

District Councillor Report: Walsham Le Willows

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Government consultation on Local Government Reform	The government consultation on the two LGR proposals for Suffolk is now open and closes on January 11th. The link is below Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Norfolk and Suffolk - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government - Citizen Space For more information: The website for our three-unitary proposal is: https://threecouncilsforsuffolk.org/ The website for the one unitary proposal is: https://onesuffolkcouncil.co.uk/
Mayoral elections postponed	The government has now decided to delay the Mayoral elections by 2 years until 2028 (as of 04/12/2025). The assumption is that the timetable for the rest of the planned local government reform stays in place.
Council asks communities to identify potential development sites	A 'Call for Sites' has been launched running from October 20th 2025 to January 9th 2026. This invites submissions of land to be put forward for consideration to be included in Local Plans - for uses such as housing, employment, sports and leisure and community purposes. These are not planning applications, and no site put forward will automatically see development take place.
Nature recovery budget	Mid Suffolk District Council has allocated a budget of £1.8m to support nature recovery. This covers: • Grant funding for communities • Grant funding for river catchment and landscape • Habitat creation, management and monitoring on new sites • recovery • Pond creation and restoration • Tree planting • Meadow management • Public engagement and awareness / Schools programme

**Funding for study
to resolve on-
going issues at
Thurston station**

Mid Suffolk District Council has allocated c. £500k of CIL funding to Network Rail to produce the options to resolve the issues with the need for passengers to physically cross the railway track at Thurston station.

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