



Waldringfield

Parish Council

LOCAL POLICY

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THE OVERALL POLICY IS:

TO MAINTAIN WALDRINGFIELD AS AN ATTRACTIVE RURAL VILLAGE WITH A GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS.

POLICY – Planning

The Policy is:

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee for all planning applications in Waldringfield. In effect, that means that Suffolk Coastal/ East Suffolk District Council (the 'Planning Authority') sends the details of all applications to the Parish Council and invites it to make comments. Although the Parish Council is a statutory consultee, anyone can object to, or support applications in their own right. It must also be remembered that planning permissions are granted or refused by the Planning Authority not Parish Councils.

Every planning application is seen by the whole Council at its regular (or, if required, extraordinary) public meetings and a list of those received appears in the advertised agenda and the decisions in the subsequent minutes. Full copies of the applications, with plans, and notes of the comments or objections made by the Parish Council can be seen at the District Council offices or on line via its website - www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk

N.B. Copies of applications cannot be provided by the Parish Council as they include plans too large to copy.

Whilst it is accepted that planning applications may get people very agitated, the Council has a statutory responsibility to represent the whole community when it makes comments.

The Parish Council has agreed policies for dealing with the following applications:

By the Parish Council

- Domestic extensions
- Change of use
- Work on trees covered by Tree preservation orders
- Infill
- Applications that affect the road layout
- Any industrial application
- Any commercial application

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By a Village Meeting

- Any application that the Parish council Chairman, Planning Group and/or the Parish Clerk considers of sufficient interest to the village.
- Any application that the majority of the Parish Council considers of interest to the wider community.

In determining these applications, the Parish Council will continue

- The present practice of not entering into prior discussions with private applicants other than advising them to consult the planning authority. However, applicants may attend a Parish Council meeting where the application is being discussed and make brief representations (solely at the Chairman's discretion) in the Public Speaking session at the beginning of that meeting. Further, in the situation where a housing development is proposed, the Parish Council has adopted a "Planning Protocol" which may be viewed elsewhere in the Policy Section of the website.
- To look at each application on its merits, to ensure that it complies with the Waldringfield Parish Plan by:
 1. Looking to retain the Village Envelope at all times.
 2. Seeking to restrict development to single houses, conversions & groups of 2-3 houses.
 3. Considering the protection of vistas from public places in all cases.
 4. Requesting that, in any application for development or redevelopment - whether in total or in phases - one in three units should be affordable housing.
 5. Protecting existing trees and hedgerows, a priority with all applications for development or redevelopment.
 6. Considering carefully the proposed landscaping at the time of the application.

In this policy, the Parish Council will be guided by any "Recommendations for Action" arising out of the 2015 Parish Plan and its successors, to be found elsewhere on this website

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