 2037. It is the first of its kind for the area and a part of the Government's current approach to planning.

Please use this form to comment on the draft Neighbourhood Plan, or comment online www.walsham-le-willows.org/neighbourhood-plan, so we can make amendments before submitting it for examination.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a formal stage of consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan before it is submitted to Mid Suffolk Council. Comments received will be reported in a Consultation Statement which will be submitted alongside the Plan, and which will include your organisation (if applicable) and comments. The Consultation Statement will be publicly available online.

On submission of the Neighbourhood Plan, Walsham le Willows Parish Council is required to share personal details of those that have commented on the document to Mid Suffolk Council so that they can discharge their legal duties in relation to publicising the submission of the Plan, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations.

By submitting a consultation response at this stage, you authorise Walsham le Willows Parish Council to legally collect and share your data in this manner. You can view the Parish Council's Privacy Policy on the website.



PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED RESPONSE FORM TO: Parish Clerk,
Willow Cottage, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, IP31 3AA.
OR EMAIL: walshamlewillowsplan@gmail.com by 2nd December 2022.

Name

Email address (or postal address)	
Organisation name (if appropriate)	

BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND DESIGN policy	
WLW1: High quality and sustainable design	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments	

HOUSING policies	
WLW2: Scale and location of new housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments	
WLW3: Housing size, type and tenure	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments	

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE policies	
WLW4: Community facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments	
WLW5: Drainage and flood risk	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments	

TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY policies				
WLW6: Pedestrian and cycle connectivity	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments				
WLW7: Public rights of way	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments				

NATURAL AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT policies				
WLW8: Area of local landscape sensitivity	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments				
WLW9: Important views	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments				
WLW10: Dark skies	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments				
WLW11: Local green spaces	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments				
WLW12: Protecting and enhancing biodiversity	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree

Comments	
WLW13: Renewable Energy	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments	
WLW14: Non-designated Heritage Assets	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments	

ECONOMY policy	
WLW15: New and existing businesses	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
Comments	

DESIGN GUIDANCE AND CODE	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
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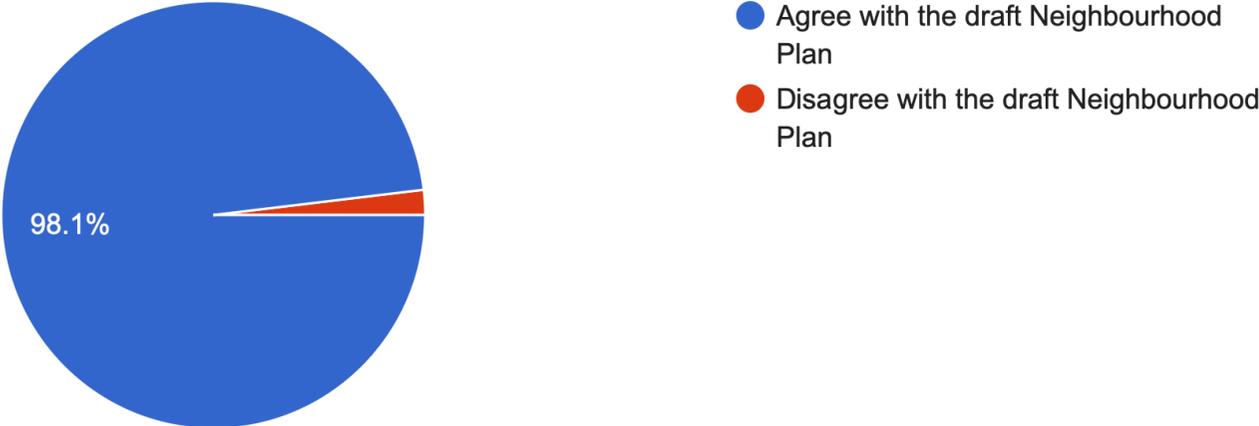
<p>OVERALL, do you</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Agree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Disagree with the draft Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Any further comments about the draft Neighbourhood Plan</p>

Please note, if you have any further comments, you are welcome to add another page of comments, or email walshamlewillowsplan@gmail.com. **THANK YOU.**

APPENDIX 6(c): Log of all comments and responses to Pre-submission Consultation (Regulation 14)

General comments

OVERALL, do you
53 responses



No.	Respondent	Reference (paragraph or policy number)	Response	Suggested Steering Group response	Action
1	Mid Suffolk Council	WLW1, 5, 6,7,8,9,10,11,12	We have no comments to make at this time on policy WLW1, WLW5, WLW6, WLW7, WLW8, WLW9, WLW10, WLW11, WLW12	No change	No change
2	Suffolk County Council	Typos	Inconsistencies throughout the plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willow or Willows • Le or le • Walsham-le-Willows 	These will be corrected	Amend as necessary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Highways England	General	Thank you for your correspondence, dated 14 October 2022, notifying National Highways of the consultation under Regulation 14 of the draft Walsham Le Willows Neighbourhood Plan (2023-2037). As you are already aware that National Highways is responsible for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in England on behalf of the Secretary of the State. In the area within and surrounding the Walsham Le Willows Neighbourhood Plan we have responsibility for the trunk road A14. With respect to the proposed draft neighbourhood site location, all these are remote from the Strategic Road Network. Consequently, National Highways offers 'No Comment' to this application.	Comments noted.	No change
4	Historic England	General	We welcome the production of this neighbourhood plan, but do not consider it necessary for Historic England to be involved in the detailed development of your strategy at this time. We would refer you to our advice on successfully incorporating historic environment considerations into your neighbourhood plan, which can be found here:	Comments noted	No change

			<p>https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/</p> <p>For further specific advice regarding the historic environment and how to integrate it into your neighbourhood plan, we recommend that you consult your local planning authority conservation officer, and if appropriate the Historic Environment Record at Suffolk County Council.</p> <p>To avoid any doubt, this letter does not reflect our obligation to provide further advice on or, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise as a result of the proposed plan, where we consider these would have an adverse effect on the historic environment.</p>		
5	Ministry of Defence	General	<p>It is understood that a pre-submission consultation regarding the draft Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan has been promulgated. The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding Team represents the Ministry of Defence (MOD) as a statutory consultee in the UK planning system to ensure designated zones around key operational defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, and technical sites are not adversely affected by development outside the MOD estate. For clarity, this response relates to MOD Safeguarding concerns only and should be read in conjunction with any other submissions that might be provided by other MOD sites or departments.</p> <p>Paragraph 97 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2021 requires that planning policies and decisions should take into account defence requirements by 'ensuring that operational sites are not affected adversely by the impact of other development proposed in the area.' To this end MOD may be involved in the planning system both as a statutory and non-</p>	<p>Comments noted. Add reference to supporting text to refer to need to consult MOD for development within the Bird Strike Zone</p>	<p>Amend supporting text to Policy WLW13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

		<p>statutory consultee. Statutory consultation occurs as a result of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Safeguarded aerodromes, technical sites and military explosives storage areas) Direction 2002 (DfT/ODPM Circular 01/2003) and the location data and criteria set out on safeguarding maps issued by Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) in accordance with the provisions of that Direction.</p> <p>The area within the draft Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan is washed over by safeguarding zones associated with RAF Honington, specifically the birdstrike safeguarding zone. Additionally, the MOD have an interest within the area covered by the draft Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan, in a new technical asset known as the East 2 WAM Network, which contributes to aviation safety by feeding into the air traffic management system in the Eastern areas of England. There is the potential for development to impact on the operation and/or capability of this new technical asset which consists of nodes and connecting pathways, each of which have their own consultation criteria. Elements of this asset pass through the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan area of interest.</p> <p>The Safeguarding map associated with the East 2 WAM Network has been submitted to DLUHC for issue. As is typical, the map provides both the geographic extent of consultation zones and the criteria associated with them. Within the statutory consultation areas identified on the map are zones where the key concerns are the presence and height of development, and where introduction of sources of electro-magnetic fields (such as power lines or solar photo voltaic</p>		
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		<p>panels and their associated infrastructure) are of particular concern.</p> <p>The review or drafting of planning policy provides an opportunity to better inform developers of the constraints that might be applied to development as a result of the requirement to ensure defence capability and operations are not adversely affected.</p> <p>Copies of these plans, in both GIS shapefile and .pdf format, can be provided on request through the email address above.</p> <p>Within the statutory consultation areas associated with aerodromes are zones that are designed to allow birdstrike risk to be identified and mitigated. The creation of environments attractive to those large and flocking bird species that pose a hazard to aviation safety can have a significant effect. This can include landscaping schemes associated with large developments, green and brown roofs, biodiversity enhancement, or the creation of new watercourses/bodies. Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) additionally provide an opportunity for habitats within and around a development. The incorporation of open water, both permanent and temporary, and associated reedbeds, wetlands ponds and ditches provide a range of habitats for wildlife, including potentially increasing the creation of attractant environments for large and flocking bird species hazardous to aviation.</p> <p>In addition, and where development falls outside designated safeguarding zones, the MOD may also have an interest, particularly where the development is of a type likely to have an impact on operational capability by virtue of scale, height, or physical properties. Examples of these types of</p>		
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		<p>development include renewable energy development such as the installation of wind turbine generators or solar photo voltaic panels, or any development that would exceed a height of 50m above ground level. Both tall (of or exceeding a height of 50m above ground level) structures and wind turbine development introduce physical obstacles to low flying aircraft. Solar PV development can compromise the operation of communications and other technical assets by introducing substantial areas of metal that degrade signals and, depending on the location of development, may produce glint and glare to the detriment of aviation safety. Wind turbines may impact on the operation of surveillance systems such as radar where the rotating motion of their blades can degrade and cause interference to the effective operation of these types of installations, potentially resulting in detriment to aviation safety and operational capability. This potential is recognised in the Government's online Planning Practice Guidance which contains, within the Renewable and Low Carbon Energy section, specific guidance that both developers and Local Planning Authorities should consult the MOD where a proposed turbine has a tip height of, or exceeding 11m, and/or has a rotor diameter of 2m or more. In summary, the MOD have no concerns with the draft Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan but would wish to be consulted of any potential development within the statutory birdstrike safeguarding zone that surround RAF Honington, which includes schemes that may result in the creation of attractant environments for large and flocking bird species hazardous to aviation. Wherever the criteria associated with the East 2 WAM Network are triggered, the</p>		
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			<p>MOD should be consulted in order that appropriate assessments can be carried out and, where necessary, requests for required conditions or objections be communicated.</p> <p>I trust this clearly explains our position on this update. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to consider these points further</p>		
6	National Grid	General	<p>National Grid has appointed Avison Young to review and respond to Neighbourhood Plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regard to the current consultation on the above document.</p> <p>About National Grid. National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) owns and maintains the electricity transmission system in England and Wales. The energy is then distributed to the electricity distribution network operators across England, Wales and Scotland. National Grid Gas plc (NGG) owns and operates the high-pressure gas transmission system across the UK. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the UK's four gas distribution networks where pressure is reduced for public use.</p> <p>National Grid Ventures (NGV) is separate from National Grid's core regulated businesses. NGV develop, operate and invest in energy projects, technologies, and partnerships to help accelerate the development of a clean energy future for consumers across the UK, Europe and the United States.</p> <p>Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to National Grid assets:</p>	Comments noted	No change

			<p>An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission assets which include high voltage electricity assets and high-pressure gas pipelines. National Grid has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.</p> <p>National Grid provides information in relation to its assets at the website below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/ <p>Please also see attached information outlining guidance on development close to National Grid infrastructure.</p> <p>Distribution Networks Information regarding the electricity distribution network is available at the website below: www.energynetworks.org.uk Information regarding the gas distribution network is available by contacting: plantprotection@cadentgas.com</p>		
7	Suffolk Wildlife Trust	General	<p>We have reviewed the policies and plan text of the Walsham le Willows Draft Neighbourhood Plan and we are pleased to see that the natural environment and biodiversity receives protection within policies WLW10, WLW11, WLW12 and WLW13. We are also pleased to see that the roadside nature reserve and Priority habitats within the parish are highlighted in the plan text.</p>	Comments noted	No change
8	Water Management Alliance	General	<p>Thank you for your consultation on the WALSHAM LE WILLOWS Neighbourhood Plan. Having screened the application, the site in question lies outside the Internal Drainage District of the Waveney, Lower Yare and Lothingland Internal Drainage</p>	Comments noted.	No change

			Board as well as the Board's wider watershed catchment, therefore the Board has no comments to make.		
9	Resident 13	Other	Concern about crossroads at T-junction by Six Bells - Road junction - not clearly marked and lighting poor	Comments noted. This is not specifically a Neighbourhood Plan issue but will be passed to the Parish Council	No change
10	Resident 16	Other	Overall consideration to vehicle movement numbers in any development	Comments noted. Policy WLW2 seeks to address this issue	No change
11	Resident 17	General	Thanks to those whose hard work has put the plan together	Supportive comment,	No change
12	Resident 19	General	<p>Why are issues such as the state of and framework regarding road changes not specifically included? Surely public transport, its impact, availability and necessity should also be addressed?</p> <p>IMPORTANTLY I suggest that the instigators of this plan stay in constant contact with the CPRE regarding the latest intended changes proposed by the government to deregulate planning laws for so called 'development zones'. If they are prosecuted through to law, then any area could be designated as such (even villages). IF that happens, then a great deal of the plan will be rendered irrelevant. I suggest that the CPRE are given as much local support as possible.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The issue of public transport – specifically the provision of lies outside of the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan as they do not require the benefit of planning permission.</p> <p>The NP is being prepared in the context of the most up to date national guidance in place at the time of writing. The development zones reforms referred</p>	No change

				to were from a previous government and are not being pursued by the current Minister	
13	Resident 20	General	why do you have to have a g mail address to use walshamlewillowsplan@gmail.com.	Comments noted. Although this is not the case.	No change
14	Resident 21	General	addresses miss leading on form .do not lump muti address's '''	Noted	No change
15	Resident 25	General	Sort of	Noted	No change
16	Resident 26		VERY WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED AND THANK YOU FOR THE HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY	Supportive comment	No change
17	Anglian Water		<p>Anglian Water is the statutory water and sewerage undertaker for the Walsham le Willows neighbourhood plan area and is identified as a consultation body under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Anglian Water wants to proactively engage with the neighbourhood plan process to ensure the plan delivers benefits for residents, and in doing so protect the environment and water resources. As a purpose-led company, we are committed to seeking positive environmental and social outcomes for our region.</p> <p>The Parish Council may find the following information helpful. As part of our Get River Positive commitment, we've pledged to be as transparent as possible with the data we collect about our water recycling network and the improvements that we are making, especially around storm overflows. We</p>	<p>Comments noted</p> <p><i>Text to be incorporated into Section 8</i></p>	<p>Add text to Section 8</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

			have provided an online map that shows our latest investment schemes to improve the environment, including 2021 storm overflow data and the river network. Investment schemes to improve the local environment and river health include storm tank enhancement at Badwell Ash water recycling centre, the receiving WRC for Walsham le Willows, which was completed 31 March 2022. This follows the installation of event duration monitoring of storm overflows at the Walsham le Willows Causeway terminal pumping station. These measures help to provide environmental benefits including to the receiving river, Stowlangtoft Stream. Information can be found on our website: https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/services/sewers-and-drains/storm-overflows/improving-rivers-and-coastlines		
18	Resident 28	General	Loads of hard work - much appreciated and a brilliant resource	Supportive comment,	No change
19	Resident 31	General	Thank you all for your hard work and consideration.	Supportive comment,	No change
20	Resident 33		Very much agree with all aims. Gives us a chance to express what we DO want - not the usual objections saying what we don't want. Congratulations for all the work that has gone into preparing this plan.	Supportive comment,	No change
21	Resident 34		Periodical updates ?? 3year, 5year mid-term ?	Para 13.6 indicates that the Plan will be reviewed within a minimum of 5 years	No change to Plan
22	Resident 42		Really really good document - great work!	Supportive comment	No change
23	Resident 43		This is a very comprehensive and thoughtfully prepared document which captures and reflects our village and community so well. The village should be very grateful to the small number of people on the Steering Group who have	Supportive comment	No change

			worked so hard to ensure that the village and landscape we all love so dearly will continue to thrive but at the same time will be protected. A wonderful piece of work. Thank you.		
24	Resident 45		An excellent draft document that the whole NP steering committee should be justly proud of. Thank You.	Supportive comment	No change
25	Resident 46		This draft is a well presented document, easy to read and understand.	Supportive comment	No change
26	Resident 47		I was told I would be able to complete this form on-line or hand written. First, when I open the form on- line, I find it impossible to answer the "agree-----disagree" because there is no information on this form that was displayed in the exhibition. Second, I have given my answer a lot of thought and detail, so tried to go back to my answers before completing. Imagine my fury when the first half of my answering the form had been deleted when I tried to retrieve it----- so I had start all over again! Why?	This appears to be an individual technical error.	No change
27	Resident 49		We appreciate the effort that has gone into producing this comprehensive and detailed plan and endorse the aims set out.	Supportive comment.	No change
28	Resident 50		After three campaigns to fight inappropriate developments, going to endless meetings, writing letters etc. only to win and then have overturned on appeal, I am rather cynical whether this plan will have any teeth.	The Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory document – once ‘made’ it is part of the legal development plan framework	No change to Plan
29	Resident 53		Greater emphasis on the climate and environmental emergencies would be appropriate as we all need to do everything we can at local and individual level and the NP	Comments noted. Add a specific refence to climate	Amend vision and environmental objective <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

			should offer vision and leadership on this as it is what matters most for future generations.	change/emergencies into the vision and the environmental objective?	
30	Resident 58		I would fully support the Neighbourhood plan if the concerns above were addressed.	No change	
31	Resident 59		Disagree that Elmside development "is considered locally to have assimilated well into the built form of the village. Says who? Not many people we know would agree. Elmside remains overly dense, and plenty of the facade designs here are an unimaginative pastiche, some, especially the mock 'Georgian/Queen Anne 'ish' facades, belong nowhere in this village - especially when packed so closely together. They look wrong. Yes the materials and colours might accurately reflect what is found in Walsham Le Willows, but the cumulative effect is overwhelmingly suburban. So NP drafters please don't use Elmside as a paradigm. The green spaces here are inadequate for purpose and tiny in scale especially given the sheer number of people they serve and the size and scale of their properties. Take a look at the sizeable green spaces to be found on all other C20th developments, despite their serving far fewer households. The building line at the entrance roadway to the Elmside estate has been sited far too close to the Finningham Road. This has seriously impacted what previously used to be a pleasant thoroughfare into the village from the east. Yes the Acorns is widely considered to be appalling, and we are still reeling at the shock of its imposition by inconsiderate planners on this lovely village. We want to ensure an aberration like the Acorns never happens again here, but this shouldn't mean	Agree that this is a subjective issue, however, community consultation and feedback suggests that of new developments in the parish. Elmside is considered to have best represented the character of the area.	No change

			that we start looking to Elmside as the exemplar of what should be copied by future developers.		
32	Resident 60		When we refer to ' the parish' should it have a capital P? More minor comments on text from proof read at next meeting.	Agree additional proof reading needed for next version.	Errors to be corrected in next version <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
33	Resident 62		Its very long, I wonder if there is an opportunity to provide a summary that contains the key points – e.g don't need the details of the process that was worked through or all of the context setting, put summary tables in – its quite difficult to take all the information in, absorb detail of the accompanying documents etc. Or a presentation slide resource ?	Comments noted. However, the NP is a statutory document and to be used in the determination of planning applications, therefore the context and process does need to be included. A summary leaflet can be prepared for the referendum	No change to Plan

Introductory chapters/other non-policy chapters

No.	Respondent	Reference (paragraph or policy number)	Response	Suggested Steering Group response	Action
34	MSDC	Para 1.4	Re-word first sentence so that it reads '...emerging Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan (BMSJLP).'	Agree.	Amend para 1.4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

35	MSDC	Para 1.12	Delete the word 'parish' from the referendum question.	Agree the word parish is not used in the MSDC referendums	Amend para 1.12 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
36	MSDC	Para 1.15	The quoted dated is incorrect (this was when the application was submitted), and we suggest using our full name: " ... was formally designated by Mid Suffolk District Council on 30th July 2018."	Agree to correct the errors	Amend para 1.15 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37	MSDC	Section 2	There are saved policies from the 'Mid Suffolk Local Plan 1998' that are also still part of the development plan. We suggest adding a reference to this in paragraph 2.1 Nb: The first reference to the 1998 Local Plan appears in paragraph 7.2	Agree for consistency to include the MSLP reference	Amend para 2.1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38	MSDC	Para 2.2	The modified Part 1 JLP is still under review by the councils and has not yet been published. We suggest removal of the sentence 'Part 1 with modifications is expected to be published in Autumn 2022' to avoid confusion. The proposed timetable for the Part 1 and Part 2 documents, plus supplementary planning documents can be found in the Local Development Scheme (published October 2022) As per the Development Scheme, the Part 2 document is expected to be adopted at the end of 2025 – we recommend you update the final sentence of the paragraph to reflect this – or remove it.	Amend the text to reflect the amended BMSJLP dates	Amend para 2.2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
39	Mid Suffolk Council	Para 2.8	There is a further reference to a 2024 completion date for Part 2 document that you may wish to update to 2025, or to delete.	Amend as above	Amend para 2.8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
40	Mid Suffolk Council	Para 3.13	Suggest naming both housing developments in the first sentence to introduce them to the reader and then link to what follows: "Two of the latest housing developments (Elmside Lea, and The Acorns) have been significantly larger."	Agree this would aid clarity	Amend para 3.13 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

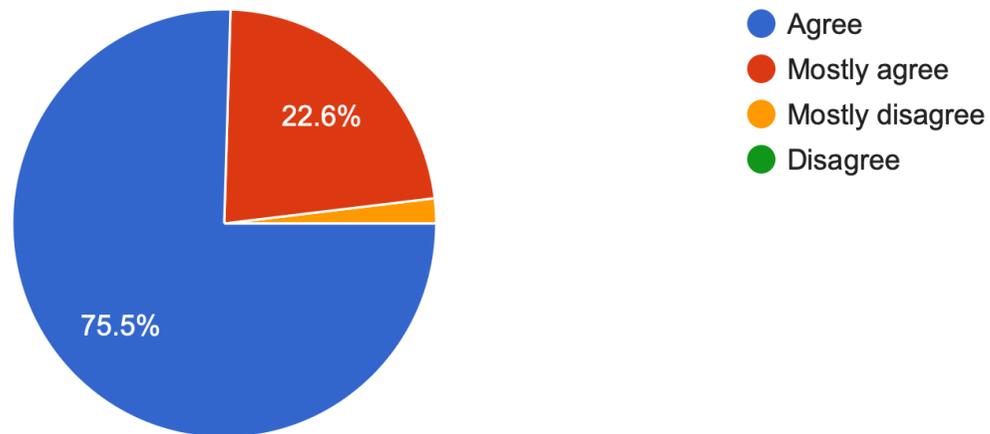
41	Mid Suffolk Council	Para 6.9	This one, very long sentence, will benefit from additional punctuation.	Agree to review this para	Review para <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
42	Mid Suffolk Council	Policies map	We recommend the inclusion of a Policies Map (with inset maps as appropriate) that brings together all policy allocations, such as green spaces and views plus any boundaries (settlement boundary, conservation area etc.) in one place.	Agree. Policies map to be included	Policies Map to be included.
43	Suffolk County Council	Policies map	<p>Policies Map</p> <p>The Walsham le Willows neighbourhood plan does not have a Policies Map. It is strongly recommended that the plan includes a Policies Map, which clearly displays the important features mentioned within the plan policies in once clear and consolidated image. Your planning consultants should be able to assist with this if needed.</p> <p>This map should display the following: parish boundary, settlement boundaries, all allocated housing sites, Listed Buildings and/or heritage assets, designated Local Green Spaces, important views, Public Rights of Way, community facilities, and any other important features or facilities of the parish.</p> <p>Inset maps may be used to show closer detailed parts of the parish, where identified features would be lost and/or hard to read on the overall Policies Map. There also needs to be a clear Key to assist with identifying the displayed features.</p>	Agree. Policies map to be included	Policies Map to be included. See above. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
44	Mid Suffolk Council	Glossary	<p>The final term in the glossary 'windfall development' does not appear on a separate line and has not been bolded.</p> <p>The following terms appear in the glossary but not in the Plan, so should be removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Classes Order • Strategic policy-making authorities • Planning condition 	Agree to review the glossary and to remove any terms not referred to in the Plan	Amend glossary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

45	Suffolk County Council	Vision	Suffolk County Council is supportive of the vision for the Parish. In this letter we aim to highlight potential issues and opportunities in the plan and are happy to discuss anything that is raised.	Supportive comment	No change
46	Suffolk County Council	Chapter 3	Archaeology Chapter 3 gives a good overview of the parish history. For this chapter, it is suggested to add reference to the Suffolk Historic Environment Record, which is managed and maintained by the Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service.	Amend to include reference to SCCAS	Add reference to SCCAS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
47	Suffolk County Council		Minerals and Waste Suffolk County Council is the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority for Suffolk. This means the County Council makes planning policy and decisions in relation to minerals and waste. The relevant policy document is the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan ⁷ , adopted in July 2020. The County Council has assessed the neighbourhood plan regarding the safeguarding of potential minerals resources and operating minerals and waste facilities. It is noted there is no mention of the Suffolk Minerals and Waste planning documents in the plan. Paragraph 1.5 could be amended to read as “The plan operates in the context of the Mid Suffolk Local Plan, the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan, and National Planning Frameworks” Objective 1 currently states that “to ensure that all new development enhances and respects the existing character of the village, minimises its impact on the environment...”. SCC suggests that this objective could be amended as follows: “... minimises its impacts upon the environment and enhances the environment with encourages high quality design”	Agree this can be added for context	Amend para 1.5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The suggested wording has therefore been amended slightly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

48	Suffolk County Council	Chapter 11	<p>Natural Environment Vision and Objectives</p> <p>It is encouraging to see that the natural environment, biodiversity and heritage are among the first things mentioned in the Vision.</p> <p>The Natural and Historic Environment objective (Objective 5) is quite broad. It may be more helpful to distinguish between the Natural and the Historic Environment, as they, although linked, require very different actions. It is positive that Objective 1 includes minimising impacts on the environment (although it does not explicitly mention the natural environment).</p>	Objective 1 to be suitably amended	Amend objective 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49	Suffolk County Council	Community projects	<p>Community Projects</p> <p>We welcome the aspirations, and would support CIL use for highway infrastructure and would assist where possible.</p>	Supportive comment.	No change
50	Resident 62	Vision	<p>Vision – for me, its the top bullet really that stood out as the main Vision but it doesn't really include anything about retaining the discrete nature of the village – I know the report mentions trying to prevent ribbon development. Would village rather than parish suggest more of a discrete settlement ?</p>	The vision relate to the entire parish not just the built-up area and refers to a unique character and identity.	No Change
51	Resident 63		<p>I would firstly give recognition to the steering group for creating this comprehensive plan, well done. I will have a full read and complete the response form in due course.</p> <p>However if you wish to engage more residents and contributors to the feedback I believe the document is missing an Executive Summary. Many residents and particularly younger people will not read and study 130 pages of content.</p> <p>I hope you can incorporate this, if not now then certainly in the final document before voting on its acceptable.</p>	Comment noted. A summary can be produced prior to referendum	No change to Plan

WLW1: High quality and sustainable design

53 responses



No.	Respondent	Reference (paragraph or policy number)	Response	Suggested Steering Group response	Action
52	Suffolk County Council		Transport We note that paragraph 5.2 indicates concerns of traffic including HGVs, pedestrian safety, and parking. It should	Noted	Amend policy to include reference to

		<p>be noted that only Summer Road and the Causeway are defined as Local Access Routes in the Suffolk Lorry Network.</p> <p>Other highway safety concerns are noted. There are no injury accident cluster sites within the village. SCC as Local Highway Authority will always work to procure highway improvements from developments wherever possible to mitigate the effect of development on the local highway network and safety. However, it is not always possible to procure off-site highway improvements from minor developments.</p> <p>Fully support the wording of Objective 4 that generally aligns with the objectives of SCC Transport Strategy and Nationally, such as 'Gear Change'.</p> <p>Policy WLW1 High Quality and Sustainable Design Reference to Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2019) in part e) is noted and supported. It may be worth noting and aligning with the new Suffolk Design: Streets Guide¹⁰ in policy also.</p> <p>We support the reference to including EV charging for on and off-street parking.</p> <p>On street parking is indicated to be an existing issue in paragraph 9.1, which "force vehicles to mount pavement to pass each other". On-street parking will always be inevitable from visitors, deliveries or maintenance. However, having well-designed and integrated on-street parking provisions in new developments can help to alleviate inconsiderate pavement parking that causes risk to pedestrians and road users, and restricts access to emergency service vehicles.</p> <p>Therefore, the following addition is proposed:</p>	<p>Support noted</p> <p>Amend to include this reference.</p>	<p>Suffolk Design: Streets Guide 2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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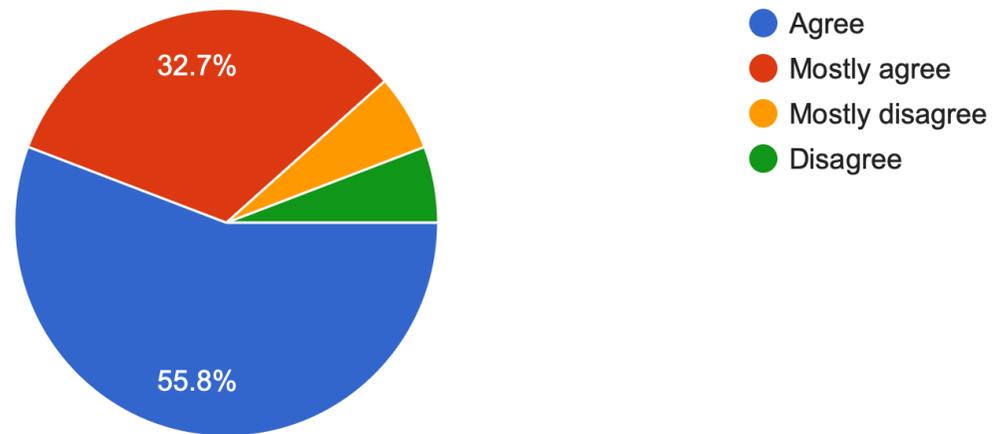
			<p>“e. Parking: New development should accommodate parking consistent with the Suffolk Guidance for Parking 2019 or successor documents, including secure cycle parking, and a proportion of well-designed and integrated on-street parking provisions for visitors. Where garages are proposed, they should be of sufficient dimensions to accommodate an average sized car and allow for the opening of the car doors. Proposals should provide for electric vehicles on both on-street and off-street, car parking spaces.”</p>	Agree to amend	Amend criterion e of Policy WLW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
53	Resident 3		<p>SCC parking standards are too low for rural setting. New developments improve very wide colour palette - is too wide?</p>	Comments noted although they are the statutory standards in force. The colour palette reflects the existing position	No change
54	Resident 4		<p>New estate does not reflect this - how come? New developments should be Suffolk style not generic</p>	Noted. However the NP policies and Design Code seek to address this for development permitted after they come into force	No change
55	Resident 9		<p>Gardens and outdoor amenity space. Nice to see that garden space for children's play is included</p>	Supportive comment	No change
56	Resident 15		<p>Great to see adequate garages/parking to be included and also good size garages including veg plots</p>	Supportive comment	No change
57	Resident 16		<p>Utilise Salvaged materials where appropriate. Solar and rainwater harvesting to be a musty for new build</p>	Comments noted. The NP cannot require the use of reclaimed materials although it can encourage; similar for environmental measures	No change
58	Resident 17		<p>Incentives to require solar panels at the building stage</p>	Noted. The NP contains policies that encourage – it cannot require above and beyond building regulations nor can it 'incentivise'	No change
59	Resident 19		<p>The intention of the plan is admirable, but as there is no real control of build quality it is difficult to see how it will succeed. Recent reports from Architects and independent bodies shows the quality of new houses</p>	Comments noted. The NP is a statutory document when 'made' and a legal part of the development plan. Its application and	No change

			falls well below the required standard. Enforcement is almost impossible.	enforcement is dependent upon MSDC and the Parish Council	
60	Resident 25		Build to be in characteristic style to existing or blend in	Comments noted. This policy has 'character' as a central theme	No change
61	Resident 26		I WOULD FAVOUR SOME MINIMUM SPACE STANDARDS FOR THE OUTDOOR GARDENS AND AMENITY SPACE	There are no minimum space standards for gardens in either national guidance or building regulations. NPS are not allowed to go beyond existing regulation. However Policy WLW1 does emphasis the importance of gardens and amenity space and includes qualitative guidance	No change
62	Resident 27		Given the context of the design codes that support this policy, we would welcome reference to ensuring new homes are energy and water efficient. This helps to ensure new homes are resilient to the effects of climate change over the longer term and support our strategic ambitions to make the East of England resilient to the risks of drought and flooding, whilst enabling sustainable economic and housing growth.	Comments noted. A reference to water and energy efficiency could be included in the later section of the policy	Amend policy to include reference to water and energy efficiency. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
63	Resident 28		Comments are consistent with previous questionnaires - still the same points made by previous generations. High expectations - good. Love the colour palette and use of high quality materials. Use of small sites and infilling preferred - no more large sites on edges of village	Supportive comment	No change
64	Resident 31		High quality and sustainable means good quality building that will last, thinking about the materials you use to building their impact on the environment. Also the energy and heat efficiency into the future.	Supportive comment	No change
65	Resident 32		Cars and parking are major issues in the village and all developments should provide sufficient parking at each house plus overflow general parking areas	Comments noted. See SCC Transport comments above at 52	No change

66	Resident 36		Materials that will enhance our village.	Noted	No change
67	Resident 42		Think this should be expanded to say that proposals for the provision of solar power panels on new developments will be strongly supported.	Noted . See comments above. NPs cannot require only encourage.	See above
68	Resident 43		Very comprehensive	Supportive comment	No change
69	Resident 45		Serious note should be taken of the myriad mistakes made in the Acorns development that go against most of the content of this draft NP. Hopefully never to be repeated in Walsham-le-Willows.	Comments noted. The purpose of Policy WLW1 and the Design Code is to raise the standard of design in the parish generally	No change
70	Resident 46		We should not have a similar estate such as the Acorns that is out of character with the village.	See above	No change
71	Resident 47		High quality and sustainable design -----unlike the Acorns with few redeeming features.	See above	
72	Resident 50		The character of the village has been altered detrimentally by the two new large developments over the last decade. We certainly don't need any more building whether high or low quality.	Noted	No change
73	Resident 52		There is a reference to the "character of adjacent properties". A contemporary style may sit uncomfortably with the predominant rural style of the village as a whole.	Noted. However a contemporary building can still have a rural character. It is important for the various design elements e.g. scale, massing, materials, proportions to be correct and in character.	No change
74	Resident 53		Greater emphasis and encouragement for green technologies	Comments noted. The NP goes as far as it can in encouraging such technologies	No change
75	Resident 58		This is partially good. However, do these standards refer to development outside village development boundary but in the parish boundary? From the wording this isn't clear.	The Design Code and the policy is applicable to all development within the Neighbourhood Area	No change

WLW2: Scale and location of new housing

52 responses



No.	Respondent	Reference (paragraph or policy number)	Responses	Suggested Steering Group response	Action
76	Mid Suffolk	WLW2 & Settlement Boundary	<p>We have a two observations / comments to make on this policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the first sentence of the first paragraph, we suggest replacing 'overall settlement hierarchy' with 'the adopted settlement hierarchy'. We support the use of the JLP settlement boundaries. As policy WLW2 refers to both 'settlement boundaries' (plural) and 'settlement 	<p>Agree to amend reference to settlement hierarchy.</p> <p>Agree to check references for consistency</p>	Amend Policy WLW2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

			boundary' (singular) it, and any supporting text, map descriptions / map keys etc. throughout the plan should be checked and, where necessary, updated to consistently refer to 'boundaries' (plural).		
77	Mid Suffolk	WLW2 – Wattisfield Road site etc.	<p>The second paragraph, which supports the maximisation of affordable housing provision at the Wattisfield Road site, is open to misinterpretation and should, probably, be deleted.</p> <p>Does 'maximise' mean 35% in line with policy H4 of the Mid Suffolk Local Plan and with the s106 agreement associated with the outline planning permission OR do you mean to encourage more than 35%?</p> <p>It would be beneficial to define what is meant by 'essential need' in the final paragraph. Qstn: Is this a reference to rural exception sites? or would a proposal be considered essential if Mid Suffolk was to lose its 5-year land supply?</p>	<p>The intention is for the site to deliver affordable housing above the 35% - it is owned by MSDC.</p> <p>Agree to include more specificity in relation to essential need – although this is set out in the NPPF.</p>	Amend Policy WLW2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
78	Suffolk County Council	WLW2	<p>Settlement Gaps</p> <p>The importance of avoiding coalescence between Walsham le Willows and the hamlet Four Ashes is acknowledged within the main text of the plan, and also anchored in Policy WLW2 (last paragraph). Policy WLW2 does not clearly identify the location and extent of the gap to be protected (except that it is outside settlement boundaries). This policy would be more effective if the gaps were defined on the Policies Map. Great Barton⁸ adopted Neighbourhood Plan is an example of displaying and protecting settlement gaps in policy.</p>	<p>Agree that defining the 'gap' geographically would be beneficial, however it is effectively the gap between the two settlement boundaries and the policy/text can say that</p>	Amend policy/text accordingly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
79	Resident 3	WLW2	<p>Refusal of application is not within gift of Parish Council. Traffic should be directed away from local villages such as Whattifield</p>	<p>The NP is written to be used by MSDC officers when determining</p>	No change

				applications therefore the wording is appropriate.	
80	Resident 7	WLW2	How many houses will be built on the land opposite the Acorns? 22 houses are too many for the site	Noted. The site is allocated in the emerging Local Plan for 22 dwellings, for which it has previously had permission.	No change
81	Resident 12	WLW2	It's keeping in line	Noted	No change
82	Resident 13	WLW2	AS long as not taking away from village look. Neat/small developments rather than estates large	Noted	No change
83	Resident 15	WLW2	Definitely for affordable housing	Noted	No change
84	Resident 18	WLW2	Perhaps increase in affordable housing	Noted	No change
85	Resident 19	WLW2	The provision for new housing on effectively 'greenfield sites' should be secondary to redevelopment of empty and derelict properties within the parish. Why is this not prioritised in the plan? Are covenants going to be placed on future developments, so the developers/builders adhere to them. From my experience this has never occurred with the Acorns development?	The NP does not make specific allocations for new housing. It does however seek to focus new development within the existing built up area – some of which is greenfield. There is a limited supply of previously developed land available for redevelopment in the parish. The NP is a planning document and the use of 'covenants' is outside of its scope. These are for use by the landowners.	
86	Resident 28	WLW2	Agree with statement re. minimising of addit. traffic thro. The Street and past the school where roads are tight to negotiate with vehicles parked.	Supporting statement	No change
87	Resident 31	WLW2	I like to see infilling spaces within the village, giving a wide variety of WELL designed houses that are sympathetic to the surrounding dwellings.	Supporting statement.	No change

			Small clusters of houses which fit around community services, give better opportunity for socialisation.		
88	Resident 32	WLW2	All houses should have gardens with specific for growing vegetables as well as recreational use.	Noted.	No change
89	Resident 36	WLW2	Our village has not got the capacity for any development with more than 10 properties	Noted. The NP is not making any allocations for new housing.	No change
90	Resident 42	WLW2	Probably the only scenario that could result in significant housing development within the 2037 time horizon would be if Clarke's business is ever sold / relocated. Some people might consider this an unlikely scenario but it really depends on what the major shareholders might want. In this time window there will also almost certainly be greatly increased pressure from central government to expand housing and use brownfield sites. I'm not against there ever being housing on the site. I'm just concerned that the Neighbourhood Plan would be outflanked in this scenario. Does a sentence like "Where a development of more than 5 dwellings is proposed, the site should be brought forward through a 'Masterplan' style approach" really cover this off given we would be talking about hundreds of possible houses. Don't know what the answer is!	Comments noted. Should such a proposal come forward it would be subject to this policy and all of the others in the NP and the adopted LP	No change
91	Resident 43	WLW2	7:17 Unfortunately it is going to prove very difficult to control the increase in traffic as it has already happened following the Lovell's development. This is not just linked to those living in the new houses but also the additional deliveries etc that the houses generate. In Wattisfield Road this is very noticeable.	Noted	No change
92	Resident 45	WLW2	The NP should be robust enough to ensure that the Acorns development is not allowed to set a precedent for any future housing development, rather a warning of what should not be built in our village.	Noted. See response to 59 above	No change

93	Resident 46	WLW2	Construction on land opposite the Acorns (currently outline planning only), the design should be more in keeping with the overall look of the village. The Acorns design and layout should not set a precedent for any future building projects.	Noted. Should a new application be submitted on the site it would be guided by the Design Code and if the NP is made, also by the Policies	No change
94	Resident 47	WLW2	Avoid large housing estates with identical houses. Build maximum of 5 at a time, well designed with high quality insulation and biodiversity.	Noted. The NP is not proposing any new allocations	No change
95	Resident 50	WLW2	No future development. The village is the right size for a good community. New housing doesn't go to local people, but to new incomers and buy-to-let.	Noted	No change
96	Resident 52	WLW2	Infill can adversely affect the village environment by removing open space and permitting development with attendant infrastructure. It is vital that the current settlement boundaries are respected to avoid development "creep".	Noted. The NP seeks to focus development within the current settlement boundaries but in Policy WLW1 and the Design Code provides specific guidance that is applicable to single infill plots	No change
97	Resident 53	WLW2	I am concerned that the huge Clarke's site may potentially become vacant and would be vulnerable to sale and planning as a brown field site	Comments noted. The future use of the site is a matter for the landowner . However should new applications for other uses be made on the site they would be subject to Policies WLW1 and 2 in the NP.	No change
98	Resident 54	WLW2	High density and additional traffic issues are of critical importance	Noted	No change
99	Resident 55	WLW3	I am worried that the proposed policy of limiting future housing development to infill projects does not align with the Housing Size, type and tenure policy proposed in WLW3. WLW3 suggests that 50% of any development should	The emerging BMSJLP indicates that there is no need for additional specific allocations during the current plan period due to the level of current commitment and the	No change

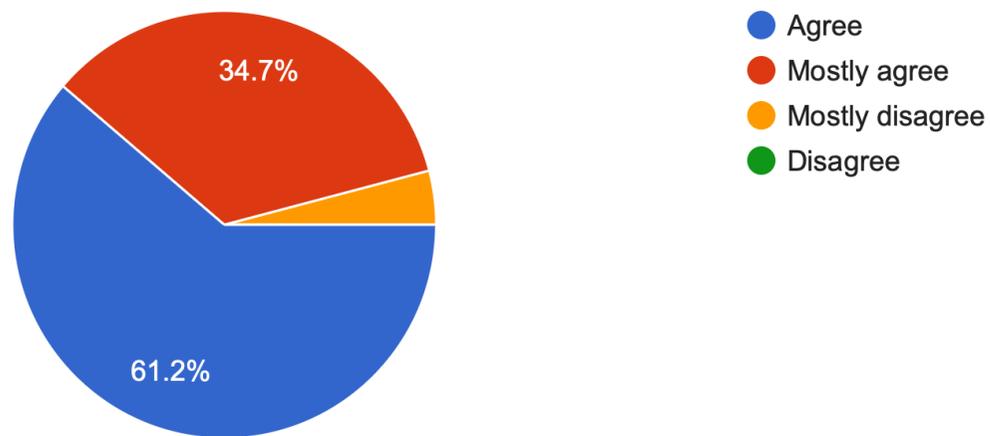
			<p>be 1-2 bedroom starter homes but (I'm led to believe) these kind of homes cost almost as much as larger family homes to build and sell for half the value. Ultimately, developers will build where they can make the most money and this condition could make small developments in our village economically unviable compared to other locations.</p> <p>This could lead to a stagnation in development beyond single house projects (very likely to be 3/4 bedroom homes) and therefore reduce opportunities for young people to access the housing market in village.</p>	<p>two 'allocated' sites which make provision for a range of housing sizes and types. Policy WLW3 is a policy that looks ahead to NP and LP reviews and attempts to influence those future allocations beyond the current plan period.</p>	
100	Resident 58	WLW2	<p>This part of the Neighbourhood plan seems unsuited to the village's future. Firstly, this policy, as currently worded is almost entirely village-centred and does not deal with the future housing needs of people living outside the village development boundary, in the wider parish, and in farming communities.</p> <p>As it is currently worded the policy appears to say that sustainably built housing, designed to meet either local or farming needs that is in keeping with the design style of the area, that is in the parish but is outside the development boundary, will not be supported.</p> <p>An example of where this might be needed might be the development of suitable long term accommodation for farming practices that are positive for the environment and local water sources and require a higher labour input to the intensive farming methods we have all got used to. When the Martineau cottages were built, this was precisely the reason, and</p>	<p>Where a need is identified and proven for a rural worker (which includes farming) this is supported by national policy in NPPF paragraph 80 – the Policy refers to national guidance although it is to be amended to be more specific and include those exceptions in para 80 of the NPPF to be more specific.</p> <p>However the adopted and emerging strategic policies of the Local Plan with which the NP must be in conformity do seek to focus new development within existing settlement boundaries to prevent sporadic development.</p>	<p>Policy WLW2 and para 7.21 to be amended to refer to specific exceptions of NPPF para 80 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

			<p>now these are considered heritage assets. It is difficult to support a neighbourhood plan which prevents such development reoccurring in the future.</p> <p>In terms of new housing on farmland, it is easy to show that this leads to a net gain (more than the required 10%) for biodiversity as cottage gardens have many more habitats, wild food and wildlife than open intensively farmed land (which is in effect little different than a concreted surface).</p> <p>Therefore, although the rest of this plan is admirable in almost every way, this particular policy as currently designed only meets the needs of people inside the village development boundaries and does not take the needs of the wider community into consideration, nor their futures. It therefore comes across as a policy that hasn't been sufficiently informed by the businesses and land managers of the wider community. It seems that the consultation has been too narrow in this area.</p> <p>There is surely a difference between aggressive developers coming in and ruining the village, which should be severely limited by this neighbourhood plan, and trusted local businesses and families being able to develop outside the development boundaries in a limited manner for the future health of the village?</p>	<p>However if a specific form of housing suitable for essential rural land workers, was required then it could be permissible through the national policies.</p>	
101	Resident 59	WLW2	<p>Agree no more housing at east end of village, aside from being overly dense, this has encouraged far too much traffic pressure through the Street.</p>	Supporting statement	No change.
102	Resident 62	WLW2	<p>WLWL2 – couldn't understand the rationale for [supporting devt East Wattisfield</p>	Comments noted. The site is an allocation in the emerging BMSJLP	No change

			<p>Rd that contained affordable housing] when the next point suggests we want to limit traffic flowing past the School and the housing conclusions were that no one particular type of housing was needed. Presumably all applications for the use of that land would be considered on their merits and whether they met our Design document, which may or may not be an affordable housing scheme ?</p>	<p>and has also had a permission for 22 dwellings. It is owned by MSDC and therefore there should be scope for a greater % of affordable housing than just the 7 that would be delivered. Applications on the site will be subject to the Design Code guidance and the NP policies once made.</p>	
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WLW3: Housing size, type and tenure

49 responses



No	Respondent	Reference (paragraph or policy number)	Response	Suggested Steering Group response	Action
103	Mid Suffolk	WLW3	<p>Please note that, whilst it is a sensible provision, footnote 14 would mean that any future update to the SHMA [Nb: the footnote currently refers to the '[S]HELAA] would mean the remainder of the policy could be rendered void.</p> <p>Do the size requirements apply to affordable and open market homes?</p>	The 'need' referred to should be at parish level not at the wider district level. Removal of SHELAA from footnote would overcome this issue.	Remove HELAA from footnote and add 'parish level, ! <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

			<p>The size provisions are very specific and might not suit the context of a specific site. This is also somewhat different to the needs of the District identified by the SHMA (depending on whether they apply to affordable or market housing).</p> <p>The tenure mix does not align with the district’s strategic objectives as it would decrease the proportion of affordable rented properties.</p> <p>In regard to First Homes, as per the guidance (see link below) this should account for 25% of the total affordable housing provision – the policy should be updated to reflect this.</p> <p>We welcome the requirement to set a higher discount on First Homes than the national minimum. However, have the viability consequences of this been considered?</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/first-homes</p>	<p>The size requirements apply to both tenure types.</p> <p>If it was felt that a specific site could not accommodate the size provisions then the proposal would need to provide evidence of why an exception should be made. The AECOM HNA looks at specific parish data – the MSDC work is district wide and therefore the HNA provides a more localised mix.</p> <p>Agree to reword the policy to reflect the 25% first homes is 25% of overall affordable housing provision rather than just 25% of affordable routes to home ownership.</p> <p>Viability issues are recognised in the Local Plan and it is acknowledged that this may affect the provision of affordable housing, the mix of tenures provided and the discounts that can be sought on First Homes properties. It will be for a proposal to demonstrate the viability issues</p>	<p>Amend Policy WLW3 .<input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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104	Suffolk County Council	WLW3	<p>Health and Wellbeing Adaptable homes and an ageing population</p> <p>Page 18 of the neighbourhood plan refers to 2019 estimated data on population of Walsham le Willows. The Suffolk Observatory³ provides a mid-2020 estimate of 3187 population of with 25.7% of the residents are aged 65+ which is above the England average at 18.5%. 5% of the population are aged 25-29 years which demonstrated the mixed ages in this Ward.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan recognises the desire for smaller homes that are adaptable and accessible in paragraph 7.25, which meets the requirements for both older residents as well as younger people and families, which is supported by SCC.</p> <p>Building homes that are accessible and adaptable means that these homes can be changed with the needs of their occupants, for example if their mobility worsens with age, as these homes are built to a standard that can meet the needs of a lifetime. While it is understandable that each housing type may not be suitably accommodated on every site, efforts should be made where possible to ensure that each site contains a mixture of housing types. This can help prevent segregation by age group and possible resulting isolation.</p> <p>Therefore, the following wording is recommended for Policy WLW3 Housing Size, Type and Tenure: <i>"Support will be given for smaller 2 and 3 bedroomed homes that are adaptable (meaning built to optional M4(2) standards), in order to meet the needs of the aging population, without excluding the needs of the younger buyers and families."</i></p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>As SCC area aware Examiners tend to routinely remove references to M4(2) standards on the basis that they NP cannot apply additional standards beyond legislation. However, the policy could be amended as suggested save for that reference.</p>	<p>Amend Policy WLW3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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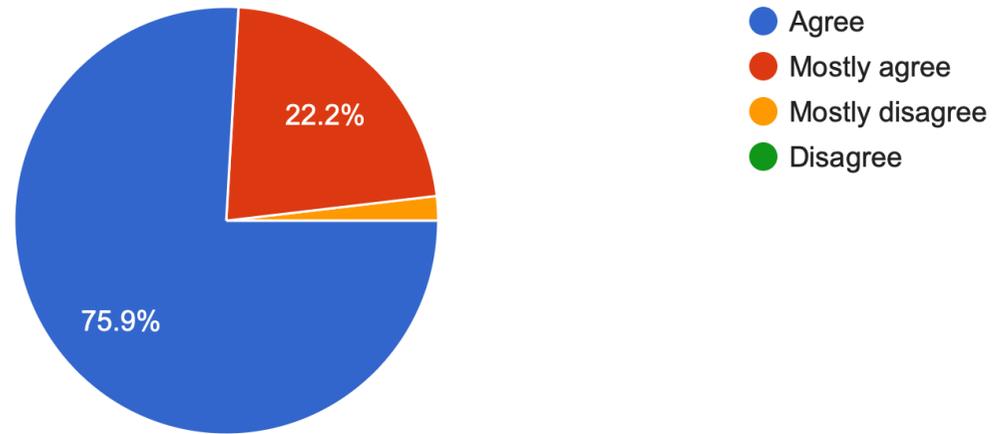
			It is suggested that there could also be further considerations for the needs of residents who are living with dementia in the community, and the potential for making Walsham le Willows a “Dementia-Friendly” village. The Royal Town Planning Institute ⁴ has guidance on Town Planning and Dementia, which may be helpful in informing policies.	Reference to the dementia friendly guidance can be made in the supporting text.	Add reference to para 7.32 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
105	Jo Churchill MP	General housing	Thank you for your email about the Walsham Le Willows Neighbourhood Plan and for attaching your flyer. The structure of the planning process means that MPs do not have any formal role in local planning processes. Although constituents often write about planning issues, which is welcome, there are strict procedural rules which must be followed. These rules quite rightly do not allow decisions to be influenced by any informal or private discussions and are rightly left to local representatives to decide. Jo is keen that all developments should contain homes of the appropriate type and tenure for the area in which they are planned. She also agrees with the suggestion that all constituents, across all age demographics, are able to find suitable homes and that they are adequately built. She would be interested to be keep informed of developments. Thank you for taking the time to write to Jo Churchill about this matter.	Supporting statement,	No change.
106	Resident 2	WLW3	1-2 bed starter, not more 5-6 beds. These cause more traffic with poss 5-6 cars per house	Supporting statement	No change.
107	Resident 4	WLW3	Too many 1/2 beds, more 3 beds required	Supporting statement	No change.
108	Resident 7	WLW3	Houses must have large enough gardens to be able to grow veggies	Supporting statement,	No change.
109	Resident 12	WLW3	Good size	Supporting statement,	No change.
110	Resident 17	WLW3	Use of local building materials eg flint instead of 'anywhere in the country' developments	Supporting statement	No change.
111	Resident 19	WLW3	The ratio of affordable to 'executive' housing needs to be adjusted in favour of the former. With the last two developments (The old Piggeries and The Acorns) we have seen that developers use every loophole possible to build high value 'executive' housing to the detriment of local	Noted. The NP seeks to achieve a shift in balance.	No change.

			people. This is leading to many villages (not just Walsham) being part of the Cambridge commuter corridor. As no adjustment is made for additional infrastructure such as more frequent public transport or road improvements, this impoverishes the less wealthy in many ways.		
112	Resident 25	WLW3	Not too big	Noted	No change
113	Resident 28	WLW3	Spot on !	Supporting statement	No change
114	Resident 31	WLW3	As much affordable housing for young people and families as possible. They create the village for the future.	Supporting statement,	No change.
115	Resident 32	WLW3	A mix of properties is useful for integration but strict conditions must be put on standards of upkeep	Supporting statement,	No change.
116	Resident 36	WLW3	We do need more 2 and 3 bedroom properties for local first time buyers.	Supporting statement,	No change.
117	Resident 41	WLW3	it is important to have sustainable, affordable housing for the future of the village.	Supporting statement,	No change.
118	Resident 43	WLW3	Whilst we wholeheartedly support additional low-cost affordable housing within the village. It is a fact that occupancy of one and two bedroomed houses tends to naturally have a high occupancy turnover, which often means less commitment to the village community, but no the less still worthwhile. Also, how can you prevent low-cost starter homes being ugly and built from cheap materials which ultimately end up with damp and mould problems, which nobody should have to live with and is much in the news at present.	Comments noted. The turnover of occupancy lies outside the scope of the NP. Policy WLW1 and the Design Code apply to all forms of new residential development including affordable housing. Building regulations also apply	No change
119	Resident 45	WLW3	Affordable housing should be offered to people living or connected to Walsham-le-Willows.	Comments noted. However, the general established principle in planning is that the affordable housing derived from a wider scheme contributes to meeting general housing need with those most in need given priority, whereas affordable housing derived from wholly	No change

				affordable schemes will meet a local need as set out by the local connection criteria of the District	
120	Resident 46	WLW3	Affordable housing needs to be dedicated to those who live or have lived in the village.	Noted. See above	See Above
121	Resident 47	WLW3	Need more range of size of house with more possible to rent.	Noted. The policy seeks to provide a range	No change
122	Resident 50	WLW3	Stanton and Thurston are two local villages that have had their communities wiped out by massive development.	Comments noted.	No change.
123	Resident 54	WLW3	Affordable should not automatically mean very high density. 20 homes per acre is far too high and even 10 per acre is undesirable.	Agreed. Policy WLW1 seeks to apply a character based approach to the density of new development, whilst maintaining and efficient use of land	No change
124	Resident 58	WLW3	In the example mentioned above, one might envisage summer accommodation for more than 5 pickers and workers at a time. Organic farms and local food resilience need a different kind of solution than is outlined here. Future farmers need more flexibility than standard boxed "Family Homes"	If a need for seasonal workers can be justified then this can be accommodated through the use of temporary accommodation	No change
125	Resident 59	WLW3	More high quality homes for older people needed please. Possibly some assisted living units?	Comments noted. The policy seeks to provide a range of types of housing including adaptable housing for older people	No change

WLW4: Community facilities

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No.	Respondent	Reference (paragraph or policy number)	Response	Suggested Steering Group response	Action
126	Mid Suffolk	WLW4	<p>The public footpath network is included in the list of community facilities within the policy but not on figure 22 (the associated map). The policy criteria don't necessarily suit the functions of footpaths. We recommend it is removed from the list of community facilities.</p> <p>Policy WLW7 is dedicated solely to Public Rights of Way (including footpaths and bridleways) and provides similar, if not more, protection.</p>	Agree to remove footpaths from this policy as they are adequately covered elsewhere.	Remove footpaths from the policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

127	Mid Suffolk	Figure 30	Check / amend the map as necessary to ensure that any buildings or other similar structures are not accidentally identified as being part of the local green space designation, e.g., St. Mary's churchyard and St Mary's Church.	Agree to amend mapping to exclude buildings from the LGS designation.	Amend Map <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
128	Mid Suffolk	Para 10.37	The policy numbers and content in the submitted JLP are subject to change. Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review this paragraph when the modified JLP is published for consultation (expected early 2023) or • re-word it as follows ... 'The emerging BMSJLP contains a policy LP27 which that supports renewable 	Agreed to remove specific LP policy number to ensure longevity.	Remove reference to BMSJLP Policy LP27 from para 10.37 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
129	Suffolk County Council	General reference to schools	<p>Education</p> <p>Early Years Care</p> <p>Walsham Le Willows has one Early Years provider; Little Willows. Little Willows operate from a purpose-built building on the school site.</p> <p>As there are no additional housing sites allocated in this plan, there is likely to be a minimal impact on Early Years Care providers, and their capacity to take on additional children. The capacities of these providers will have been assessed during the preparation of the Part 2 Joint Local Plan. If there were to be a significant level of windfall growth consideration would need to be given to whether or not the current provider can expand.</p> <p>Primary Education</p> <p>The parish is predominantly within the catchment area of Walsham le Willows CEVC Primary School with a small area to the east within the catchment area of St Botolph's CEVC Primary School.</p> <p>Walsham le Willows CEVC Primary School is not currently expected to exceed 95% capacity during the forecast period. The current forecast takes account of the two housing sites referred to in the emerging Joint Local Plan and the neighbourhood plan (LA091 and LA092).</p> <p>Secondary Education</p>	Comments noted . Add in detail to supporting text either in the parish chapter	Amend supporting text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

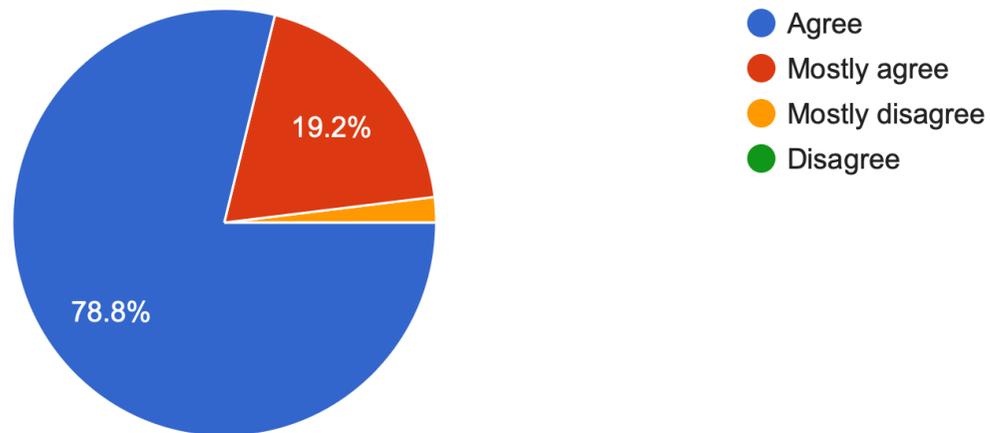
			<p>The parish is predominantly within the catchment area of Thurston Community College with a small area to the east within the historical catchment area of Hartismere School. However, as an Academy, Hartismere School's admissions policy prioritises applicants who attend partner primary schools, of which Walsham le Willows CEVC Primary is not included, rather than using a catchment area as a basis for admissions.</p> <p>SET Ixworth School (a Free School) could also be an option for children living in Walsham le Willows. However, SET Ixworth also does not use a catchment area as a basis for admissions.</p> <p>Thurston Community College is expected to exceed 95% capacity during the forecast period. A project is currently being developed to expand the 11-16 accommodation to provide additional places, with the potential of a further phased expansion in the future. There may also be a possibility of expansion at SET Ixworth School but there are no current plans to pursue this at the moment.</p>		
130	Suffolk County Council	WLW4 and green spaces	<p>Green Spaces and Facilities</p> <p>The provision of the designated Open Spaces and Sport Recreation in the Neighbourhood Plan is welcomed. There are proven links⁵ with access to green outdoor spaces and the improvements to mental wellbeing for the population as a whole, including better quality of life for the elderly, working age adults, and for children, through physical activity and increased opportunities of social engagement.</p> <p>It is suggested that the plan considers adding park play equipment that is suitable for young and older children. This could help to meet Community Project 9, meeting the needs of young people within the village.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Assume the request is to add the play equipment to the community facilities list.</p>	<p>Add reference into Policy WLW4 list <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
131	Resident 12	WLW4	Keeping up to standard	Supporting statement,	No change.
132	Resident 15	WLW4	Very important to keep existing buildings in operation	Supporting statement	No change.
133	Resident 16	WLW4	Positive encouragement to enhance community infrastructure including connectivity through public transportation links	Supporting statement	No change.

134	Resident 17	WLW4	Extension of the village linked to increased school size	Comments noted. See SCC comments above about school capacity	No change
135	Resident 19	WLW4	If the government continues to deregulate the planning laws further (as is their intention) the need for additional community facilities will be outstripped. I believe the current provision will prove to be inadequate.	Noted. The proposed 'deregulation' was an ambition of the previous Prime Minister (at the time of the consultation). Proposed planning reforms have reverted to those of Spring 2022, with the same Secretary of State now returned.	No change
136	Resident 31	WLW4	Try to keep as many community facilities as possible in the village. Encourage small businesses to occupy any premises that become vacant. We need places for people to meet and socialise without having to be a member of anything. How about electric car charging points in the village hall car park. and maybe a couple of bike charging points!	The Village Hall car park is a private car park and the installation of electric car charging points will be a matter for the Village Hall Committee. Refer to WLW15.	No change to Plan
137	Resident 34	WLW4	Change of use for Moriatys - not supported viable use - very difficult to argue against if non profitable because of a lack of effort or want of trying.	Comments noted	No change
138	Resident 45	WLW4	With online grocery shopping, it is doubtful that a local shop would be competitive or supported enough to be viable.	Supporting statement,	No change.
139	Resident 46	WLW4	I do not see the need for a convenience store in the village and suggest it would be economically unviable.	Supporting statement,	No change.
140	Resident 47	WLW4	The only public transport is buses which need to run more frequently and therefore need local council funding. Employment opportunities are very limited here, so the more houses that are built, the more cars are generated----- which needs to be avoided.	Comments noted. This lies outside of the scope of the NP	No change

141	Resident 58	WLW4	This is good. In particular the community pop up markets etc that the document aims to support, would also require the onboarding and enabling of local food production with its associated new housing needs as mentioned above.	Support noted.	No change
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WLW5: Drainage and flood risk

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142	Suffolk County Council	WLW5	Flooding	Noted. Include SCC map	SCC map to be added

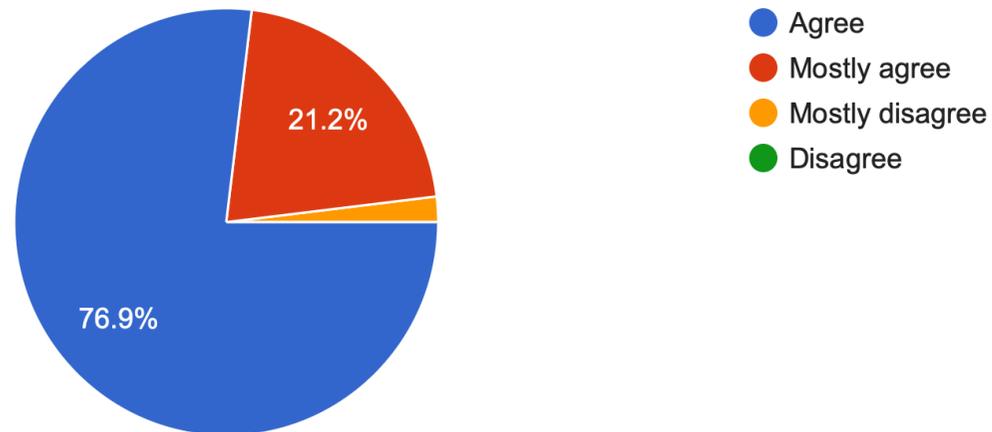
			<p>It is suggested that the plan incorporates a historical flood map, which can be requested by contacting floods@suffolk.gov.uk</p> <p>It is also recommended for refer to the district Strategic Flood Risk Assessment² regarding groundwater flood risk to the village.</p> <p>Paragraph 8.5 should be amended to reflect the new wording of NPPF paragraph 159, and the village is as at low to high risk of surface water flooding.</p> <p>Policy WLW5 Drainage and Flood Risk is welcomed, with the following amendments proposed:</p> <p><i>“All new major development including and some minor development is required to use appropriate sustainable drainage systems to mitigate protect against pollution, provide drainage and provide wider amenity, recreational and biodiversity benefits, if appropriate.</i></p> <p><i>All new major development and some minor development will be expected to demonstrate how it can mitigate its own flooding and drainage impacts, avoid increases of flooding elsewhere and seek to achieve lower than greenfield run off rates. No development will be supported in areas of low to high or medium flood risk, in line with national planning policies.”</i></p> <p>It is also recommended that paragraph 10.28 say “low to high” surface water risk in the second sentence.</p>	<p>Amend to refer to ground water</p> <p>Amend para 8.5 to reflect NPPF 159</p> <p>Agree to amend Policy WLW5</p> <p>Amend para 10.28</p>	<p>Add refence to ground water. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Amend para 8.5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Amend Policy WLW5 wording <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Amend para 10.28 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
143	Resident 2	WLW5	As drains which discharge a lot of someways, training not cleaned regularly enough. Most estates create too much run off of surface water.	Comments noted. Policy WLW1 and the Design Code will assist with this	No change
144	Resident 3	WLW5	SUDS can be very intrusive and impact the built environment	Comments noted. The design of SUDs is an important issue.	No change

145	Resident 12	WLW5	Good to keep eye on it	Supporting statement	No change.
146	Resident 17	WLW5	Regular dredging of river and clearance of unsightly banks needed	Comments noted.	No change.
147	Resident 19	WLW5	I don't feel sufficiently informed to be able to adequately comment	Comments noted	No change
148	Resident 27	WLW5	We support the policy and consider it has appropriate measures to address surface water flood risk utilising sustainable drainage systems. This helps to protect our foul drainage network from flood events. The policy or supporting text could helpfully reference the Design Code LO4 Water Management to ensure that development proposals are appropriately informed.	Agree that a reference to the Design Code would be beneficial	Add cross reference to policy/text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
149	Resident 28	WLW5	Riparian ownership issues for property owners in existing properties not just a new build issue.	Comments noted.	No change
150	Resident 32	WLW5	Drainage is important and all natural streams and floodplains should be kept clear; a balance must be retained between making sure they serve their purpose and are not just allowed to grow wild.	Supporting statement	No change.
151	Resident 33	WLW5	Critical requirement	Supporting statement	No change.
152	Resident 34	WLW5	Development in medium risk areas - relative to the map in question at the time. This can change over time and in 10 years could look quite different. Also a pixelated map is not particularly accurate.	A new map is to be added from SCC which will assist. Floodrisk is an issue that will change over time	No change
153	Resident 35	WLW5	Hard landscaping is a serious issue for instant run-off	Supporting statement	No change.
154	Resident 43	WLW5	Point 8.7: There is an error here. Only east of Rolfes bridge is liable to flooding as the south is a concrete channel behind the houses. Should this have been east and south of Clarke's bridge as this would make more sense.	Noted. Errors to be corrected	Correct errors in para 8.7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
155	Resident 47	WLW5	Suffolk Wildlife Trust recommends limiting clearance of streams to slow down flooding water, e.g. clear one side of a stream at a time----- not both in the same season, which also allows wildlife to breed.	Noted.	No change

156	Resident 58	WLW5	Agree	Supporting statement	No change.
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WLW6: Pedestrian and cycle connectivity

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No.	Respondent	Reference (paragraph or policy number)	Response	Suggested Steering Group response	Action
157	Suffolk County Council	WLW6	Active Travel Active travel, such as walking and cycling, is important to improve physical health and reduce obesity levels, as well as can help to minimise levels of air pollution from motorised vehicles. We welcome reference to health	Supporting statement	No change.

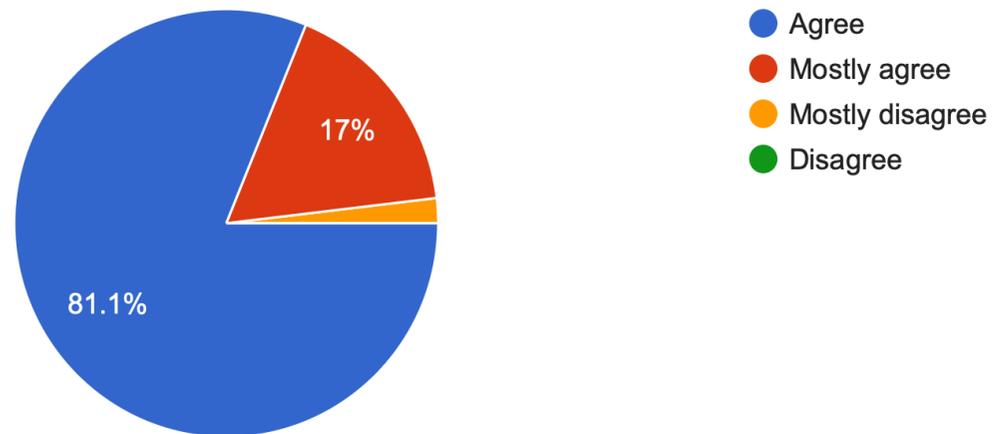
			and wellbeing through good active travel which is recognised in this Neighbourhood Plan. Safe routes for walking and cycling are important to ensure the safety of residents of all ages, especially those that are very young or very old, and have mobility issues or are frail.		
158	Suffolk County Council	WLW6	Policy WLW6 Pedestrian and Cycling Connectivity SCC is fully supportive of the wording of this policy, and the desired specific improvements are noted. As above, SCC as Local Highway Authority will always work to procure highway improvements from developments wherever possible to mitigate the effect of development on the local highway network and safety. However, it is not always possible to procure off-site highway improvements from minor developments.	Supporting statement	No change.
159	Suffolk County Council	Chapter 7, page 67	On page 67, Transport and Accessibility is titled as Chapter 7, but should actually be titled as Chapter 9.	Amend error	Amend numerical error <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
160	Resident 9	WLW6	Pleased that a safe crossing point on Summer Road to link the Spots Centre and village is included	Supporting statement	No change.
161	Resident 15	WLW6	The road layout near the new housing site in Wattisfield Road is dangerous and too narrow for cars to pass easily	Comments noted. (This lies outside of the scope of the NP)	No change
162	Resident 16	WLW6	See WLW4	See above	No change
163	Resident 28	WLW6	Being an "oldie" agree wholeheartedly with improved connectivity.	Supporting statement.	No change.
164	Resident 31	WLW6	More signed footpaths. The drivers of Suffolk are some of the most cycle friendly in the UK. I applaud this, but lets aim to have cycleways on all new estates and make some of our danger spots safer for bikes.	Supporting statement,	No change.
165	Resident 32	WLW6	In view of the high level of traffic through the village, which is only going to increase, more funds must be directed towards footpaths and cycle routes to keep people safe.	Supporting statement	No change.

166	Resident 34	WLW6	Completely agree.	Supporting statement	No change.
167	Resident 41	WLW6	Most important that it is made easier for people to walk or cycle rather than drive.	Supporting statement	No change.
168	Resident 43	WLW6	We think that safe footpaths should be a priority. Cycle paths are a great idea and encourage people to take exercise, however, putting in footpaths and cycle paths will restrict road width and there are already enough problems with this in certain places in the village.	Comments noted. The design of new footpaths and cycleway will be important.	No change
169	Resident 47	WLW6	There are several dangerous areas in Walsham le Willows for pedestrians, narrow pavements or lack of pavements each end of The Street. Parked cars in roads cause problems particularly for cyclists, also, for drivers in The Street, travelling from the East having no possible sight of approaching traffic in the area of the Avenue to the Bowling Green. We have a village carpark and use of it should be encouraged.	Noted. Could this be addressed by the Parish Council	No change
170	Resident 49	WLW6	We endorse the need for good, safe routing with safe, effective deconfliction of pedestrians and road traffic.	Supporting statement	No change.
171	Resident 50	WLW6	HGVs are a problem in the village. However, Clarkes is the biggest thriving business here and needs lorries to have access. Sports cyclists are also a big danger.	Supporting statement	No change.
172	Resident 52	WLW6	Concern has been expressed over the volume and speed of traffic int The Street and The Causeway. The speed indicator in The Causeway is low intensity and cannot be seen clearly except in poor light. A safe crossing at the Sports Centre and a link to the village would be very desirable.	Supporting statement.	No change.
173	Resident 53	WLW6	Concerned that there is no real funding to turn these ideas into action and to deliver on cycle routes connecting villages	Noted. Funding is largely outside of the scope of the NP . However, there is the potential for CIL funding depending upon the priorities of the	No change

				parish, which can be matched by other funding sources.	
174	Resident 54	WLW6	The policy does not emphasise sufficiently the problem of volume and speed of vehicles. Far too many HGVs pass through the village. Traffic calming systems should be a priority on Summer Road and The Causeway. A pedestrian crossing at the Sports Club alone will not suffice. Speeds must be reduced.	Comments noted. However, the NP goes as far as it can reasonably go in respect of these issues which do not in themselves require planning permission	No change
175	Resident 58	WLW6	Wonderful	Supporting statement	No change.

WLW7: Public rights of way

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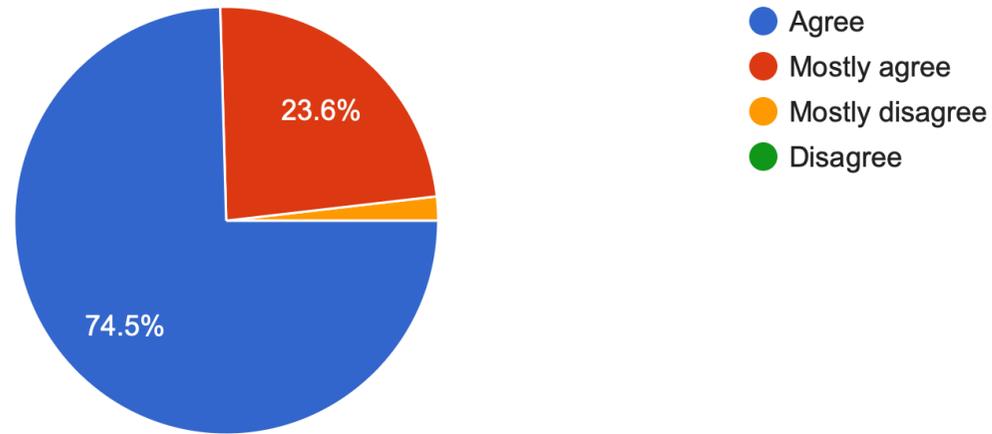


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176	Suffolk County Council	WLW7	<p>Public Rights of Way Paragraph 9.4 could refer to “rights of way” rather than just ‘footpaths’, which is just one of four designations of public rights of way.</p> <p>We welcome the reference to the Green Access Strategy 2020-2030 in paragraph 9.5.</p> <p>Paragraph 9.6 is welcomed.</p> <p>Policy WLW6 Pedestrian and Cycling Connectivity is welcomed and supported.</p> <p>Figure 26 could benefit from adding the blue line to the key as ‘Parish Boundary’, to provide clarity to the reader</p> <p>Policy WLW7 Rights of Way is welcomed and supported by SCC, with the following addition: <i>“Increasing access to the countryside and connectivity between parts of the village and other settlements.”</i></p>	<p>Noted. Wording to be amended accordingly.</p> <p>Amend Fig 26 accordingly</p> <p>Amend wording accordingly</p>	<p>Amend para 9.4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Fig 26 to be amended. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Amend Policy WLW7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
177	Resident 12	WLW7	Should have right of way making sure to have lines and lights on the road	Noted. Although this is largely outside of the scope of the NP	No change
178	Resident 15	WLW7	Huge thanks to those that keep these paths moves in the summer	Supporting statement,	No change.
179	Resident 31	WLW7	Clear marking is good. We love the freedom to be able to walk the fields around Walsham.	Supporting statement,	No change.
180	Resident 36	WLW7	Must continue to be protected	Supporting statement	No change.
181	Resident 41	WLW7	Once these rights of way are gone it is so difficult to get them back.	Supporting statement	No change.
182	Resident 43	WLW7	Signage should be minimal to provide necessary information. Too much street furniture detracts from the natural environment and can distract drivers.	Noted	No change

183	Resident 47	WLW7	With more people populating Walsham, there needs to be more accessible public footpaths. Some are encroached by cultivation along field edges, (e.g. Mill Lane, Hartshall Lane). Fishpond Path has been rutted in exposed clay from digging trenches for electric cables. Hatchmere Path, at times, is almost inaccessible from thickets or fallen trees. New circular routes would be welcomed. From experience of holidays in rural France we notice the high standard of signage and access to many footpaths. Ours are of a worse standard.	Noted	No change
184	Resident 56	WLW7	Existing footpaths should be open to cyclists, horses etc (but not motor).	Noted. The use of existing footpaths lies outside of the scope of the NP	No change
185	Resident 57	WLW7	Some designated off-road cycle paths, e.g. between Sports Club and Wattisfield Road, beside the footpath, would be an asset.	Noted. This could be fed into any future scheme	No change
186	Resident 58	WLW7	The permissive paths around the village are a good example of landowners being able to be innovative in the way they can support the village.	Supporting statement	No change.
187	Resident 59	WLW7	Need to bear in mind dogs and humans on field edges and wildlife regeneration measures in the same area, don't necessarily mix.	Noted.	No change

WLW8: Area of local landscape sensitivity

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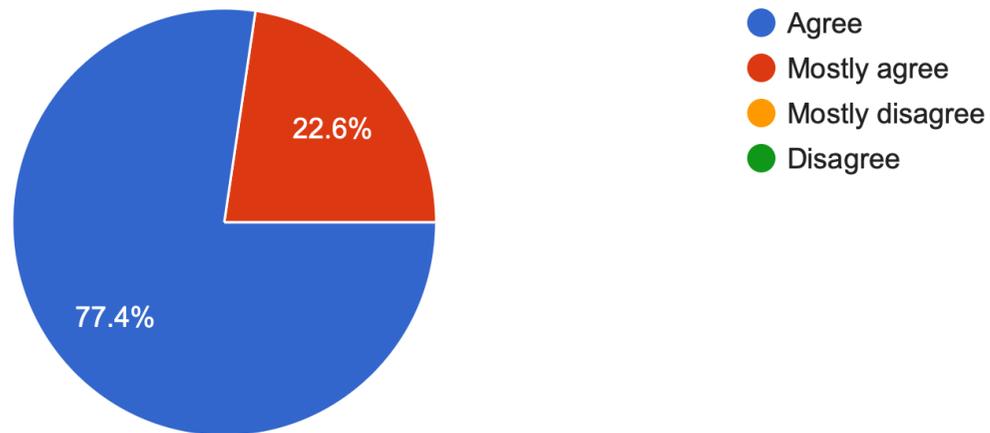
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188	Suffolk County Council	WLW8	Protection of the Local Landscape Character and Policy WLW8: Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity (ALLS) In Chapter 10 the plan text talks about landscape character and refers to National Character Areas and the Joint Landscape Guidance by Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils, which is welcome.	Supporting statement, no change. Amend typo	Amend Policy WLW8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

			For part c) of Policy WLW8, 'include' needs a "s" at the end.		
189	Resident 19	WLW8	There isn't enough provision to protect the environment as has been proved with previous developments around the village.	Comments noted . The NP will provide some additional protection	No change
190	Resident 26	WLW8	I WOULD BE STRONGER AND NOT SUPPORT ANY DEVELOPMENT WHATSOEVER IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA	Comments noted although this would be contrary to the legal basic conditions that cover NPs.	No change
191	Resident 28	WLW8	Totally agree esp. high standards and retaining natural features.	Supporting statement	No change.
192	Resident 31	WLW8	Keep the landscapes open and give consideration to a wide variety of tree planting. We have to accept posts and some pylons and maybe even one or two wind turbines to keep and use more electricity. It's a consequence of our technological society and the need for sustainability.	Supporting statement	No change.
193	Resident 35	WLW8	Should meadows/land either side of The Avenue be included in this category ?	Noted. The ALLS designation is based on the former SLA designation but the map does require amending to reflect the proper extent.	Figure 27 amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
194	Resident 36	WLW8	This is what makes Walsham le Willows a special village.	Supporting statement	No change.
195	Resident 45	WLW8	Any development should not be permitted to create light pollution that would impact on wildlife needs.	Supporting statement	No change.
196	Resident 46	WLW8	No development should be approved if it impacts on our wildlife habitat.	Supporting statement	No change.
197	Resident 47	WLW8	The establishment of the Wild Wood and its proposed extension makes it particularly important NOT to allow further building in the area between Summer Road and Wattisfield Road. This land is owned by The Old Town Trust and is intended as farm land to be rented by small farmers growing crops and villagers raising livestock----- so it should be protected.	Comments noted. The NP does not propose future housing in this location.	No change
198	Resident 52	WLW8	There is a sense that the ALLS designation referred to offers a reduced level of safeguarding.	The ALLS designation is based on the former SLA designation	No change

				and offers the same level of protection. However, the 5-year land supply issue (introduced post SLA) does add a level of uncertainty that did not previously exist	
199	Resident 58	WLW8	Yes	Supporting statement	No change.

WLW9: Important views

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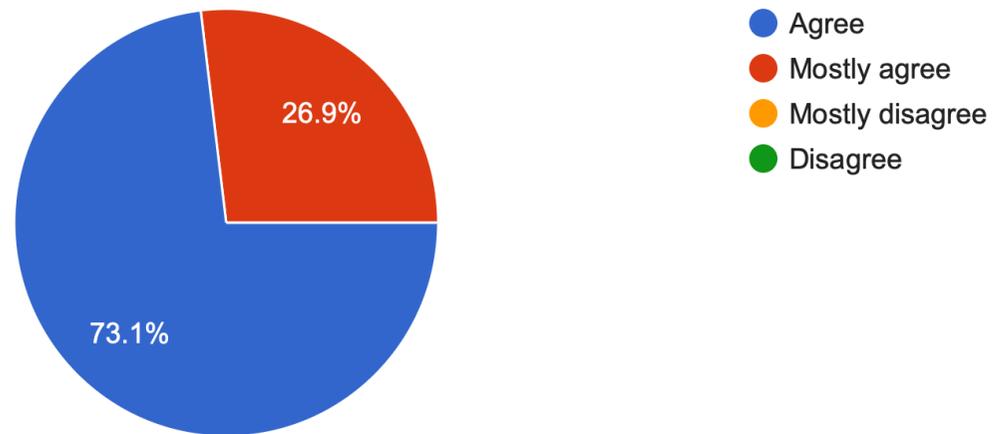


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200	Suffolk County Council	WLW9	Policy WLW9 Important Views SCC is content that none of the proposed protected views will have an impact on any proposed or allocated minerals and waste developments.	Supporting statement	No change.
201	Suffolk County Council	WLW9	Policy WLW9: Important Public Local Views It may have been useful to distinguish between the five Key views identified in the 2018 MSDC Settlement Sensitivity Assessment within the 21 identified important views. Paragraphs 10.15 – 10.18 describe the process that was involved in defining the important views in the parish. The approach taken appears acceptable, including that local residents were consulted, and that only publicly accessible viewpoints were chosen. However, the information provided is not very detailed. A supporting document would have been welcomed. Each view is named, described, and shown on a map, but not illustrated. It is suggested that photographs would provide a much better comprehension of the views. For Policy WLW9, the last sentence is unclear and may need removing: Identification of important public local views, where development that would adversely affect the view will be resisted.	Noted. A reference to the MSDC Study for the relevant 5 views can be added. Noted Agree that the inclusion of photos of each view would be beneficial Agree to remove this part of the policy	Amend P supporting text as suggested. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photos added <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
202	Resident 3	WLW9	Essential	Supporting statement	No change.
203	Resident 26	WLW9	I THINK YOU HAVE MISSED THE IMPORTANT WINTER VIEW FROM THE SHARP LEFT BEND ON WEST STREET AT BETTY'S BRIDGE LOOKING UP THE MEADOW TO THE REAR OF CHURCH FARM AND WITH ST MARY'S BEYOND	Agree to add this in as view (needs description and mapping)	Add view <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

204	Resident 28	WLW4	Agree with "challenges" section 5.2 Also in list - what about views from Townhouse across Finningham Road to green spaces. Views in and out of The Street by Tiled House, Nunn's Yard, The Avenue etc.	Comments noted. It is considered this is covered by View 8	No change
205	Resident 35	WLW9	Views into and out of The Street? by Tiled House - Nunn's Yard - Allotment Lane - The Avenue	It is considered this is already covered by a number of the existing views	No change
206	Resident 42	WLW9	Very comprehensive!	Supporting statement	No change.
207	Resident 45	WLW9	This is an important element of the NP to secure and preserve what is distinct about our village and enjoyed by residents/visitors alike.	Supporting statement	No change.
208	Resident 47	WLW9	Looking West and South West from Allotment Lane and the Wild Wood. Looking South from Felgate Lane and Ten Acre Wood. Looking West from Copclose Way, (path from Ixworth Road to Badwell Road) towards Badwell Ash. Protect path along riverside from Betty's Bridge(?) towards West Street Protect views from Folly Hall Path and Hartshall Lane (looking East).	It is considered that these suggestions are covered by Views 6, 16, 14, 15, 21.	No change
209	Resident 54	WLW9	It is a very long list - maybe too long.	Noted. The list has been reviewed and some changes made to it as a consequence of other representations	No change
210	Resident 57	WLW9	These are all important views, but there are lots more in the village which should also be protected.	Noted . The list has been reviewed and some changes made to it as a consequence of other representations	No change
211	Resident 58	WLW9	Yes, but this should not prevent sympathetic development.	Supporting statement.	No change.

WLW10: Dark skies

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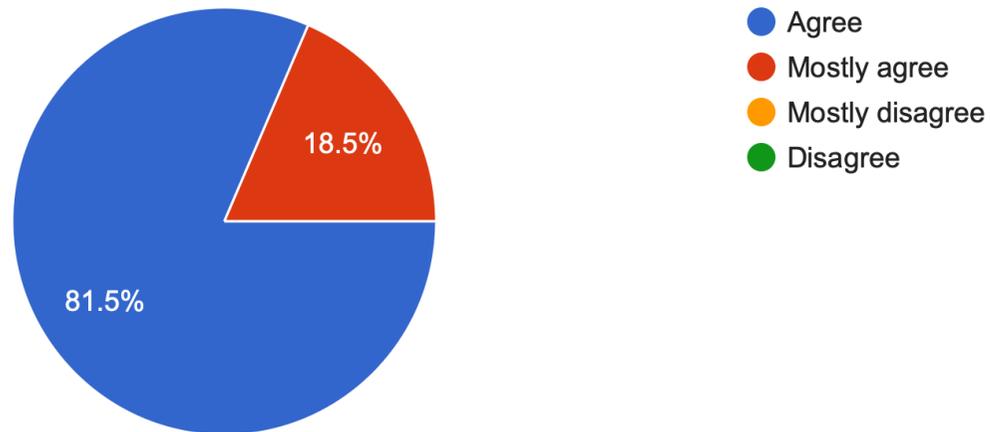
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212	Suffolk County Council	WLW10	Policy WLW10 Dark skies Paragraphs 10.18 -10.20 provide good rationale. Fig 29 illustrates the existing light pollution around Walsham le Willows, which is useful, and Policy WLW10 has generally good wording. We would suggest putting paragraph 3 as paragraph 2 in this policy as in our view this would be more logical.	Agree to re-order paragraphs in policy.	Re-order Policy WLW10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

			All applications should have their external lighting approved and should provide a lux plan (household applications) or detailed lighting strategy (larger and commercial applications).		
213	Suffolk County Council	WLW10	Policy WLW10 Dark Skies SCC Street Lighting team is happy to liaise with Parish Councils regarding whether adoptable roads on new developments have street lighting. In areas where surrounding roads do not have lighting, it is generally acceptable to have unlit new development roads.	Supporting statement	No change.
214	Resident 3	WLW10	Sports club!	Noted.	No change
215	Resident 8	WLW10	No need for street lights on after midnight-6am	Supporting statement	No change.
216	Resident 10	WLW10	No need for lights/sheet on after midnight - 6am	Supporting statement,	No change.
217	Resident 35	WLW10	difficult to achieve "safely" everywhere.	Noted.	No change.
218	Resident 38	WLW10	There needs to be safe pedestrian provision	Noted.	No change.
219	Resident 45	WLW10	We should try to minimise any further light pollution to our dark skies as well as use new lighting technology/timing/dimming to also not waste energy.	Supporting statement	No change.
220	Resident 46	WLW10	New lighting should be automatically dimmable and timed out during late evening and early morning hours when not required by pedestrians.	Supporting statement	No change.
221	Resident 47	WLW10	Lighting which is shining horizontally (eg Clarkes of Walsham and the Sports Club) should be cowled or directed more downwards. If done carefully this would do the job intended as well as avoiding light-pollution.	Comments noted. The NP policy will apply to developments that come forward once the Plan is made and cannot be retrospectively applied.	No change
222	Resident 50	WLW10	Very important.	Supporting statement	No change.
223	Resident 54	WLW10	This is not a huge problem	Supporting statement,	No change.
224	Resident 58	WLW10	Yes indeed	Supporting statement	No change.
225	Resident 59	WLW10	Where are the polluted skies? The comment " uplighting is never necessary" should be headlined. Especially on the facades of buildings at front doors etc. Can anything be done about over illumination of the Lovells estate via the too many and too high	Noted. The NP policy will apply to developments that come forward	No change

			lamp posts? Security lighting on agricultural buildings? Out of your scope?	once the Plan is made and cannot be retrospectively applied.	
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WLW11: Local green spaces

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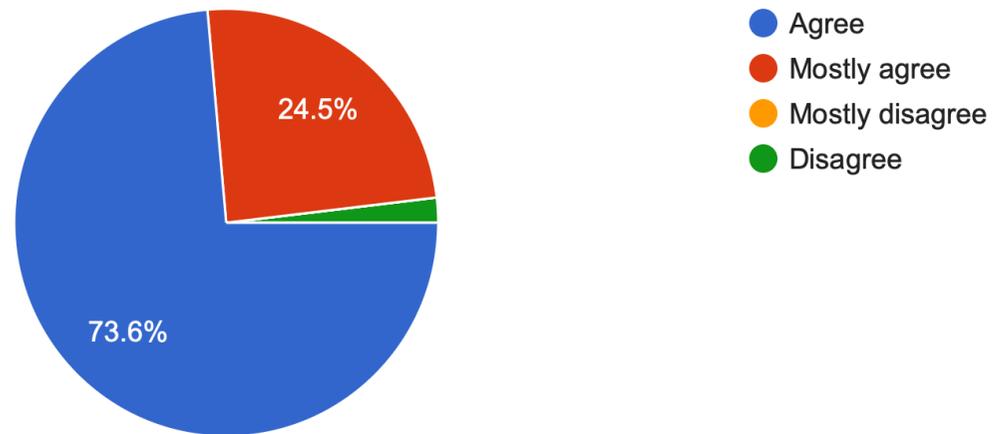
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226	Suffolk County Council	WLW11	Policy WLW11 Local Green Spaces	Supporting statement	No change.

			SCC welcomes the 13 designated Local Green Spaces in Policy WLW11 and shown on the Figure 30, as this supports the ongoing work to make Suffolk the Greenest County ⁹ . Appendix B, which can be found towards the end of the document, provides good evidence to support the designations, as indicated by the criteria in the NPPF.		
227	Suffolk CC	WLW11	<p>SCC welcomes the reference to the health and wellbeing benefits that can be gained from access to green outdoor areas, in paragraph 10.23. It is suggested that Policy WLW11 Local Green Spaces include reference to the physical and mental health and wellbeing benefits that can be gained from access to pleasant outdoor areas.</p> <p>We would suggest the inclusion of the need to make green spaces and facilities accessible to residents with limited mobility (inclusion of benches, including Chatty Benches⁶ referenced previously above and well-maintained paths etc), into Policies WLW8 and WLW11. This could help to make an elderly population feel more included as part of the community and reduce isolation of vulnerable groups.</p> <p>It is suggested that Policy WLW7 Public Rights of Way could also include a similar sentiment, requiring new community facilities to be located in a way that it is accessible by sustainable and active travel.</p>	<p>Comments noted. However the purpose of this policy is to identify existing green spaces for LGS designation. It does not identify new green spaces.</p> <p>Policy WLW7 can be amended to refer to all users and WLW4 to refer to inclusivity</p>	Amend Policy WLW4, 7 and para 10.23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
228	Resident 2	WLW11	But they keep building on them	Noted	No change.
229	Resident 3	WLW11	Why accept any development in green spaces	Much will depend upon the space e.g. recreation spaces may require some development e.g. changing rooms and other storage facilities	No change
230	Resident 15	WLW11	Would there be any scope to consider an enclosed safe dog exercising area that could be booked and paid for as a private provision	Comments noted. This would require landowner consent. If the respondent wished they could take it forward as a project	No change

231	Resident 28	WLW11	Wide verges between Clarkes and Coopers at side of stream.	Noted	No change
232	Resident 33	WLW11	Pleased to see area "E" - behind the Primary School designated - important for childrens education in the natural environment	Noted	No change
233	Resident 35	WLW11	Would you include stream plus verges between Congregational Chapel and Clarkes of Walsham ?	See above	No change
234	Resident 42	WLW11	Very useful	Supporting statement	No change.
235	Resident 46	WLW11	Any new development must include its own green spaces.	Supporting statement	No change.
236	Resident 47	WLW11	I suggest the following green spaces should NOT be built on: Gallants Meadow and the area each side of the stream. Area South of Fishpond Lane. Area alongside The Avenue, both sides. Area South of the Rookery.	These do not meet all of the LGS criteria however a number of them lie outside of the settlement boundaries and within the Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity and therefore may be at a lower risk of development.	No change
237	Resident 58	WLW11	Always	Supporting statement	No change.

WLW12: Protecting and enhancing biodiversity

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No.	Respondent	Reference (paragraph or policy number)	Response	Suggested Steering Group response	Action
238	Suffolk County Council	WLW12	<p>Policy WLW12 Biodiversity Paragraph 10.30 regarding the Biodiversity Metric and Policy WLW12, is a strong and sound policy, and is supported by SCC with the following amendments:</p> <p>It is suggested that Policy WLW12 should include the key phrase of 'measurably better' or something to the same effect including the word 'measurable', as this will reflect the wording in the</p>	Noted. Amend Policy wording as suggested.	Amend Policy WLW12 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

			<p>Environment Act 2021 and all written requirements for biodiversity.</p> <p>The following minor addition is proposed to the second paragraph of policy WLW12: <i>“Otherwise acceptable development proposals will be supported where they provide a measurable increase of 10 percent net gain in Biodiversity, through for example...”</i></p> <p>In the Mitigation section, the following amendments are proposed: <i>“As a last resort, compensation measures will be sought with a preference within the neighbourhood plan area unless there is an ecological reason that it should be provided elsewhere. but these should be provided within the neighbourhood area. If suitable mitigation or compensation measures cannot be provided within the neighbourhood area then planning permission should be refused.”</i></p> <p>The assumption is that the neighbourhood area as stated in Policy WLW12 is defined as the designated neighbourhood plan area. From an ecological point of view, this is an arbitrary line, and provision within the plan area may not be the most appropriate for habitat compensation.</p>		
239	Suffolk Wildlife Trust	WLW12	<p>Policy WLW12 mentions protecting and enhancing existing ecological networks, however the plan text and policies could seek to outline in more detail how development could contribute to enhancing the natural environment within the parish. Some parishes have included specific policies within their neighbourhood plans which focus on the creation of wildlife corridors, as well as wildlife corridor maps which highlight where in the parish you could link and buffer existing ecological assets of the parish such as woodland, parkland and hedgerows. For example, future development could help to enhance habitats surrounding the community woodland in the parish. Community woodlands could be linked to other areas of woodland and parkland in the parish for wildlife and people. This could be achieved by targeting biodiversity</p>	<p>The identification of specific wildlife corridors could be a specific community project and reference could be made in the supporting text to the policy to such a project.</p>	<p>Include reference to project in supporting text to Policy WLW12 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

			<p>net gain required from development towards these areas to enable improvements such as hedgerow planting, wildlife friendly arable margins and pond creation. Walsham le Willows neighbourhood plan is a chance to shape the wildlife enhancement and biodiversity net gain within the parish that is required from development to best benefit people and wildlife, making the parish a better place to live and improving access to nature for everyone.</p> <p>The new Environment Act 2021 requires development proposals to achieve a 10% net gain in biodiversity; whilst not yet required in law, this level is already being implemented as good practice across the country. We are pleased to see that policy WLW12 including a requirement for 10% net gain. The Wildlife Trusts, as well as other organisations, are advocating for 20% BNG where this is possible and setting an aspiration for achieving a higher percentage of net gain could help to ensure that biodiversity assets and the rural character of the parish are conserved for future generations. Suffolk County Council's recent commitment to 'deliver twice the biodiversity net gain required'¹, suggests that it is reasonable to include this aspiration within the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan. Policy WLW12 could include a statement in support of development where 20% BNG can be demonstrated in Walsham le Willows. Delivering 20% BNG ensures there is more certainty that a significant and meaningful uplift in biodiversity will be achieved, which will help protect the biodiversity of the parish.</p>	See SCC representation above. The policy is to be amended as suggested by SCC	
240	Resident 3	WLW12	Maintenance of wildlife area in any development must have long term maintenance structure	Noted.	No change to Plan
241	Resident 11	WLW12	The cemetery on Ixworth Road - not currently listed. Rich in opportunity for both these categories	Noted. This could form part of a project – see 239 above	See above

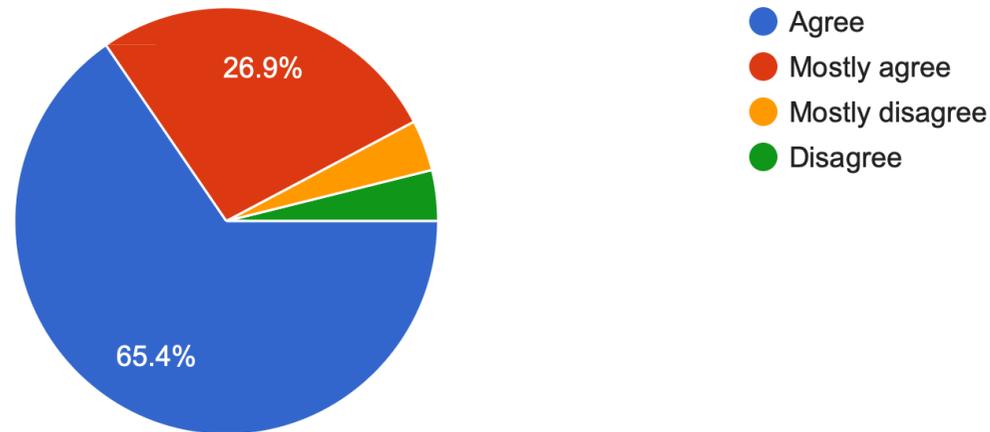
¹ <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/show/councils-commitment-to-further-enhancing-suffolks-natural-environment>

242	Resident 19	WLW12	There isn't enough provision to protect the environment as has been proved with previous developments around the village. Both hedgehogs and turtle doves has disappeared in just a few years.	Noted. The NP will provide an additional level of protection. See also reference to potential project	No change
243	Resident 22	WLW12	sort out streeam in walsham its a mess	Noted. Although this lies outside of the NP scope	No change
244	Resident 24	WLW12	Should include use of House Martin nest cups or towers where possible	Noted. These could be added as examples within the policy	Amend WLW12 to include house martin measures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
245	Resident 28	WLW12	Spot on !	Supporting statement,	No change.
246	Resident 42	WLW12	Should add that the community would strongly support further initiatives to increase biodiversity on existing agricultural land around the village particularly if there are plots that are deemed sub economic.	Noted. Although this would require landowner support. The NP can only cover issues that require planning permission	No change
247	Resident 47	WLW12	All new buildings should be biodiverse. Avoid oil central heating. New buildings should have built in swift boxes / bricks and bat boxes, something that The Acorns failed to do. Encourage / consider "one off" attractive private single house applications. No plans should be "imposed" by MSDC as in "The Acorns"	Noted. The policy seeks to achieve improved biodiversity but the NP policies will only be enacted once the Plan is made. The NP can only cover issues that require planning permission – oil central heating is not a planning issue	No change
248	Resident 53	WLW12	There should be a stronger emphasis on restoring woodland, hedges and meadows not just preserving the small amounts we have left	Noted. This would not require planning permission although is encouraged by the policy	No change
249	Resident 58	WLW12	Again, some local landowners can and do already play a huge part in this. It seem that consultation around local wildlife enhancement techniques was rather limited in lockdown. In particular, the requirement to plant only native or near-native trees will be out of date in a short decade, due to predicted climate change. Professor	Supporting statement	No change.

			Sir David Read has predicted that species currently grown in Spain will be flourishing in the UK by 2030.		
250	Resident 59	WLW12	Is the infrastructure of the sewage works at Badwell Ash coping with all the new and ongoing development in our area? These works made national headlines this year for emitting sewage into the water course here.	Noted. This lies outside of the Neighbourhood Area	No change

WLW13: Renewable Energy

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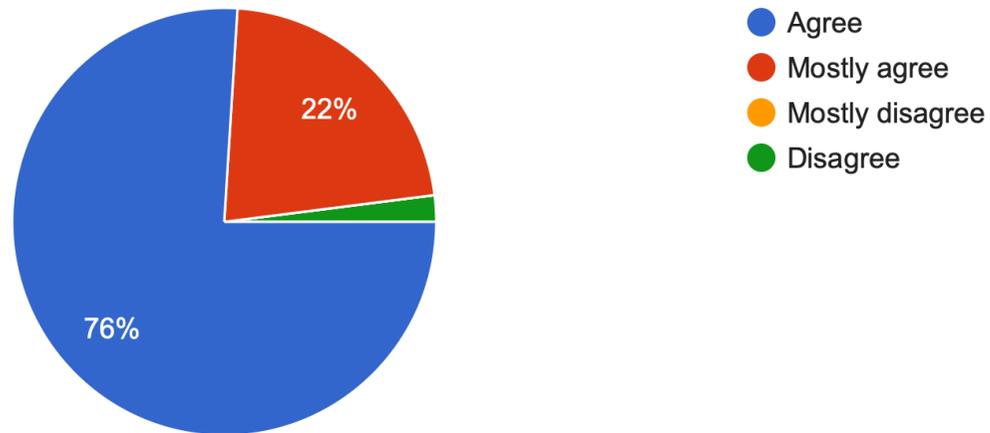
		or policy number)			
251	Mid Suffolk	WLW13	Suggest renaming the policy to 'Renewable Energy/solar'	Noted. Add capital 'E'	Amend policy title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
252	Suffolk County Council	WLW13	Policy WLW13 could be strengthened, by amending as follows: "b. Provides a measurable increase in Will not have an adverse impact upon biodiversity interests including habitats, species, and natural features. f. Will not have any significant adverse impacts upon residential amenity in terms of noise, glare, dust." The inclusion of the word 'significant' before 'adverse impacts' in all parts should be considered.	Amend criterion b to include 'provide a measurable increase in...' but do not agree to the use of significant as this weakens the policy.	
253	Suffolk County Council	WLW13	Policy WLW13 Renewable Energy/Solar Access to any such proposal would be considered by the Local Highway Authority as part of a planning consultation.	Noted	No change
254	Suffolk Wildlife Trust	WLW13	We are pleased to see the consideration of renewable energy development within policy WLW13, as there is a significant growth of solar development and we have not seen this considered so far within Neighbourhood Plans we have reviewed in Suffolk. Suffolk Wildlife Trust fully support government ambitions to transition to renewable energy, however this transition must not come at the expense of biodiversity and we are pleased to see a statement protecting biodiversity within this policy. We would recommend that this policy goes further, with the aim of encouraging greater benefits for wildlife from solar development. If done well and in the right location, solar development can turn low grade arable land into a biodiverse habitat with a mix of grassland, scrub, ponds and hedgerows which can enhance local biodiversity and be sensitive to the rural landscape. We would recommend including a more ambitious statement for renewable development, in support of development which delivers more than the minimum biodiversity net gain required (it is very easy for solar development to achieve the	Noted. The policy is proposed to be amended as a result of SCC response 252 above which would seem to address the biodiversity point made here	No change

			minimum 10%), creates new biodiverse habitats, is well managed for wildlife and links with ecological networks within the parish.		
255	Resident 3	WLW13	Why could ground source heating pipe not sit under agricultural land. Flexible approach should be adopted	Noted. This may not require planning permission depending on scale and operation	No change
256	Resident 19	WLW13	The proposals, whilst worthy need to go further (especially with new housing developments. The use of Solar is not far reaching enough.	See also Policy WLW1 which covers new housing development	No change
257	Resident 31	WLW13	Wind turbines and Solar panels are a sustainable consequence of our need for increasing amounts of electricity. Careful planning and considered positioning means that we can provide for our future needs, whilst controlling how it impacts out environment.	Supporting statement	No change.
258	Resident 32	WLW13	This is vital and I think all developments should be forced to meet much higher standards than currently.	Supporting statement	No change.
259	Resident 33	WLW13	Concern about increasing use of electricity. Absolute need to ensure mains grid supply is not prejudiced by overdevelopment of new houses.	Supporting statement	No change.
260	Resident 34	WLW13	Consideration for new eco-properties running on renewables should carry more weight than those without.	Supporting statement	No change.
261	Resident 47	WLW13	YES to renewable energy!	Supporting statement	No change.
266	Resident 52	WLW13	The possible relaxation of regulations for the development of on-shore windfarms is a concern as is the infrastructure (pylons etc) required even when the energy source is not local.	Comments noted. The national approach to on shore wind is still a matter for debate, however it is likely that community support will be required	No change
267	Resident 53	WLW13	We should be stronger in encouraging and allowing green technologies	Noted. Although there is a balance to be struck . See other response son this policy	No change
268	Resident 54	WLW13	It is essential to have an open mind about renewables. Both solar and wind will be of great importance in the future. Too many unreasonable restrictions should be avoided. A pragmatic and realistic approach is needed	Supporting statement	No change.

269	Resident 58	WLW13	With current energy uncertainty no-one knows how we will be generating our energy in the next 10 years. All land around the village is Grade 1, 2 or 3a, therefore this policy could prevent the village generating its own energy in a present or future crisis. Also, a solar farm can be far more biodiverse than a heavily sprayed field. It can teem with insects, mice and wild flowers, which a field of intensively farmed wheat cannot. This policy needs rethinking.	Comments noted.	No change.
270	Resident 59	WLW13	It is possible to avoid industrialisation of the landscape by putting panels on roofs. Another blight is the issue of placing substations in the wrong places. Brownfield sites and roofs first.	Noted. Policy WLW1 would allow for this in appropriate circumstances	No change

WLW14: Non-designated Heritage Assets

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No.	Respondent	Reference (paragraph or policy number)	Response	Suggested Steering Group response	Action
271	Suffolk County Council	Chapter 11	<p>Chapter 11 considers built heritage and non-designated heritage assets, SCC Archaeological Service has been reviewing farmsteads in Walsham le Willows, as part of an ongoing project, funded by Historic England. The neighbourhood planning group may wish to consider whether the information from the Suffolk Farmsteads Project would add any details or information to the Non-designated Heritage Assets in this section, entries can be seen via the Suffolk Heritage Explorer¹.</p> <p>It appears that archaeology has not been considered in Chapter 11 as part of the historic environment. The plan may wish to include a paragraph in this section regarding the parish archaeology as there is a wide range of archaeology recorded on the Suffolk Historic Environment Record (HER) from within the parish, which ranges in date from the prehistoric to post-medieval periods. For some detail, the HER indicates the finds spot of a Mesolithic half bifacial flake (HER reference number: WLW 068), a neolithic polished flint axe head (WLW 001), multiple artefact scatters of Roman pottery (WLW 012, WLW 041, WLW 066, WLW 069, WLW 073) and Roman and Saxon metalwork scatters (WLW 091). There are also several medieval moated sites, such as Crowland Hall (WLW 004), High Hall (WLW 005) and possible moated enclosure (WLW 036).</p> <p>Based on information held in the County Historic Environment Record it is highly likely that archaeology would be identified through archaeological investigation in most areas of the parish.</p>	<p>Noted. Reference to the Project can be added.</p> <p>Agree that a paragraph reference to archaeology would be beneficial.</p>	<p>Amend supporting text of this section <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

			<p>Given the above, SCC would encourage the addition of a note in the Heritage Section relating to archaeology in development, as follows:</p> <p><i>“Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service manages the Historic Environment Record for the County and holds numerous records for the parish relating to historic settlement and other cultural activity. Non-designated archaeological heritage assets would be managed in development through the National Planning Policy Framework. Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service would advise that there should be early consultation of the Historic Environment Record and assessment of the archaeological potential of any potential development sites at an appropriate stage in the design stage, in order that the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework, and West Suffolk Local Plan are met. Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service as advisors to West Suffolk Council would be happy to advise on the level of archaeological assessment and appropriate stages to be undertaken”</i></p> <p>This would add clarity to developers for any future sites. The plan could also highlight a level of outreach and public engagement that might be aspired from archaeology undertaken as part of a development project. Increased public understanding of heritage assets is an aspiration of the NPPF, and provision in project designs for outreach and engagement are welcomed.</p> <p>Section 3 or section 11 when discussing heritage could also include details of currently recorded finds and monuments in the parish, with information from the Historic Environment (HER), and reproduced on a map in the same way that the built heritage has been presented.</p>	<p>Agree to include this reference in the supporting text</p>	
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			More information can be found on the Suffolk Historic Environment and contact details can be found here: https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/culture-heritage-and-leisure/suffolk-archaeological-service/what-is-the-historic-environment-record/ .		
272	Suffolk County Council	WLW14 (Appendix C)	<p>The Councils Heritage Team are generally supportive of neighbourhood plans being used to identify and bring forward a list of locally important non-designated heritage assets but need to balance this against ensuring that such list is properly evidenced and justified.</p> <p>They note that Appendix C goes some way to achieving this, by providing a matrix that cross-references to the criteria recommended by Historic England but ask that further information is provided, such as photographs and a brief description, in order to make better judgement on their inclusion. Photographs would also provide a helpful future reference point.</p> <p>In support of their emerging plan, Wherstead Parish Council have prepared a 'Local List of Buildings & Structures ...' evidence document that could be used as template. See: https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Wherstead-NP-Local-List-Buildings-Structures.pdf</p> <p>In the first paragraph of Appendix C, was the '9' that appears after 'criteria' meant to be a footnote link to the guidance note on the Historic England website?</p>	There is more detailed information on the proposed NDHA available which is included as a separate supporting document.	Additional information to be included as a separate document <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
273	NDHA email re 2 Vine Cottage	WLW14	<p>I have your letter in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan and write to agree to my property at 2 Vine Cottages being included in the list as a Non-Designated Heritage Asset.</p> <p>Whilst writing I would also add that the Old Fire Station adjacent to The Old Bakery is classified by MSDC as a Non-</p>	Include the HE weblink	Add HE weblink <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Supporting statement,	No change

			Designated Heritage Asset and it should also be included in your list. I also think that no's 1 and 2 Church Rise should be included for their contribution to the street scene, set as they are in a prominent position in relation to St Mary's.		
274	NDHA email re Brook Farmhouse and Church Farm Barns	WLW14	I am in agreement with the proposal to include Brook Farmhouse, West Street and Church Farm Barns as Non-designated assets. Church Farm Barns are well protected since they are in the cartilage or Church Farmhouse which is listed and one of the two blocks of Martineau Cottages in the Causeway is listed. I wonder if you should specify that there are two blocks of Martineau Cottages in Summer Road.	Noted. Footnote added	Footnote added
275	NDHA email re Hunts End	WLW14	We would prefer not to have our house on the list of non-designated Heritage Assets currently. My understanding, from my inside source in the planning office, is that it does not make a great deal of difference. In that I believe, regardless of a list, the house would be viewed this way by the planning officer anyway. However, for the moment we would prefer to stay off the list. I appreciate that this may result in some confusion as I am led to believe that Hunts End Cottage wish to be on the list. Hopefully we will catch up with Sally and John some time soon.	Agree to remove at owner's request	Remove from NDHA list <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
276	NDHA email re Southside	WLW14	I am all in favour for Southside to be included in the draft Neighbourhood Plan as a non-designated heritage asset. I would be pleased to see the heritage character of the village protected, in as far as possible.	Supporting statement	No change.

277	NDHA email re Sunnyside Farms	WLW14	<p>Cranmer Cottages have been suggested for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan as a Non-designated Heritage Asset. The Cottages are poorly constructed, and we are working through a substantial list of repairs. The rear of the building is falling away and at some point, will need taking down and rebuilding. The Cottages are in a flood risk zone and have required urgent extensive repairs for water damage in the past. There are still damp issues ongoing, which we are currently addressing.</p> <p>While we are unsure what this listing means in terms of us being able to remedy the damp issues and keep them fit for habitation, we would like them to be excluded.</p>	Email sent 17.02 and 06.03 to ask owner to clarify intention. No response received.	No change
278	NDHA email re Sydney Cottage	WLW14	<p>We recently received a letter indicating that our property has been suggested for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan as a Non-designated Heritage Asset. Our property already lies within a designated Conservation Area which as we understand it, helps to preserve the look and character of the existing properties and limit any new developments.</p> <p>With this in mind, it is unclear to us why it would be necessary to be listed as a Non-designated Heritage Asset. How exactly would this differ to the protections already afforded by being within a Conservation Area? Until we are clear on this we are unable to either support or oppose the proposal.</p>	Building to be removed following property owners comments.	Remove Sydney Cottage from NDHA list and map. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
279	NDHA email re The Old Bakery	WLW14	<p>Good day Rachel .. hope you were happy with the turn-out at the MVH last week. Rob and I have been talking about the list of Non-designated Heritage Assets and we are happy for The Old Bakery to be on the list. (name redacted) who owns The Old Bakehouse is living with her daughter in London so won't have read the letter. (Name</p>	Supporting statement	No change.

			redacted) who lives in The Guildhall is the lady who keeps an eye on the house She will have contact details. As we own the adjoining buildings that are historically linked together, it would be a pity if they were not also linked within the NP.		
280	NHDA email The Old Four Ashes	WLW14	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft neighbourhood plan. We welcome the plan and the motivation and intentions which underpin its development. We also recognise the hard work that has gone into it to date and thank those involved.</p> <p>Please accept this email as our response to the consultation including authorisation for you to legally collect and share our data in accordance with your privacy policy. As regards, the consultation form we 'mostly agree' with the proposed policies save where any comments below indicate otherwise.</p> <p>Noting that that we are not planning experts, it is not clear to us why such a plan makes hardly any reference at all to the conservation area which we understand has been in place in the village since the 1970s. Surely, the maintenance of a conservation area is central to the council's planning policy and the purpose of supporting the character of the village. In the draft plan it gets a couple of and the purpose of supporting the character of the village. In the draft plan it gets a couple of passing references including Figs 5 and 6. The property we own, is within the boundary of the conservation area and we therefore recognise that extra planning controls apply. Given this, it is unclear to us what it is that the council is seeking</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Conservation Area legislation sets out the clear approach to development within the CA. The Local Plan also sets out the policy approach. The NP is not permitted to repeat national or local policy . Therefore the lack of reference is on that basis.</p>	Remove Four Ashes from NDHA list and map <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

			<p>to additionally achieve by also proposing that our property be listed as a non-designated heritage asset. Given the sensitivity of property values to planning controls, we expect the council to be very clear about what the implications of the listing are (or might be) to relevant residents - especially as we assume the council offers no liability for the consequences. We would also want to add that the plan does not recognise (and perhaps it should) that the preservation of such heritage assets and those properties that are listed is not, in the main, delivered by the council and its planning policies, but by local residents who spend their hard-earned money cherishing their properties in this beautiful village. I hope that this is helpful and am happy to discuss.</p> <p>Further email: We responded to the draft neighbourhood plan (the 'draft plan') by email dated 18 October 2022 which was acknowledged by Rachel Leggett. Please see below. Whilst welcoming the draft plan in general terms, we expressed concern about the proposal to list our property as a nondesignated heritage asset in particular the inadequacy of information about the implications of this. Having researched this further, please accept this response as supplementary to our previous email. We strongly object to the proposal that our home is listed as a non-designated heritage asset in Walsham le Willows.</p>	<p>Identification of NDHA are not the same as national listing and does not change any rights or permissions. It is purely around the weight given to the historic significance of the building in decision making.</p> <p>It should be noted that there is support from other owners. However given the property owners response</p>	
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			<p>Furthermore, we believe that the whole scheme, to list lots of properties as non-designated heritage assets in the village, should be shelved given the concerns and deficiencies raised below. Local heritage listing could perhaps be revisited in the future, but only after the matter has been given full, proper and expert consideration.</p> <p>The reasons for our objections are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The specific proposal to list our home as a heritage asset is not based on 'sound evidence' as required by Government guidance on national planning policy. 2. The volume of potential designations (35) is not 'small' as suggested in the draft plan. It is excessive and not consistent with Government guidance. 3. The process for initiating a local heritage list has failed to follow Historic England Advice Note 7. 4. The criteria in Appendix C of the draft plan have not been applied in a consistent manner. 5. The implications for owners of assets being locally listed has not been made clear. <p>Taking each of the above in turn:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The specific proposal to list our home as a heritage asset is not based on sound evidence <p>The national planning policy states that: 'There are a number of processes through which non-designated heritage assets may be identified, including the local and neighbourhood plan-making processes and conservation area appraisals and reviews.'</p>	<p>the building is to be removed from the policy.</p>	
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			<p>Irrespective of how they are identified, it is important that the decisions to identify them as non-designated heritage assets are based on sound evidence.'</p> <p>On 17 November 2022, myself and my neighbour met with Richard Belson, local resident, Chair of the Parish Council and member of the neighbourhood plan steering group. At this meeting, we were handed the 'evidence' for proposing that our property, The Old Four Ashes, be locally listed. (Had we not met Mr Belson we would not have seen this at all.)</p> <p>The report amounts to barely a third of a page of A4 of unsourced / unsubstantiated claims about the age and rarity of the building, some subjective claims about architectural and landmark interest and a reference to our property previously being used as a pub until the mid/late twentieth century. Insofar as Sylvia Coleman's survey from the 1960s remains relevant, it is noteworthy that our property did not merit any listing in her view. We believe that this falls well short of the 'sound evidence' required by the guidance.</p> <p>We further note that Historic England Advice Note 7 says that 'Regardless of the means by which candidate assets are identified, as a minimum, nominations need to be backed by information of sufficient detail and accuracy to demonstrate that they meet the requirements set by the selection criteria and by national planning policy.'</p> <p>The detail for our property, as already described, is scant at best and of unverifiable accuracy and therefore fails to meet even the minimum expectations of Historic England.</p>		
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			<p>2. The volume of potential designations (35) is not 'small' as suggested in the draft plan. It is excessive and not consistent with Government guidance</p> <p>The guidance on national planning states that: 'A substantial majority of buildings have little or no heritage significance and thus do not constitute heritage assets. Only a minority have enough heritage significance to merit identification as non-designated heritage assets.'</p> <p>The Government guidance is clear. Local listing is the exception, not the rule. The proposed making of 35 designations in the village (in addition to the significant number of existing buildings which are already nationally listed) is not indicative of a careful, balanced and expert assessment of the heritage significance of a minority of local buildings. Perhaps a reasonable starting place for identifying a minority of buildings really warranting heritage status, would have been to have commissioned a further expert review of those buildings identified by Sylvia Coleman over half a century ago but which were not listed by the authorities at the time. Instead, the draft plan is unjustifiably excessive in its approach to local listing and therefore non-compliant with the national planning policy.</p>		
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			<p>3. The process for initiating a local heritage list has failed to follow Historic England Advice Note 7</p> <p>The degree of community engagement about proposed local listings has been debatable but no expert building historian, architect or planning professional knocked on our door to discuss the heritage value of our property let alone anyone from the steering group or their commissioned consultants. As far as we can tell, the full extent of community engagement undertaken was the 2021 household survey followed by publication and consultation on the draft plan and an undated letter from Kevin Boardley (Parish Clerk) posted through our door notifying us that our property had been suggested for inclusion in the draft plan as a non-designated heritage asset.</p> <p>Advice Note 7 clearly states that: ‘Particular attention should be given to responses received from the owners of assets as these will assist in developing future management strategies. Although there is no statutory requirement to consult owners before adding an asset to the local list, inviting comment may provide information that is important for understanding its significance.</p> <p>The responsibility for assessing any requests not to list could fall to the selection panel or local authority staff, but it is important that a procedure is put in place for handling requests from owners not to designate, and this procedure adequately publicised.’</p> <p>We have seen no details of any such procedure (not in the draft plan or Mr Boardley’s letter) in contravention of Advice Note 7.</p>		
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			<p>The failure in not having put such a procedure in place and to publicise it, is indicative of the inadequate way in which this local listing scheme has been undertaken. We would like details of this procedure publicised as soon as possible so that we can be clear about how and by whom our objection to local listing will be reviewed so we can be reassured about its legitimacy and impartiality.</p> <p>4. The criteria in Appendix C of the draft plan have not been applied consistently The consistency of the process for identifying heritage assets is of concern to us. The selection of heritage assets in our immediate vicinity seems to be based on all the period properties that surround/or can be seen from Foxglove Cottage owned by Richard Belson (Chair of the Parish Council and member of the neighbourhood plan steering group). This includes, we note, his next-door neighbour's wall. However, his own home of Foxglove Cottage, a building of similar age, construction, character, and appearance within the hamlet of Four Ashes, is not proposed as a non-designated heritage asset. Four Ashes Cottage (not proposed for local listing) opposite Sydney Cottage (which is) is a further case of inconsistency. This cottage is also of a similar age, construction, appearance and part of the same cluster of buildings which together creates the character of the Four Ashes hamlet. We also believe that it has some historic interest having had an economic and communal function in the past. We highlight these as examples of inconsistency in the application of the listing selection criteria. They may also warrant closer</p>		
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			<p>scrutiny by the district authorities as to whether the process has been carried out properly.</p> <p>5. The implications for owners of assets being listed has not been made clear</p> <p>The Historic England Advice Note states that: 'Owners should be advised of the intention to locally list an asset, including an explanation of the planning implications, but it is important to put in place a process for handling requests not to designate.'</p> <p>Of all the concerns we have set out, the absence of clarity to owners about the planning implications of local listing is perhaps the most concerning.</p> <p>The draft plan simply says that the national planning policy 'indicates that the effects of an application on the significance of a non-designated heritage asset should be taken into account in determining applications'. Similarly underplayed is Mr Boardley's letter to owners which says, 'It simply means that any proposals that require the benefit of planning permission that may affect your property should take your building's architectural, archaeological or historic merit into account.'</p> <p>In addition, we attended the exhibition on the draft plan in the village hall on 17 October 2022 and were reassured that local listing was nothing to be concerned about. The same line was adopted by Richard Belson on 17 November 2022.</p> <p>In fact, Historic England summarises the implications as follows: 'Whilst the planning protections for non-designated heritage assets are not as strong as those for designated heritage assets, they are still important. Specifically, paragraph 197 of the</p>		
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			<p>NPPF states that ‘the effect of an application on the significance of a non-designated heritage asset should be taken into account in determining the application. In weighing applications that directly or indirectly affect non-designated heritage assets, a balanced judgement will be required, having regard to the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset.’</p> <p>It is plainly true therefore, that owning a building listed as a non-designated heritage asset has important consequences as regards the determination of any planning application. If this wasn’t the case local listing would serve no useful purpose. We regards the determination of any planning application. If this wasn’t the case local listing would serve no useful purpose. We recognise that local listing could have benefits. But it could cause owners to incur extra costs in having their application approved or incur the costs of having their applications refused (or to appeal) which would not otherwise be the case if their building was not locally listed. It may also negatively impact the value and/or ease of sale of owners’ properties from buyers concerned about the impact of local listing.</p> <p>If nothing else, the draft plan should have made the implications very clear to owners. The fact that it didn’t asks questions about the integrity and transparency of the process and ultimately its legitimacy. We bought our house in the village quite recently knowing that it is within a conservation area. We understand and respect the additional planning permissions that go with this. But we</p>		
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			<p>object to the unnecessary and unjustifiable step of now also being locally listed. Please accept this email as a further response to your consultation including authorisation for you to legally collect and share our data in accordance with your privacy policy.</p>		
281	NDHA email re Wall at Orchard House	WLW14	<p>Dear Neighbourhood Plan Team,</p> <p>We are writing to lodge our objection to the suggestion that the wall of our property is included in the Neighbourhood Plan as a Non-designationed heritage asset (NDHA).</p> <p>We were surprised to just be informed of this by having an unaddressed 'village drop leaflet' through our door, that we nearly missed. This does not conform to the terms of a consultation when specific properties are included. There was also no mention of the significant impact to ourselves as the owners, of having a NDHA applied to our property, which is very much underplayed in the leaflet.</p> <p>It makes no sense to why such status should be applied to a fairly standard wall that sits at its nearest point 6.5 metres from the public highway, that in the main is not visible to the public and with future planting could be completely obscured. The wall has no heritage value, and similar examples are evident all around the village and throughout the UK. Looking through our deeds and county records there is no evidence to suggest that the wall holds any heritage value, in fact it is not included in any records or reports.</p>	<p>Identification of NDHA are not the same as national listing and does not change any rights or permissions. It is purely around the weight given to the historic significance of the building in decision making.</p> <p>It should be noted that there is support from other owners. However given the property owners response which they have confirmed is still their wish the building is to be removed from the policy.</p>	<p>Remove reference to the Wall at Orchard House from the policy list, the map and the appendix <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>.</p>

			<p>The wall and our property both sit just inside the conservation area, so there is no need for an NDHA. We have spent a great deal of time and money maintaining the wall over the last few years, as have the previous owners of Orchard House. No doubt in years to come future custodians will continue to do the same as if offers a good level of privacy to the property.</p> <p>We are perplexed to why our wall in particular should be selected when the two properties either side of our house (especially Foxglove Cottage) are significantly older, prominent and characterful than our wall yet they have not been selected.</p> <p>The planning practice guide which accompanies the national planning policy framework states that the allocation of NDHA sites should be a rarity rather than a common occurrence, yet an exhaustive and random list of 35 sites have been put forward.</p> <p>We completely object to the wall of our property being put forward for NDHA status, as it is of no heritage value and sits within the conservation area and is suitably protected.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Mark and Kirsty Lambert Orchard House, Walsham Le Willows.</p>		
281	NDHA email re The Rosary	WLW14	I confirm that we as owners of The Rosary, Four Ashes (28 on the list) support inclusion of our property in the list of NonDesignated Heritage Assets. I confirm that The Rosary is a 15/16C timber frame house with a later Georgian	Supporting statement	No change

			<p>white brick façade and original Georgian sash windows. The front boundary railings are part Georgian and part mid Victorian. We would ask that in the interest of protecting the original site, character and buildings occupied by The Rosary the following additional points are considered.</p> <p>Please note that property 29 Orchard House is a relatively modern mock Georgian house (1960s/70s) built on the site of the orchard that was part of the original site of The Rosary, the front garden wall is important to the character of the original site occupied by The Rosary and has unfortunately been altered in very recent years destroying the curved shaped brickwork entrance and the fitting of inappropriate lighting, neither should have been permitted in a conservation area. In addition The Coach House located between 28 and 29 was the original brick barn (18C?) that was part of the original site of The Rosary until the 1990s.</p>		
282	NDHA email re unknown property later confirmed as Nelson Cottage.	WLW14	<p>We got a letter advising that the neighbourhood plan wished to include our house in the list of non-designated heritage assets in Walsham. I've been trying to find out more about the process and what it means but not found too much; it seems to vary on what different councils look for. In particular</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the process that is followed ? do house owners have to agree to be listed, make applications or submit anything ? 2. Am I correct in thinking, that once listed, the property then falls under the same level of planning scrutiny as a listed property ? 3. Once on list, do you stay on the list in perpetuity ? 	<p>Email response sent 30.11.22 explaining the position. House owners are consulted prior to a decision being made by the Steering Group and Parish Council about whether the building should be included in the Plan as a NDHA. Ultimately an independent examiner will decide if the building meets the criteria</p>	<p>Remove Nelson Cottage from the policy list, the map and the appendix</p>

				<p>and they will essentially determine whether the building is included in the final plan. Owners do not have to make an application or submit anything. Owners do not technically have to agree to their building being included although it would be preferable if they were in agreement as the intention is to produce a plan that meets local approval. At the end of this consultation the Steering Group/Parish Council will review all responses and decide which buildings they want to keep on the list and which they may want to remove. At the moment we can't predict what that outcome would be, but the views of the owners will be a weighty consideration.</p> <p>There are no additional consents required for works to the property. The permitted development</p>	
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				<p>rights are unchanged and therefore in planning terms there are no additional financial burdens as a consequence of being identified as NDHA. The list can be reviewed when the Neighbourhood Plan is reviewed; although if the building still meets the designation criteria then to remove it would need some justification.</p> <p>Building to be removed following property owner comments.</p> <p>Email sent 09/02 and 16/02 and 06/03 and 14/03 seeking clarification</p>	
283	Resident 3	WLW14	What impact does the listing as non-designated heritage asset have? have owners been consulted?	<p>All owners have been consulted and the implications of NDHA identification outlined. A number have responded. This will be referred to in the consultation statement that will accompany the next version of the NP.</p>	No change

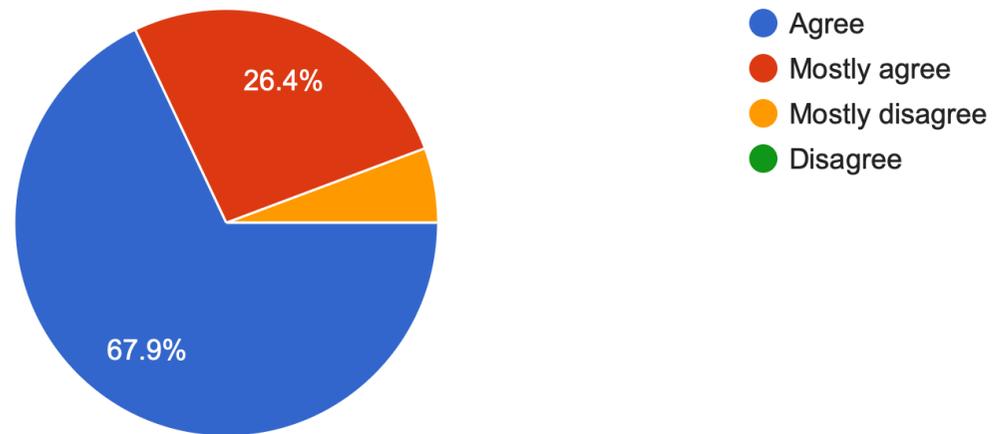
284	Resident 13	WLW14	Would be great to have a coffee/cafe daily may be Moriart'ys will re open	Noted	No change
285	Resident 26	WLW14	THE OLD FIRE STATION NEXT TO THE OLD BAKERY AND OPPOSITE THE OLD INFANTS SCHOOL ON THE STREET IS CONSIDERED BY MSDC AS A NON-DESIGNATED HERITAGE ASSET AND THIS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN YOUR LIST	As noted the building is already considered to be a Non Designated Heritage Asset by MSDC.	No change
286	Resident 28	WLW14	What about the Old Fire Engine House	See above	No change
287	Resident 32	WLW14	All these must be preserved to protect our heritage.	Supporting statement	No change.
288	Resident 34	WLW14	Should a move be made to re listing some of these assets ?	Noted. At this time it is anticipated NDHA status will assist	No change
289	Resident 35	WLW14	Should the Old Fire Engine House be included for its prominent position in The Street and interior barrel roof/ceiling.	See above	No change
290	Resident 43	WLW14	Having a list of non-designated heritage assets is an excellent idea and will afford some protection for non-listed buildings of historical importance, however, there is the need in some cases for buildings to be listed and there should but something in place to enable this process to take place should a building be in further need of protection.	See above	No change
291	Resident 44	WLW14	We object to our property being listed as a Non-designated Heritage Asset (NDHA). Our reasons are as follows:- 1. We feel we should have been consulted prior to being included on the list of proposed NDHAs. Part of the process would have meant someone photographing our property without our knowledge. We should have been informed. 2. The letter sent to households regarding the intention to list their property as a NDHA did not make clear what the potential implications could be from a planning	Agree to remove in the light of property owners comments	Remove Sydney Cottage from NDHA list and map <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

			<p>perspective. Additionally it took several emails plus a personal visit from a local Parish Councillor before the reasons for proposing our property were made available. This information ought to have been more readily available and obvious. Without this information how can anyone be expected to make a fully informed response as to whether they agree or disagree to their property being listed as an NDHA?</p> <p>3. Our property was selected because it ‘appears to have been originally designed and built by a local builder giving it a distinctive local character’. We do not consider this to be ‘sound evidence’ as requested by the governments own website, this appears to be more subjective and the opinion only of particular individuals. Also, it is unclear why certain other properties within Four Ashes of a similar age and ‘character’ have been omitted from the list.</p> <p>4. As far as we can tell there does not appear to be an established appeals procedure in place whereby affected home owners can request not to designate their property.</p> <p>5. There are clear guidelines provided by Historic England (“Local Heritage Listing: Identifying and Conserving Local Heritage”) which do not appear to have been implemented i.e. properly informing householders of the potential planning implications if their property is listed as a NDHA, readily providing and justifying the ‘sound evidence’ as to why a property has been nominated, and providing an appeals procedure for handling requests from owners not to designate.</p> <p>For these reasons we would request that our property is removed from the proposed NDHA list.</p> <p>Name redacted</p>		
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			Sydney Cottage Palmer Street Walsham Le Willows		
292	Resident 47	WLW14	Protect houses in The Street, The Causeway, Summer Road, Area around he Avenue, The Maltings and its surrounds and area around Four Ashes.	It is considered that a number of these are already either listed or proposed as NDHA.	No change
293	Resident 54	WLW14	Again it is a long list - maybe too long	The list is to be reviewed in the light of consultation responses made	List has been reviewed
294	Resident 58	WLW14	A good list	Supporting statement	No change

WLW15: New and existing businesses

53 responses



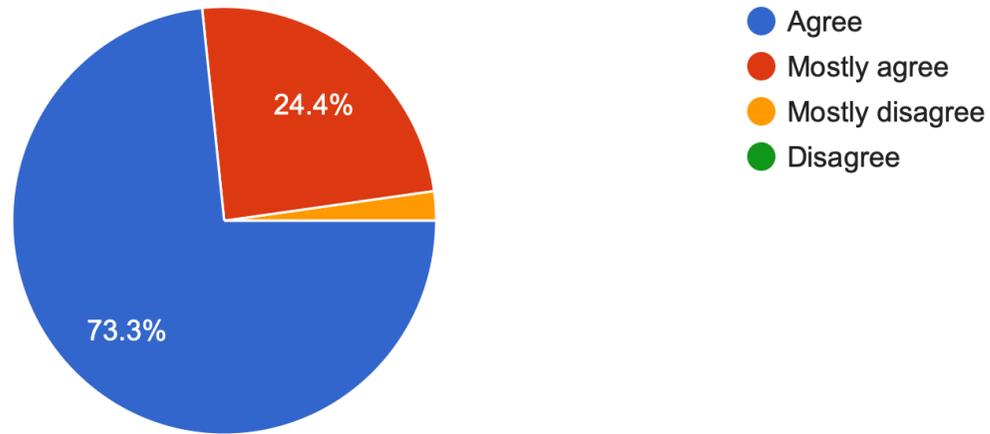
No.	Respondent	Reference (paragraph or policy number)	Response	Suggested Steering Group response	Action
295	Mid Suffolk	WLW15	For clarity and to ensure that any terms are realistic we suggest amending criterion i) as follows: i. Six months of marketing in appropriate publications, for the permitted and similar uses, using an appropriate agent and on realistic terms first agreed with the Local Planning Authority;	Agree to amend Policy WLW15	Amend WLW15 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

296	Suffolk County Council	WLW15	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>One of the sites listed under the 'employment economic areas' is a Minerals and Waste safeguarded secondary aggregate recycling site SAR30 (R & D Construction Depot, Summer Road, Walsham le Willows).</p> <p>Please note this is a safeguarded site, and any proposed development within 250 meters must be consulted on by the local Minerals and Waste Authority (Suffolk County Council), in accordance with Policy MP10 in the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2020.</p> <p>There are no water treatment facilities within the town boundary or within 400 meters of the town boundary.</p>	Noted. A reference to this can be added	Add footnote <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
297	Resident 19	WLW15	<p>There has always been a disconnect between the intent and reality regarding a Local Business plan.</p> <p>Businesses have not received the required support when they could have been of huge benefit to the community. If future plans are to be approved then they need to be part of a more holistic approach.</p>	Noted. Policy WLW15 seeks to support new and existing business.	No change
298	Resident 26	WLW15	<p>CLARKES ARE LOCATED ON A DOMINANT SITE AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE AND SHOULD THEY DECIDE TO RE-LOCATE OR CEASE TRADING IT WOULD PRESENT A SERIOUS RE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY. I WONDER IF THAT THOUGHT COULD BE USED TO STRESS TEST THE NP IN SOME WAY..??</p>	Comments noted. The NP policy will apply to developments that come forward once the Plan is made and cannot be retrospectively applied.	No change
299	Resident 31	WLW15	<p>Existing and new businesses bring young people into the community (as long as they can afford to live here) and this reinforces the need for affordable housing for local employees.</p> <p>New businesses bring income and vibrance into the area.</p>	Supporting statement	No change.
300	Resident 32	WLW15	<p>Development of a community starter facility for very small businesses would be a great asset.</p>	Supporting statement	No change.
301	Resident 34	WLW15	<p>Area A : fine</p> <p>Area B : expansion/redevelopment ? Consideration to be made that this could be moved outside the area of permitted development and treated as brownfield for housing.</p>	Noted. The context of the redevelopment of this site would be a brownfield site within the current	No change to Plan

				settlement boundary and dealt with on that basis.	
302	Resident 42	WLW15	The spirit of this section is fine but does it properly take into account residents' concerns about traffic? I think an 'unacceptable increase in traffic' is any business that uses vehicles as a core part of the business operation i.e. as opposed to employees travelling to and from work.	Noted. The policy covers traffic generated by any means by use of the site	No change to Plan
303	Resident 47	WLW15	Do not allow / encourage new businesses with heavy traffic ----- we do not have suitable roads and we don't want any more pollution. Small businesses would be welcome, similar to Moriartys -----and a Post Office would be welcome (as was promised by MSDC when Elmside was built, but never done).	Noted. The NP would support new small scale business compliant with the policy	No change to Plan
304	Resident 52	WLW15	Development and/or change of use in sensitive village locations is a concern.	Supporting statement	No change.
305	Resident 53	WLW15	This section is given too much emphasis given how few people will actually be employed locally given also the impact on roads and residential properties	Noted. However it is considered that all three strands of sustainability – therefore including economic sustainability is addressed by the NP	No change
306	Resident 54	WLW15	The impact on traffic in the village is of prime importance. Everything possible should be done to minimise, and if possible reduce, the problem	Noted. The combined policies of the Plan seek to address this	No change
307	Resident 58	WLW15	I totally support this. However, this desire to support local businesses is not coherent, so far, across the earlier policies. See above.	Noted. Policy WLW15 does seek to address this	No change to Plan
308	Resident 61	WLW15	I have filled out the online submission but would like to add that I feel a small supermarket would be a great benefit to our growing village. It would mean less car journeys if we could buy staples from within the village.	Noted. Although there is no specific proposal currently	No change

DESIGN GUIDANCE AND CODE

45 responses



No.	Respondent	Reference (paragraph or policy number)	Response	Suggested Steering Group response	Action
309	Suffolk County Council	Design guidance and code	This shows some similar street cross sections to those in the new Suffolk Design: Streets Guide. We would strongly recommend that the code aligns with Suffolk Design: Streets Guide wherever possible as any new adoptable estate roads are being assessed against its criteria.	Agree that the Design Code be amended to reflect this	AECOM to amend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

			<p>Similarly, parking guidance should align with Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2019). The reference to 'Max 1 space per dwelling' in one example (F32) on Page 38 is concerning.</p> <p>It is also noted that the dimensions of some space types and garage sizes differ to Suffolk Guidance for Parking, although they are larger so we would not object to their use.</p>		
310	Resident 27	Design guidance and code	<p>Anglian Water supports the development of design guidance and codes, particularly where the focus is on mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change. Our long term strategic ambitions include being a net zero carbon business by 2030, and making the East of England resilient to the risks of drought and flooding. We therefore welcome design codes that ensure new homes are resilient and sustainable to future challenges - in particular:</p> <p>AM3: Parking Typologies - we support the requirement for hardstanding and driveways to be constructed from porous materials to minimise surface water run-off.</p> <p>BF9: Energy efficiency in buildings. We support the codes relating to highly water (not waste) efficient devices in existing homes. We also welcome the approach for new build homes that suggest more ambitious water efficiency standards and rainwater harvesting. Such measures help to reduce the demand for water, which reduces energy used and lowers customers' bills.</p> <p>LO4: Water management. We support the design code regarding sustainable drainage systems to minimise surface water run-off from new developments whilst helping to provide multi-functional benefits.</p>	Supporting statement.	No change.
311	Resident 31	Design guidance and code	<p>Consideration for the overall look and feel of our neighbourhood and the safety of our community is of paramount importance to us and our future generations.</p>	Supporting statement,	No change.
312	Resident 36	Design guidance and code	<p>Properties should be in keeping with the village, not just boxes !</p>	Supporting statement	No change.
313	Resident 43	Design guidance and code	<p>It's not clear which section this refers to in the plan.</p>	A number of the NP policies contain a cross reference to the Design Code .	No change

314	Resident 47	Design guidance and code	Small is beautiful!	Supporting statement	No change.
315	Resident 49	Design guidance and code	We could not find a section entitled 'Design Guidance and Code' so have not been able to comment	Noted. This relates to the separate document	No change
316	Resident 52	Design guidance and code	Unable to comment	Noted	No change
317	Resident 58	Design guidance and code	Well done	Supporting statement	No change
318	Resident 62	Design guidance and code	<p>1. Main difficulty reading this is that the Figures are not integrated to the text. As an example, in parking typologies, F32 shows a layout with a comment below of max 1 car, Fig 34 shows an alternative layout. Are we recommending one over the other, presumably future houses should have more than 1 car space included. Actual content of design codes seemed sensible and pertinent to the areas.</p> <p>2. One or two of the questions in the Qs seem to overlap with the Character Design Code principles – would an Appendix template be useful in facilitating this</p>	AECOM to be asked to look at the relationship between text and diagrams.	AECOM to review