

District Councillor Report: Walsham Le Willows Parish Council

July 2023

Shepherd's Grove development	<p>Equation Properties have indicated they plan to bring forward proposals to redevelop Shepherd's Grove Industrial Estate. This plan is in addition to the Jaynic / Copart development. This development will potentially involve 4,000 - 4,500 traffic movements in a 24 hour period.</p> <p>Cllr Winch has discussed the planned development with Mid Suffolk Chief Planning Officer Philip Isbell with a view to getting a coordinated response from Mid Suffolk. Dan Cameron from Mid Suffolk has written to West Suffolk asking them to ensure that "the issues raised by our Parishes will be addressed or adequately controlled via use of planning conditions or obligations such that a satisfactory outcome will be achieved".</p> <p>We should revisit the idea of a liaison group representing all the main Parishes impacted.</p> <p>This group could potentially also have a role going forward as a designated body with which the developers have to liaise for traffic purposes.</p>
MSDC Meetings	<p>Our new Administration at Mid Suffolk is ensuring more meetings are held outside of the Ipswich offices and within Mid Suffolk district. The next Council meeting (19th July) will be held in the Blackbourne Centre in Elmswell. Members of the public are welcome.</p>
Joint Local Plan examination	<p>Examination hearing for our Joint Local Plan took place last week.</p> <p>This plan is important because it will enable a much greater control of the planning process in the future.</p> <p>The virtual sessions can be viewed via the Joint Local Plan YouTube channel. Find out more about our Joint Local Plan</p>
Planning committee	<p>At the first Planning Committee meeting of the new council year, a controversial application for a solar farm was being dealt with. The Council took advice that it would not be able to win a legal appeal despite many local objections. In discussion with the main group of objectors (Community Alliance for a Rural Environment), a joint statement was issued. This is the first time this type of approach has been made and this included calling on Government for greater clarity on their strategic approach to energy developments.</p> <p>More information</p>
National Grid "pylons"	<p>National Grid has launched its latest public consultation on plans for a new high-voltage power line across East Anglia, including Mid Suffolk.</p> <p>The Norwich to Tilbury project has previously been opposed by Mid Suffolk amid significant concerns, particularly over the impact on the environment.</p> <p>We will be lobbying Government, again, to review this process and ask National Grid to re-consider their current approach.</p> <p>For more details visit the National Grid website.</p>
Electric Vehicle Charging points	<p>Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been awarded a £300k grant from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles to install 28 new 22kW EV charging points in several carparks including most of the Council carparks in Stowmarket. Anglia Car Charging are beginning the installation work this week.</p>
Police and Crime Panel	<p>The Police and Crime Panel is a county wide body which scrutinises the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Mid Suffolk has a representative on this body. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and can ask questions relevant to an agenda</p>

	item. The next meeting is to be held on Friday 14 th July and questions need to be submitted in advance. More details can be found here: https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/the-council-and-its-committees/committees/suffolk-police-and-crime-panel
Land to West of R and D Construction Enforcement	EN/23/00140 - Land To The West Of The R&D Construction Depot, Summer Road, Walsham Le Willows. The existing permissions only allow storage on the old bomb site not in the office / car parking areas but material was being stored there. Now resolved.

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