



Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan

Data Profile

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1. Introduction

1.1 The data profile

- 1.1.1 This data profile has been developed to form part of the evidence base for the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.1.2 The Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan is currently being developed as a Neighbourhood Development Plan under the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared in the context of the existing Mid Suffolk Local Plan and the emerging Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan.
- 1.1.3 All Census data throughout the data profile is obtained from www.nomisweb.co.uk on 21.09.2021 unless referenced otherwise. In brackets throughout, are references to the tables downloaded from the Nomis website that contain the relevant Census information. For example, (KS101EW) is the table for Usual Resident Population. All information from other sources is referenced throughout the data profile. Data from the 2021 Census will be available in March 2023.¹

1.2 Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan

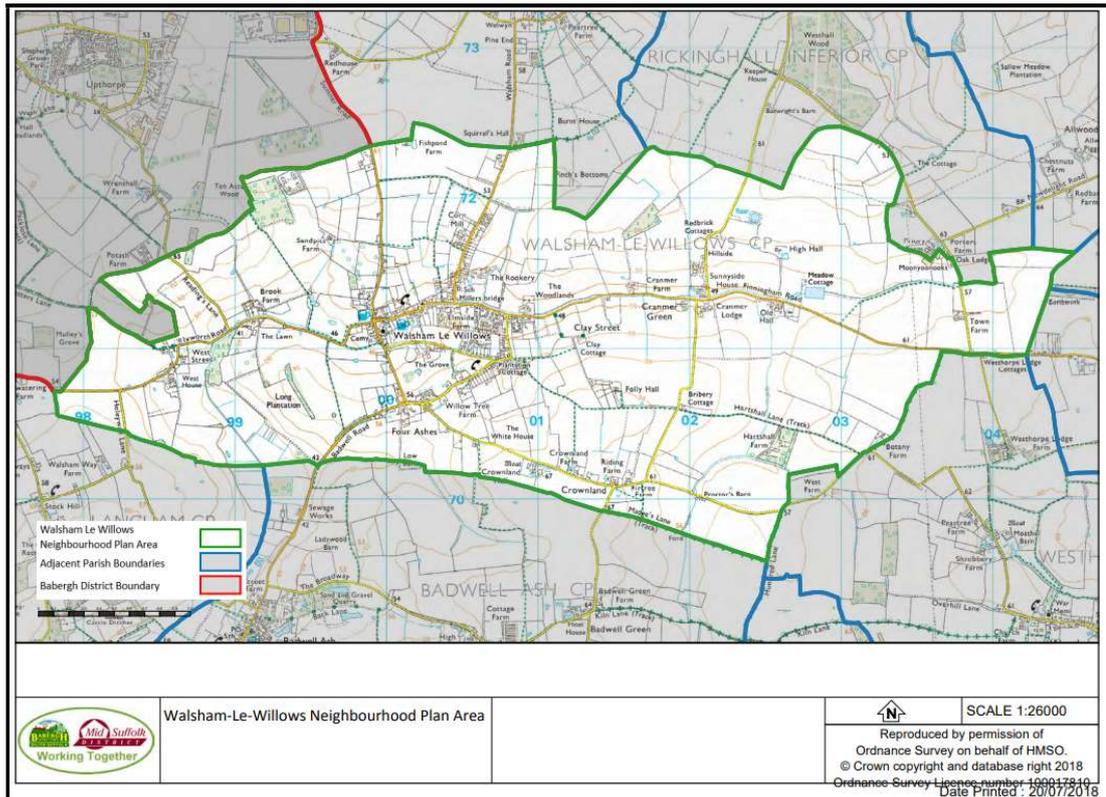
- 1.2.1 On 19th July 2018, Walsham le Willows Parish Council submitted an application to define the boundary of the Neighbourhood Plan area. Mid Suffolk District Council confirmed the designated Neighbourhood Plan boundary on 30th July 2018, and this can be seen in Figure 1 overleaf.

Figure 1 overleaf: Map showing the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan area boundary.

Source: Mid Suffolk District Council. Map obtained 15.9.2021.

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-mid-suffolk/walsham-le-willows-neighbourhood-plan/>

¹ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/censustransformationprogramme/census2021milestones>. Information retrieved 13.10.2021.



1.2.2 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has developed a draft Vision, a set of draft Aims and draft Objectives. These were updated at Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group workshops on the 13th and 14th September 2021 and are based on the results of community consultation from drop in events held on 27th June 2018 and 23rd July 2020.

1.2.3 The draft Vision for 2037 (15 years) for the Neighbourhood Plan is:
Walsham le Willows will continue to be a well-loved, historic Suffolk parish with a unique character and identity. The natural environment, biodiversity and heritage will be enhanced and protected. Future development will be environmentally sustainable, well designed, and suitably located, integrated and connected. It will have a range of housing types and tenures to suit all ages and incomes, supported by appropriate infrastructure. The area will continue to be a desirable place for current and future generations.

- 1.2.4 By undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan, the steering group aims to:
- Enable residents to influence and shape new development.
 - Establish what is special about Walsham le Willows.
 - Allow the village and surrounding area to develop sensitively, in terms of design, character, heritage, amenities, and enhance wildlife and the environment.
 - Identify community needs for the use of developer contributions and other possible funds.

1.2.5 The draft Neighbourhood Plan Objectives are:

Built Environment/Design

To ensure that all new development enhances and respects the existing character of the village, minimises its impact upon the environment and encourages high quality design through innovation.

Housing

To provide housing that maintains a mixed and balanced community, by meeting the present and future needs of Walsham le Willows in terms of size, type and affordability.

Community Infrastructure

To encourage the provision of first rate infrastructure for the parish by protecting existing community facilities and encouraging new creative spaces and expanded services.

Transport & Accessibility

To promote the environmental wellbeing and health of the residents of Walsham le Willows by providing safe and convenient access, by foot, by cycle and for disabled users, reducing congestion and pollution through encouraging the use of sustainable transport.

Natural and Historic Environment

To enhance and safeguard the natural and heritage assets of the parish (wildlife, landscape, green spaces, water courses, and buildings), and retain the important distinctive character and identity of individual parts of the settlement.

Economy

To support local business, including opportunities for home working and encourage appropriate growth where it contributes to the sustainability of the community.

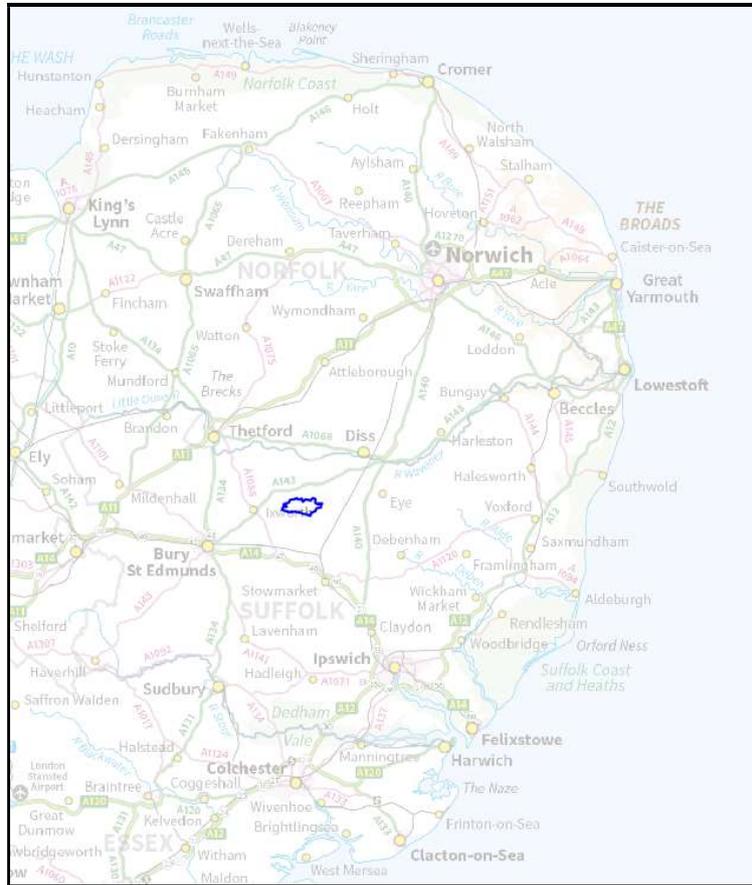
1.2.6 This data profile is set out in sections based on the draft Neighbourhood Plan objectives.

1.3 Location of Walsham le Willows

1.3.1 Walsham le Willows is located in Mid Suffolk District and is 20.5 kilometres north-east of Bury St Edmunds, 17.2 kilometres south-west of Diss and 22.5 kilometres south-east of Thetford. The main village settlement is supplemented by four outlying hamlets in the parish: West Street to the West, Four Ashes to the immediate south, Crownland south-east and Cranmer Green to the East. Between The Street and Four

Ashes lies in an area of parkland beside the river and surrounding the Grove (or known as The Grove).²

Figure 2 below: Map showing the location of Walsham le Willows parish.
Source: Parish Online mapping website. Map obtained 16.09.2021. Location denoted by blue outline.



1.4 Local Planning Policy

1.4.1 Walsham le Willows is located within the administrative boundary of Mid Suffolk District Council. The current development plan for Mid Suffolk is the 1998 Local Plan, which has mostly been superseded by policies from the Core Strategy and Focused Review. Mid Suffolk's Core Strategy was adopted in September 2008. As the key Development Plan Document, it sets out the vision, objectives, spatial strategy and core policies that will guide development across the district until 2025, and beyond. A Core Strategy Focused Review was undertaken and adopted by the Council on 20th December 2012. The Core Strategy documents are being replaced by a new Joint Local Plan document for Babergh and Mid Suffolk districts.

² <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Conservation-Area-Appraisals/Walsham2011CAA.pdf> Information retrieved 20.09.2021.

1.4.2 The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan provides a framework for shaping communities and guiding future development over the period to 2037 and will replace the existing Local Plan. When made (adopted), any new Neighbourhood Plans shall also become part of the development plan and shall be considered alongside the Plan when determining planning applications. Neighbourhood Plan groups have an opportunity to work with the relevant District Council in order to share information and bring sites forward for allocation where they would assist to meet the levels of growth in the Plan. Walsham le Willows is identified as a Core Village in the Mid Suffolk Settlement hierarchy. Ipswich Fringe settlements, Market Towns/Urban Areas and Core Villages will act as a focus for development, which will be delivered through site allocations in the Plan and/or in Neighbourhood Plans, and windfall development in accordance with the relevant policies.³ The Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan allocations housing trajectory for Walsham le Willows shows:

- LA091 Net dwellings 60
 - 2021/22: 16
 - 2022/23: 32
 - 2023/24: 12
- LA092 Net dwellings: 22
 - 2025/26: 13.
 - 2026/27: 9.4

1.4.3 The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan was formally submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for independent examination on 31st March 2021. Examination hearings will take place from 22nd September 2021 and Stage 2 hearing sessions will take place mid-Autumn 2021.⁵

1.4.4 The Mid Suffolk District Council Place Maps and Policies November 2019 pre-submission document contains two allocations for Walsham le Willows.

LA091 – Allocation: Land west of Wattisfield Road, Walsham le Willows
Size of site – 2.7ha

No. dwellings – Approximately 60 dwellings with associated infrastructure.
Development for this site will be expected to comply with the relevant Plan policies and contributions to the satisfaction of the LPA towards the following:
I. Education provision.

LA092 – Allocation: Land east of Wattisfield Road, Walsham le Willows
Site size – 0.53ha

No. dwellings – Approximately 22 dwellings (with associated infrastructure).

³ <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/JLPExamination/CoreDocLibrary/A-SubmissionDocs/A01-Part-1-Objective-and-Strategic-Policies-Part-2-Local-Policies.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/JLPExamination/CoreDocLibrary/A-SubmissionDocs/A01-Part-1-Objective-and-Strategic-Policies-Part-2-Local-Policies.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/> information retrieved 17.09.2021.

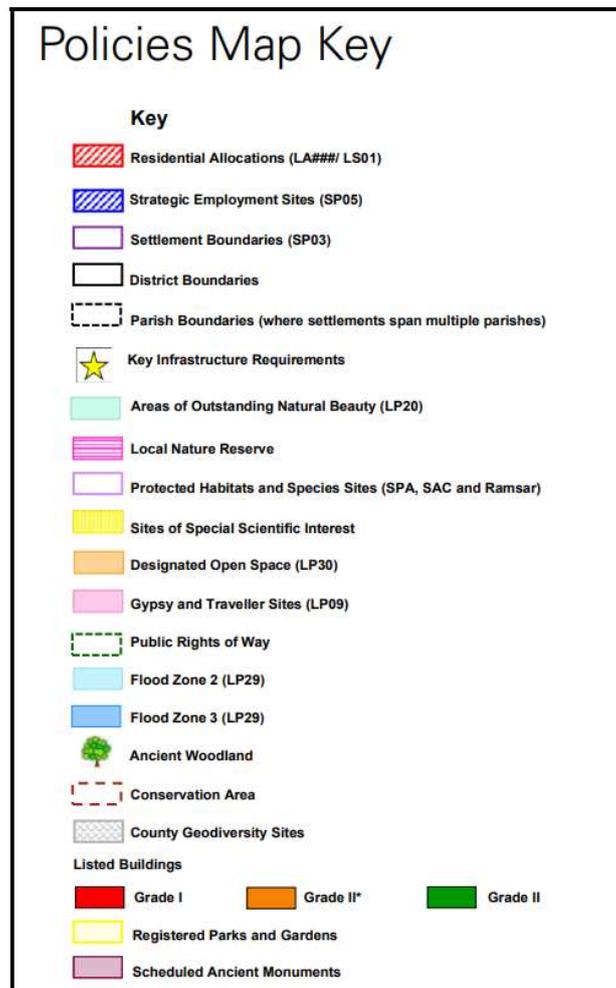
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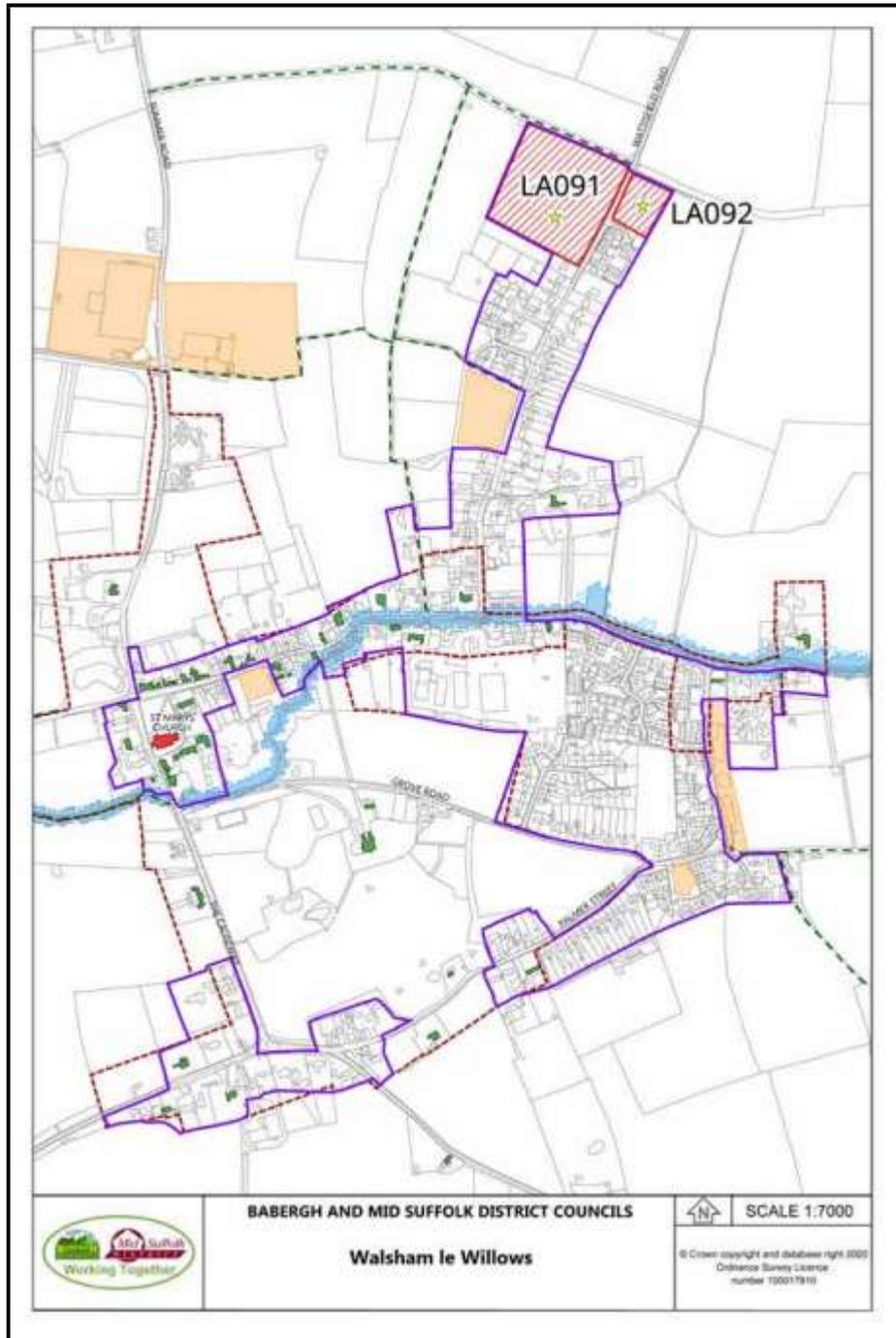
- I. Education provision.

Figure 3 below: Map showing site allocations in Walsham le Willows.

Source: Mid Suffolk Place Maps and Policies, Joint Local Plan Pre-submission (Reg 19) November 2020.

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/JLPExamination/CoreDocLibrary/A-SubmissionDocs/A01-Part-3-Mid-Suffolk-Settlement-Maps-P-Z.pdf>





1.4.5 The net new residential completions in Walsham le Willows since 2010 (April to March) have been provided by Mid Suffolk District Council and are outlined in figure 4 overleaf. A map compiled by the Parish Council showing the location and chronology of housing development in Walsham le Willows can be seen in Appendix A.

Figure 4 below: Net new residential completions in Walsham le Willows.

Source: Mid Suffolk District Council. Obtained September 2021.

Year	Net new dwellings	Planning Application number	Location	Property type where known
2021 - 22	1	DC/18/04417	West Street	A grain barn conversion to single dwelling residential property
2020-21	2	3622/15/FUL	Land rear 1 and 2 Upper Meadow	1no, 4 bed detached
		20/00430/FUL	The Grange, Rookery Lane	1no, 4 bed detached
2019-20	2	0775/12/FUL	Land adj. East Cottage, Badwell Rd	1no. 3-bed det
		3622/15/FUL	Land rear of 1 & 2 Upper Meadow	1no. 4-bed det
2018-19	3	2293/15/FUL	Land adj. the Elms	1no. 4-bed det
		3622/15/FUL	Land rear of 1 & 2 Upper Meadow	1no. 4-bed det
		5001/16/FUL	Wattisfield Wines, The Street (Conversion shop to res dwlg) [On Appeal]	1no. 4-bed
2017-18	4	1036/13/FUL	Plots 1 -3, Shop Building at Elm Drive	2no. 3-b hse & 1no. 3-b Flat
		1714/15/FUL	Plot 4 Elmside Lea, Finningham Rd (Change of Use, Retail to Res)	1no. 3-bed hse
2016-17	0			
2015-16	1	1429/15	The Bungalow, West St (Certificate of Lawful Use)	Bungalow
2014-15	0			
2013-14	3		<i>No details available.</i>	
2012-13	3		<i>No details but some appear to be Hopkins scheme at Elm Drive / Willow Close</i>	
2011-12	18		<i>No specific details but all completions appear to be Hopkins scheme at Elm Drive / Willow Close</i>	

2010-11	23		<i>No specific details but all completions appear to be Hopkins scheme at Elm Drive / Willow Close</i>	
2009-10	13		<i>No specific details but all completions appear to be Hopkins scheme at Elm Drive / Willow Close</i>	
2008-09	16		<i>Historic data only. No specific application ref details available.</i>	

1.5 Parish consultation

1.5.1 Previous parish wide plans and consultation in Walsham le Willows include:

- 1984 Village Appraisal
- 2002 Village Appraisal and Youth Survey
- 2003 Village Action Plan
- 2003 What do you like about Walsham? Survey
- 2007 Village Design Statement
- 2015 Housing Needs Survey
- 2018 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation 1
- 2020 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation 2

2. Built environment and design

Draft objective: **Built Environment/Design**

To ensure that all new development enhances and respects the existing character of the village, minimises its impact upon the environment and encourages high quality design through innovation.

2.1 Historic environment

- 2.1.1 The Walsham History Group have written a Brief History of Walsham from 4000BC to the 1900s. The information below is taken from <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/explore/history/a-brief-history-of-walsham/>.

Walsham le Willows is a rectangular parish with a stream running down the centre. To the west the soils are predominantly gravel – to the east mainly clay. This has influenced the pattern of settlement. The first signs of human occupation occur in the Mesolithic period (c6000BC), the hunter/fisher people.

The earliest identifiable settlements are those of the Romanised Britons. There was considerable Romano-British activity (late 1st – 4th centuries) – peasant farmsteads over the entire parish possibly servicing villas in Ixworth and elsewhere. There is no indication of wealthy property in Walsham.

There is a mention in Domesday of a settlement before the Norman Conquest. The place-name of Walsham is Saxon – the original form was Waeles-ham, or ham of the Welsh probably relating to surviving Romano-British inhabitants.

From 1086 onwards there is written evidence and we meet people for the first time. After the Norman Conquest three manors emerged – Walsham, High Hall and Church House, the lords of which held regular courts in the hall of their manor to control changes of land-holding and cases of minor crimes such as over-grazing. The records of these courts survive from 1318 onwards together with some accounts and rentals.

In 1283 a tax return lists 90 people and shows that sheep were the most common animals with cattle, horses, pigs and poultry in abundance. Wheat, barley, oats, rye, beans and peas were grown.

By 1349 the population had risen to about 1000 – every available corner of land was ploughed for food. Then the Black Death struck halving the population. Court rolls give the names of 119 tenants who died – wives, children and servants must be added to that number.

Most of St. Mary's Church was built in the early 15th Century and gradually evolved to its present form evidenced by the wall above the chancel arch where the line of the original gable can be seen and by the fact that in their wills, nine men left money or goods to be used for building work on the church.

The 16th Century saw the open fields being enclosed with hedges and used as pasture. When the land was first surveyed in 1577, over half the total acreage of the parish was used for grazing.

Although Walsham never had a large estate or very wealthy landowners, the 17th century was a time of agricultural expansion. The yeomen enlarged their holdings and built new houses, many of which still remain. Some of the larger landowners called themselves gentlemen. This was a period of ostentation – if you had it, you showed it off. East Anglia was staunchly Protestant, many finding the Church of England not radical enough in its opposition to Roman Catholicism. At Walsham there was support for Parliament.

The 19th century saw a huge increase in population rising to a peak of 1297 in 1851. Today we are just about back to that number. Most of the houses were timber-framed and thatched and many were divided into two or three dwellings to house several families. This was obviously a fire hazard and a local fire brigade was formed to deal with that problem. New dwellings, filling in gaps between the old, were built of red brick and slate (now transported cheaply by rail).

In 1819 the remaining common grazing land at Cranmer Green and Allwood Green was enclosed and numerous footpaths, used as short cuts, were stopped up. The Enclosure Map of 1819, a slightly earlier Parish Map of 1817 and the Tithe Map of 1842 show hundreds of small fields used for a mixture of arable crops and pasture surrounded by miles of hedges. The maps also give a first accurate indication of who lived where and what land they owned and/or occupied.

The infant school was founded in 1872 although the younger children were taught in the village before that date. The Martineau family financed the site and building, which is now a private house. Parents paid a penny a week per child. The main school was founded in 1848. The site, the building, the furniture and the books were provided by trustees at a total cost of £395 18s 2d. It became the National School in 1870 when education became compulsory.

In 1877 Harry Nunn established a large building firm. By 1896 he employed fifty local men and built the attractive and substantial mock-Jacobean cottages with the carved texts for the employees of John Martineau. The lych gate at the entrance to the churchyard extension is an example of his workmanship. By 1908, Kelly's Directory lists his concerns as builder, agent for agricultural implements, ironmongery, timber,

sawing and grist mills, acetylene gas and electric house bell installation, posting establishment, undertakers and garden produce.

Most of the 20th century is within living memory. Ordinary life was disrupted by two world wars – thirty-six young men were killed in the first and three more in the second. The century has seen big changes in labour patterns, from most people working on the land or in the village to working in nearby towns, although Clarkes the builders merchants still employ over 100 people.

The Martineau family have been major landholders in the parish for 200 years. It was John Martineau (1834–1910) who was responsible for the elaborate estate cottages. He lived in Hampshire where he first built similar dwellings in Eversley, Hants to improve the living conditions of working people.

The post-mill along Wattisfield Road is shown on the 1817 parish map. It was demolished in 1917 after which the stones were driven by an oil engine. It was converted to electricity at a later date and continued milling flour until fairly recently.

2.2 Conservation Area

2.2.1 The Conservation Area Appraisal 2006 contains the following information about Archaeological Significance:

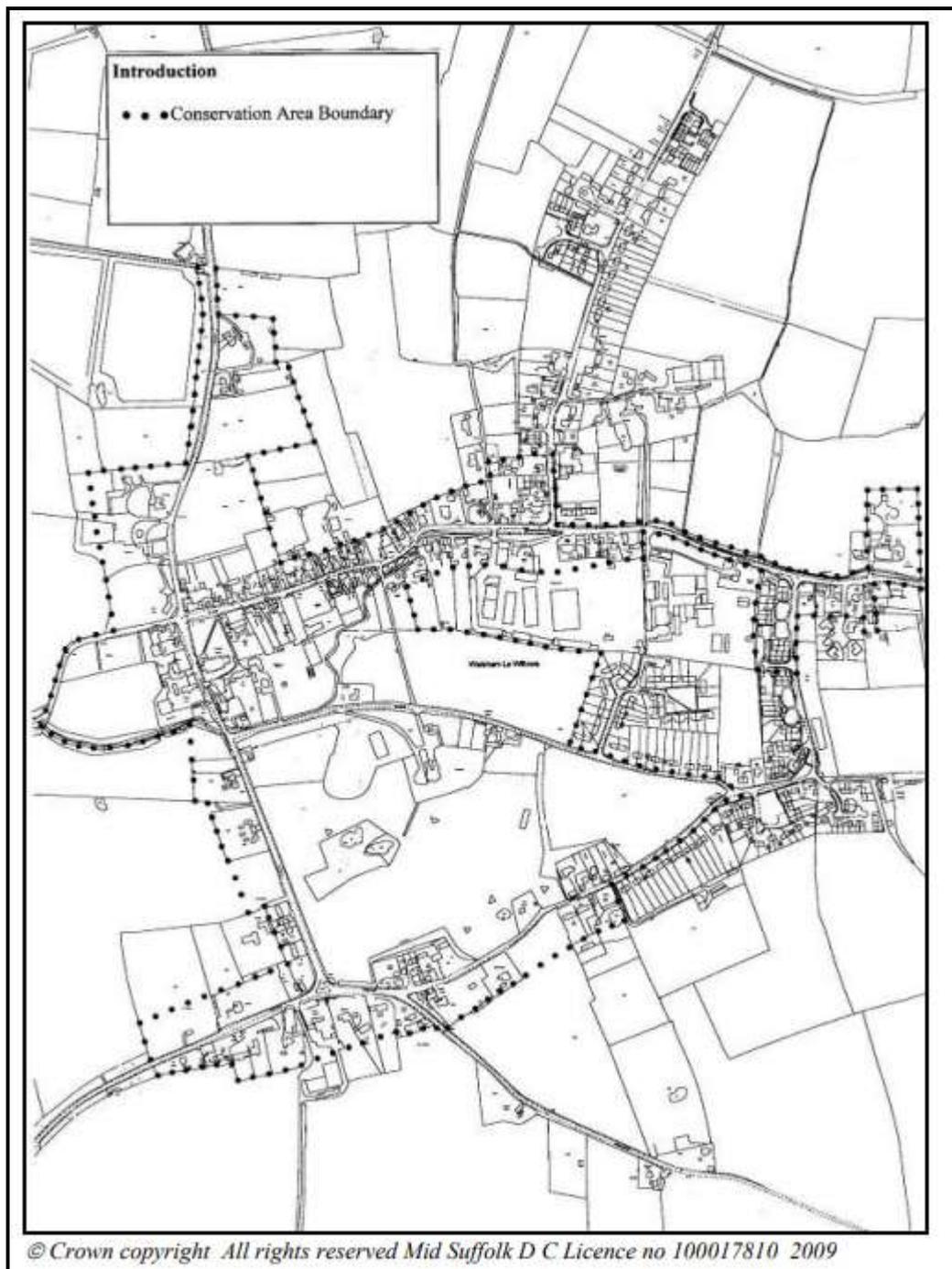
Although Walsham le Willows' archaeology might seem extensive from the ninety or so entries in the Suffolk County Sites and Monuments Record, the majority of these are Medieval and Postmedieval scatter finds of significance but no great age. The oldest records are for a Mesolithic flint axe and a Neolithic polished axe. Later we find an Iron Age bronze roundel and then several Roman scatter finds and a Saxon dress fitting, the remainder being Medieval or later. These include two Medieval moated sites, as would be expected on the Suffolk claylands: Crownland Hall and High Hall. Also included are the sites of the Church, the Guildhall, an Elizabethan theatre and several windmills. The Domesday survey of 1086 records the village as having 'half a church with 10 acres' and 'a wood for 68 pigs'. Three gilds are known to have existed there: St Trinity and St John the Baptist (both recorded in 1446) and St Catherine's (1521), and a Guildhall does survive, now divided into three houses. The village is recorded as having its own market in 1384, however this was out of use by the 17th Century.⁶

2.2.2 A Conservation Area in Walsham le Willows was originally designated by West Suffolk County Council in 1974 and inherited by Mid Suffolk Council at its inception the same year. The Walsham le Willows Conservation Area Appraisal 2006 is an

⁶ <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Conservation-Area-Appraisals/Walsham2011CAA.pdf> Information obtained 20.09.2021.

update on the draft document originally produced in 2000. The Conservation Area Appraisal 2006 is a demonstration of 'quality of place' sufficient for the briefing of the planning officer when assessing proposed works in the area. The Conservation Area Appraisal 2006 can be accessed at <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Conservation-Area-Appraisals/Walsham2011CAA.pdf>.

Figure 5 below: Walsham le Willows Conservation Area Boundary.
Source: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Conservation-Area-Appraisals/Walsham2011CAA.pdf> obtained 20.09.2021.



2.2.3 'A 21st Century Village Design Statement for Walsham le Willows' was adopted in 2007 with the intention of being used as a reference point against which villagers and village organisations can assess progress on issues identified in the Action Plan and contribute evidence of local character to the countryside landscape character assessment that will underpin design guidance in the Mid Suffolk Local Development Framework. The document can also be used to form a basis for the parishes comments on the appropriateness of future development proposals.

2.2.4 The Village Design Statement can be viewed at <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Parish-Plans/WleWillows2007.pdf>. The key aims are to:

- Protect the visual importance of the tree-lined stream and approach roads.
- Continue work with Suffolk Hedgerow Survey to monitor hedgerows.
- Where the existing environment is of an open, spacious nature, this should be respected in any future housing proposals.
- Identify and protect visually important green areas.
- Value views into, out of, and through, the built-up areas.
- Use existing vernacular buildings as an inspiration for new buildings.
- Encourage new building which is sympathetic to the character of its surroundings.

3. Housing

Draft objective: **Housing**

To provide housing that maintains a mixed and balanced community, by meeting the present and future needs of Walsham le Willows in terms of size, type and affordability.

- 3.1.1 Data from the 2011 Census (KS401EW) shows that in total there were 528 dwellings in Walsham le Willows in the 2011 Census. 16 dwellings were unoccupied, which is 3 per cent of the total dwellings. **Add in total number of dwellings completed since 2011 when received completions information from NP steering group.**
- 3.1.2 In the Census 2011 (KS402EW) Walsham le Willows has a similar level of home ownership as Suffolk. Walsham le Willows has a lower level of home ownership compared to Mid Suffolk District and a higher level of social renting.

Figure 6 below: Table showing home ownership in Walsham le Willows, Mid Suffolk District and Suffolk.

Source: www.nomisweb.co.uk. Information obtained 20.09.2021

Area	Owned	Owned outright	Owned with a mortgage	Shared ownership (part owned part rented)	Social rented	Social rented: Rented from Council (Local Authority)	Social rented: Other	Private rented	Living rent free
Walsham le Willows parish	67.6%	34.4%	33.2%	2%	16%	10.5%	5.5%	11.7%	2.7%
Mid Suffolk District	75.1%	39.4%	35.7%	0.9%	11.3%	8.1%	3.1%	11.2%	1.6%
Suffolk	67.3%	35.7%	31.5%	0.7%	14.8%	7.6%	7.2%	15.6%	1.6%

- 3.1.3 The information below contains data from the 2011 Census (KS401EW) showing the type of accommodation lived in by residents in Walsham le Willows compared to Mid Suffolk and Suffolk.
- There were 528 households in Walsham le Willows parish. A household is defined as one person living alone, or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address who share cooking facilities and share a living room or sitting room or dining area. A household must contain at least one person whose place of usual residence is at the address. A group of short-term residents living together is not classified as a household, and neither is a group of people at an address where only visitors are staying.

- All dwellings in Walsham le Willows were unshared with other households. The 2011 Census defines a dwelling as a single self-contained household space (an unshared dwelling) or two or more household spaces at the same address that are not self-contained but combine to form a shared dwelling that is self-contained.

Figure 7 below: Table showing Dwelling Type in Walsham le Willows, Mid Suffolk District and Suffolk.

Source: www.nomisweb.co.uk. Information obtained 20.09.2021.

Dwelling Type	Walsham le Willows number	Walsham le Willows percentage	Mid Suffolk District number	Mid Suffolk District percentage	Suffolk number	Suffolk percentage
All categories: Household spaces	528	100.0%	41,929	100.0%	328,165	100.0%
Household spaces with at least one usual resident	512	97.0%	40,306	96.1%	310,745	94.7%
Household spaces with no usual residents	16	3.0%	1,623	3.9%	17,420	5.3%
Whole house or bungalow: Detached	229	43.4%	19,908	47.5%	114,335	34.8%
Whole house or bungalow: Semi-detached	200	37.9%	13,676	32.6%	99,997	30.5%
Whole house or bungalow: Terraced (including end-terrace)	91	17.2%	5,753	13.7%	72,301	22.0%
Flat, maisonette or apartment: Purpose-built block of flats or tenement	2	0.4%	1,764	4.2%	30,775	9.4%
Flat, maisonette or apartment: Part of a converted or shared	4	0.8%	332	0.8%	6,134	1.9%

house (including bed-sits)						
Flat, maisonette or apartment: In a commercial building	0	0.0%	221	0.5%	2,896	0.9%
Caravan or other mobile or temporary structure	2	0.4%	275	0.7%	1,727	0.5%

3.2.4 A Housing Needs Assessment is being funded by Locality and completed by AECOM and will be available to inform the development of the Neighbourhood Plan policies.

3.2.5 The Walsham le Willows Housing Needs Survey Report was completed in May 2015 by Community Action Suffolk. The Walsham le Willows Housing Needs Survey of 20th March 2015 received 133 household responses from a total of 620 of survey forms issued giving a 21.12% return rate. The majority of respondents were in favour of a small affordable housing scheme for people with a local connection. 92.71% of respondents were in favour of an affordable housing scheme, showing overall support, with 7.28% of the returns indicating that they would not support affordable housing in the parish.

3.2.6 Gateway to Homechoice is a choice-based lettings system, where social housing properties are advertised in the local authority areas of Babergh, Braintree, Colchester, East Suffolk, Ipswich, Maldon and Mid Suffolk. An extract from the Mid Suffolk District Council Housing Needs Register 05.10.2021 shows that there are eight households in need. Information about these households can be seen in the table below. Of these, two applicants require properties with level access showers and three applicants are aged over 55 years. Historic data from September 2020 showed 5 households (applicants), none aged over 55. Of those registered, 2 were Band C requiring a 1-bed property, 1 in Band C requiring a 2-bed property, 1 in Band C requiring a 3-bed property, and 1 in Band E requiring a 2-bed property. The Banding in the table below is explained on page 13 of the [Gateway to Homechoice Allocations Policy Strategy](#).

Figure 8 below: Table showing households in need of housing in Walsham le Willows parish on 05.10.2021.

Source: Mid Suffolk District Council.

BAND \ Need	1-bed	2-bed	3-bed	4-bed	Totals:
A			1		1
B	2			1	3
C	1				1
D					0
E	1	1	1		3
Totals:	4	1	2	1	8

3.2.7 The table below shows Council Housing Stock in Walsham le Willows.

Figure 9 below: Table showing households in need of housing in Walsham le Willows parish on 05.10.2021.

Source: Mid Suffolk District Council.

1-bed bglw	1-bed house	2-bed bglw	3-bed bglw	3-bed house	4-bed house
6	5	25	3	17	1

3.2.8 The Old Town Trust rents out three cottages in the parish.

3.2.9 The **2014 Suffolk Housing Survey** shows that, across Mid Suffolk district:

- 12 per cent of all existing households contain someone looking for their own property over the next 3 years (mainly single adults without children). The types of properties they are interested in are flats / apartments, and smaller terraced or semi-detached houses. Although this is not their first preference, many accept that the private rented sector is their most realistic option.
- 25 per cent of households think their current property will not be suitable for their needs in 10 years' time.
- 2 and 3 bed properties are most sought after by existing households wishing to move.
- Suitable housing options for more elderly people are less available within the current housing stock. 6 per cent of all households have elderly relatives who may need to move to Suffolk within the next 3 years.

3.2.10 According to the property website Zoopla, the average price paid for a property in Walsham le Willows over the past twelve months is £316,710.⁷ The current average value is £375,198.

⁷ www.zoopla.co.uk Data obtained 20.09.2021.

3.2.11 Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council have produced parish Housing and Population Data profiles to help inform local discussion on housing need. The Walsham le Willows parish profile was last updated in October 2019 and can be seen in Appendix B and contains further useful information.

4. Community Infrastructure

Draft objective: **Community Infrastructure**

To encourage the provision of first rate infrastructure for the parish by protecting existing community facilities and encouraging new creative spaces and expanded services.

4.1 Population

4.1.1 The usual resident population of Walsham le Willows parish was 1,213 in the 2011 census (KS101EW). The population was 49.8 per cent male and 50.2 per cent female. The 2019 population estimate was 1,292 for Walsham le Willows parish.⁸

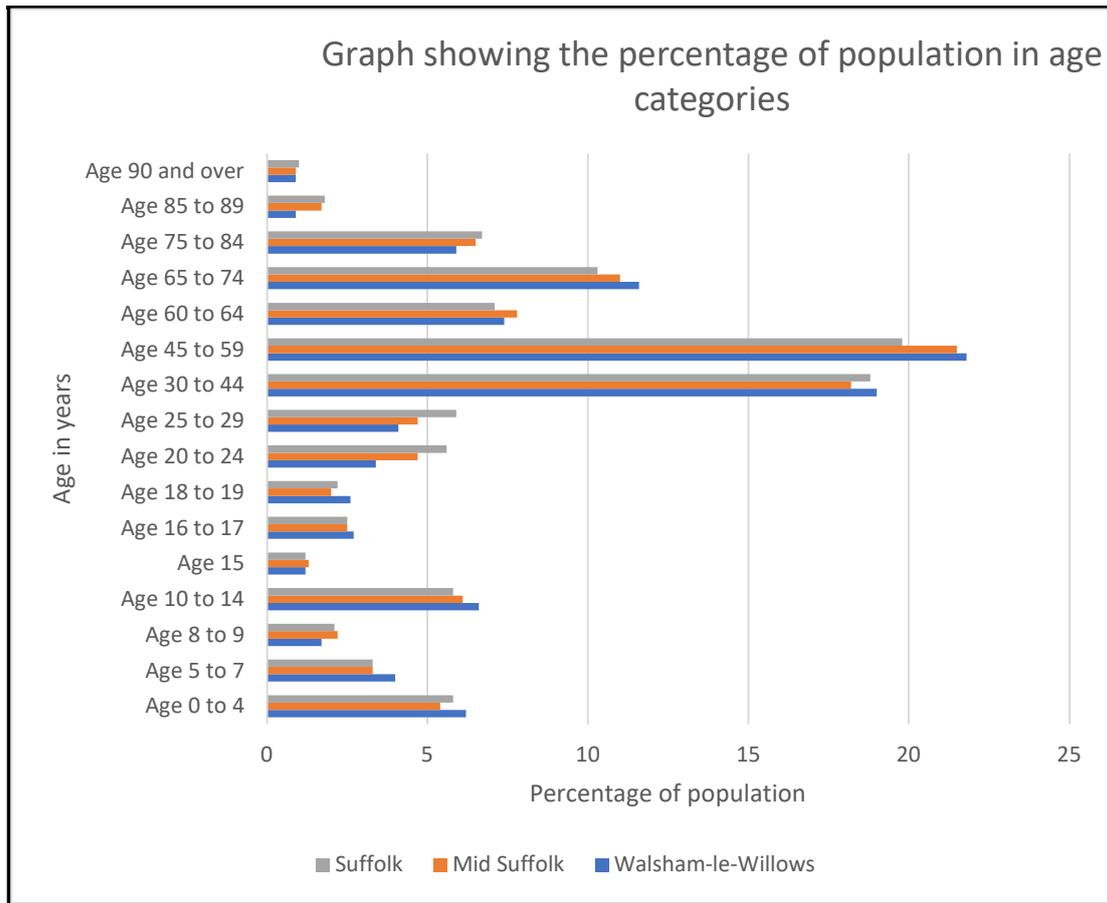
4.1.2 The age structure of Walsham le Willows parish from the 2011 Census data is shown in the table below. The mean age of residents in Walsham le Willows was 41.5 years in the 2011 Census compared with 42.4 years for Mid Suffolk and 41.7 years for Suffolk.

Figure 10 and 11 below: Age structure of the population of Walsham le Willows, Mid Suffolk District and Suffolk from the 2011 Census.

Source: www.rsonline.org.uk data obtained 21.09.2021.

Age of residents	Percentage of population		
	Walsham le Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
0 – 4 years	6.2	5.4	5.8
5 – 7 years	4.0	3.3	3.3
8 – 9 years	1.7	2.2	2.1
10 – 14 years	6.6	6.1	5.8
15 years	1.2	1.3	1.2
16 – 17 years	2.7	2.5	2.5
18 – 19 years	2.6	2.0	2.2
20 – 24 years	3.4	4.7	5.6
25 – 29 years	4.1	4.7	5.9
30 – 44 years	19.0	18.2	18.8
45 – 59 years	21.8	21.5	19.8
60 – 64 years	7.4	7.8	7.1
65 – 74 years	11.6	11.0	10.3
75 – 84 years	5.9	6.5	6.7
85 – 89 years	0.9	1.7	1.8
90 and over	0.9	0.9	1.0

⁸ <https://www.suffolkobservatory.info/population/report/view/62646f73d23e489098a5cdad7a116eed/E04009268>
Information retrieved 21.09.2021.



4.2 Health and wellbeing

4.2.1 The table below shows how residents of Walsham le Willows reported their health in the 2011 Census (KS310EW) compared to Mid Suffolk and Suffolk.

Figure 12 below: Table showing how residents of Walsham le Willows reported their health in the 2011 Census.

Source: www.nomisweb.co.uk data obtained 21.09.2021.

Area	Health reported by population in 2011 Census				
	Very good health	Good health	Fair health	Bad health	Very bad health
Walsham le Willows	50.5%	34.9%	10.3%	2.5%	1.8%
Mid Suffolk district	47.9%	35.3%	12.9%	3.1%	0.8%
Suffolk	45.9%	35.7%	13.6%	3.7%	1.0%

4.2.2 The table overleaf shows how residents of Walsham le Willows reported how limited their day-to-day activities were in the 2011 Census (KS301EW) compared to Mid Suffolk and Suffolk.

Figure 13 below: Table showing how residents of Walsham le Willows reported their day-to-day activity was affected by health in the 2011 Census.

Source: www.nomisweb.co.uk data obtained 21.09.2021.

Area	Day-to-day activity limited by Health reported by population in 2011 Census		
	Day-to-day activities limited a lot	Day-to-day activities limited a little	Day-to-day activities not limited
Walsham le Willows	5.9%	7.5%	86.6%
Mid Suffolk District	6.7%	9.9%	83.4%
Suffolk	7.9%	10.1%	82.1%

4.2.3 There are General Practitioners Surgeries located in the surrounding villages of Ixworth, Stanton, Botesdale, Woolpit and Bacton. There is no surgery within Walsham le Willows parish.

4.3 Qualifications

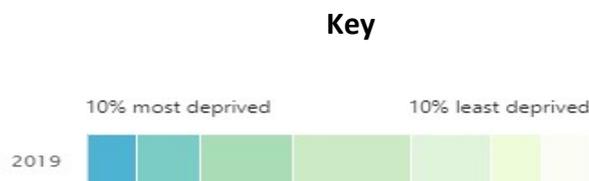
4.3.1 Data from the 2011 Census (KS501EW) shows that 21.4% of people have no qualifications compared to 22.3% for Mid Suffolk and 24.3% for Suffolk.

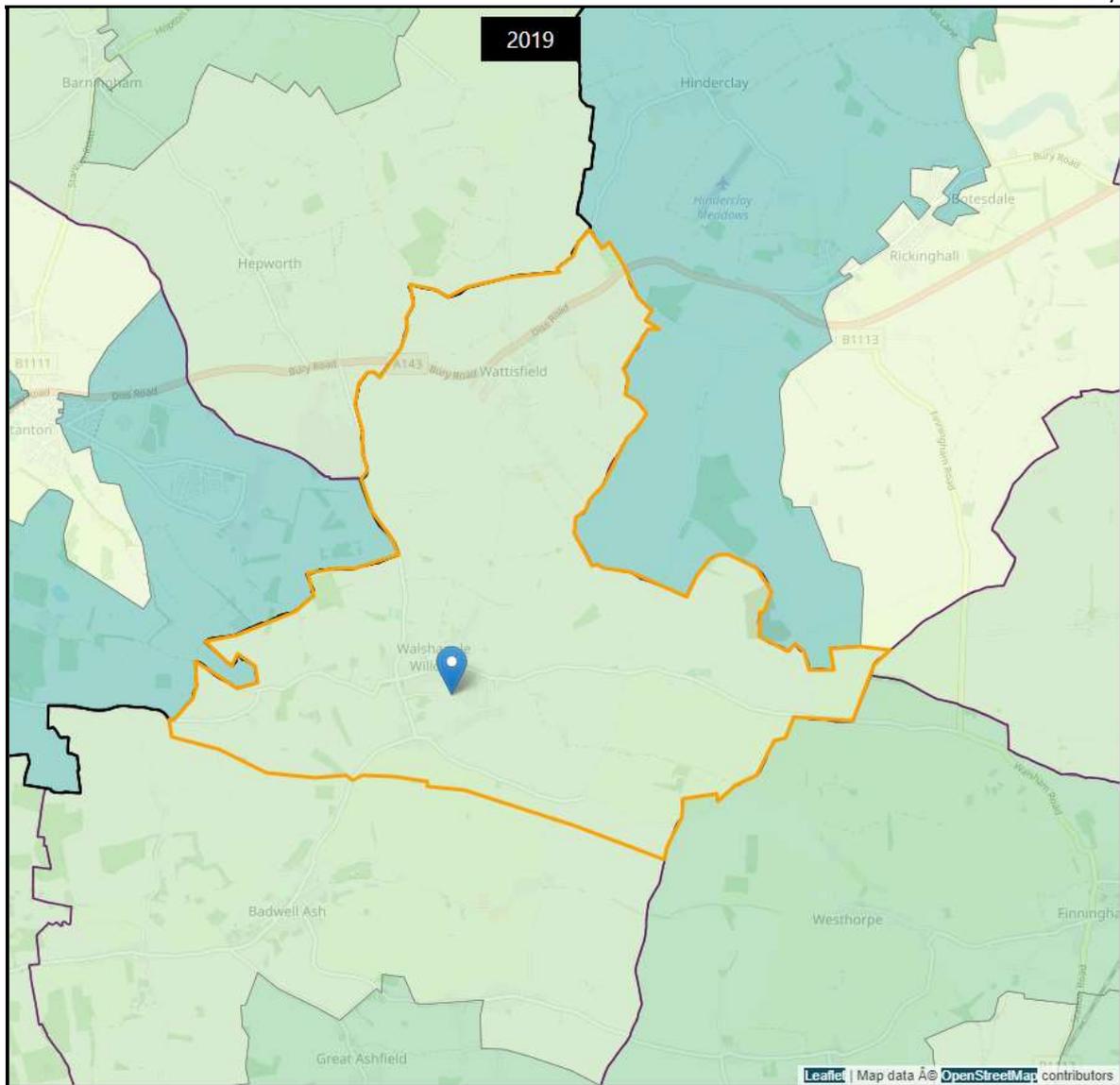
4.4 Deprivation

4.4.1 Walsham le Willows is located within Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) Mid Suffolk 002F. A Lower Super Output Area is a geographical area.

Figure 14 overleaf: Map showing the LSOA 002F covering Walsham le Willows parish.

Source: http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html. Maps obtained 21.09.2021.





4.4.2 In the Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2019 LSOA 002F was ranked 19,904 out of 32,844 LSOAs in England where 1 is the most deprived LSOA. This is amongst the 40% least deprived neighbourhoods in the country. In 2015 this LSOA was ranked 19,568 out of 32,844, which was amongst the 50% least deprived neighbourhoods.

4.4.3 The Indices of Multiple Deprivation are made up of seven domains. In 2019 LSOA Mid Suffolk 002F was amongst the:

- 40% least deprived neighbourhoods for Income Deprivation.
- 20% least deprived neighbourhoods for Employment Deprivation.
- 50% most deprived neighbourhoods for Education, Skills and Training.
- 10% least deprived neighbourhoods for Health, Deprivation and Disability.
- 10% least deprived neighbourhoods for Crime.
- 10% most deprived neighbourhoods for Barriers to Housing and Services. This measures the physical and financial accessibility of housing and local services.
- 30% most deprived neighbourhoods for Living Environment Deprivation.
- 50% least deprived neighbourhoods for Income Deprivation Affecting Children.

- 40% least deprived neighbourhoods for Income Deprivation Affecting Older People.

4.4.3 'The Hidden Needs in Suffolk Taking the Long View 2020 - A Report to Suffolk Community Foundation' by The University of Suffolk provides a detailed breakdown of deprivation in Suffolk and can be read at <https://www.suffolkcf.org.uk/suffolks-hidden-needs-report-2020>.

4.5 Crime

4.5.1 Crime data for Walsham le Willows Ward shows 36 crimes August 2020 to July 2021. This is a crime rate of 20 per 1,000 people. This is lower than the rate for Suffolk at 64 per 1,000 people.⁹

4.6 Education

4.6.1 Little Willows pre-school has been operating in Walsham for over 26 years, providing early years education and childcare for children aged 2 – 5 years and is situated in a purpose-built building on the primary school site. Breakfast and after school are provided for pre-school and primary school aged children.

4.6.2 Walsham le Willows C of E VCP school is situated on Wattisfield Road and serves pupils aged 5 – 11 years. The admission number for Walsham le Willows Primary School is 20 and there are currently no plans to change this number. Information in Figure 12 below provided by Suffolk County Council shows the forecast Reception intake and total pupil numbers for the next five years. The total pupils include those expected to arise from the two housing developments in the area. Suffolk County Council stated that the school is forecast to be full, so if further housing growth was proposed then the Place Planning Team would need to look at the options for any additional children. These options could include expanding the current school, relocating the school as has just happened in Thurston or using other neighbouring schools to accommodate them. This would depend on factors such as the number of new houses, the suitability of the current school and site for expansion and any demographic changes.

⁹ <https://www.suffolkobservatory.info/crime-and-community-safety> Data obtained 21.09.2021.

Figure 15 below: Table showing the forecast Reception intake and total pupil numbers at Walsham le Willows Primary School.

Source: Information provided by Suffolk County Council 27.09.2021.

Walsham le Willows Primary School	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Reception intake	16	20	17	14	20
Total pupils	133	139	144	141	143

4.6.3 Thurston High School serves pupils aged 11 – 16 years. Thurston Sixth Form Beyton Campus is located in the nearby village of Beyton for students in years 12 and 13. Seckford Educational Trust Ixworth School also serves 11 – 16 year olds from Walsham le Willows.

4.7 Community

4.7.1 Walsham le Willows has an active community with a range of services, facilities, clubs and groups to meet the needs of residents. Clubs and groups include:

- Allotments Association
- Baby and toddler group
- Bell ringers
- Book club
- Boot Camp
- Children's Praise
- Parochial Church Council
- Cinema Club - this ceased over lockdown
- Community Council and Coffee Shop
- Community Lunch
- Gardens Weekend Committee
- History group
- Horticultural Show
- Martineau Trust
- Meditation group
- Neighbourhood Plan group
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Observer
- Old Town Trust
- Play Area
- Poppy Appeal
- Royal British Legion
- Sports club
- Town Farm Charity

- Wild Wood group
- Women's Institute
- Yoga

- 4.7.2 The Walsham-le-Willows Community Council is a voluntary organisation and a registered charity for the benefit of the community and are responsible for managing the Memorial Hall, funding and publication of The Walsham Observer, hosting the Satellite Post Office and running the Coffee Shop, the provision of entertainment and the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
- 4.7.3 The village website www.walsham-le-willows.org provides wide-ranging information on the area.
- 4.7.4 The Walsham Observer is a monthly community magazine, delivered to every household by volunteers. The online version can be found at <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/read-the-observer-online/>.
- 4.7.5 Community buildings in Walsham le Willows include the:
- Memorial Hall.
 - Priory Room.
 - St. Mary's Parish Church.
 - Congregational Church.
 - Sports Club including football pitches, cricket pitch, tennis court, pavilion, artificial football pitch and a 50-space car park.
- 4.7.6 Annual village events include:
- The annual arts and crafts exhibition.
 - Church fayre.
 - Epiphany singers.
 - Horticultural show.
 - Open gardens.
 - Every August bank holiday weekend, up to thirty gardens are opened in the village and live music, art exhibitions and refreshments are provided for villagers and visitors.
 - Remembrance poppies
 - Toad watch.
- 4.7.7 The play and recreation park is situated on Townhouse Road and contains play equipment for all ages of children. The Parish Council has signed a lease for the play and recreation park and has Community Infrastructure Levy funding allocated to the development of the play park. The Parish Council will also be bidding for further funds. The Play Council completed a questionnaire during the summer of 2018 and the results can be seen in Appendix C. The Parish Council are asking for views on the proposals for the Play Park development, which include:

- Phase 1: Development of a younger children's area. Including a large centre piece, several activity areas, e.g. Large Wooden 'ship' or 'fort' with a slide, log climber, rock climber, log ramp etc. Cradle Swing with 2 cradle seats, a Horse Safari Springer and a Two way Shark Springer. Combined picnic table and seats.
- Phase 2: A timber 20m zip wire with a 2m platform.
- Existing equipment will be refurbished. Grounds and wooded area will be tidied and developed, hopefully with the help of local volunteers.
- There could be later additions such as a Sunken Mini Trampoline, as and when further funding becomes available.¹⁰

4.7.7 There is a small play area on Willow Close.

4.7.8 [Walsham-le-Willows Sports Club](#) is a not-for-profit Community Amateur Sports Club, located on Summer Road a quarter of a mile from the Church / Six Bells crossroads. The club is administered by volunteers. The current site has been the home of the village football and cricket teams going back to the late 1800s. The Sports Club currently contains grass football pitches, artificial grass training pitch, a tennis court, floodlighting, car park, cricket ground and a pavilion.¹¹

4.7.9 There is a mobile Post Office in the Memorial Hall car park on a Tuesday and a Thursday 11:00 – 12:00.

4.7.10 A team of 30 volunteers operate a coffee shop on a Thursday morning from the Memorial Hall.

4.7.11 The Old Town Trust is a charity that owns land within Walsham le Willows and utilises any surplus income for the charitable benefit of the inhabitants and organisations of Walsham le Willows and surrounding districts. The Old Town Trust provide allotments for the village, service church clock, rent trust land, rent three trust cottages and provide donations for other charities in the village. The Town Farm Charity, founded in 1954, makes grants for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the parish from money following the sale of common land at Allwood Green.

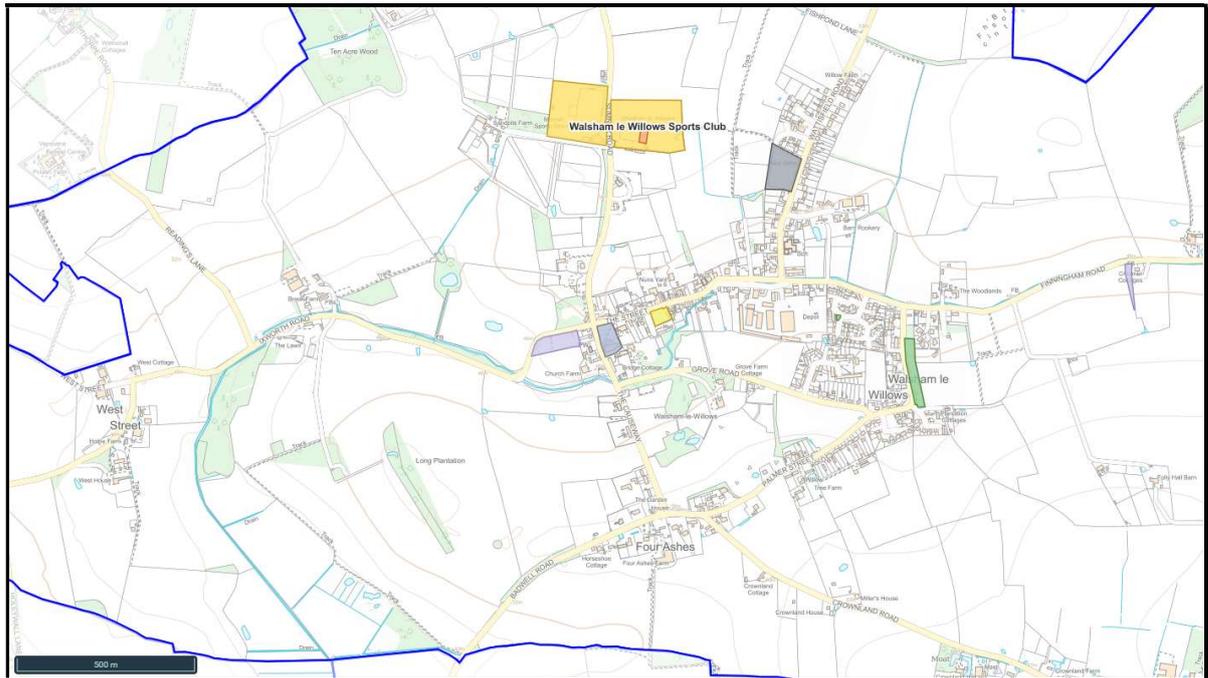
4.7.12 The Walsham Wild Wood Steering Group is made up of volunteers with the aim of creating green space for wildlife and the community. Since 2012 the Walsham Wild Wood steering group has leased a field from the Old Town Trust. The wood is located just behind the allotments. The aim of the group is to safeguard the long-term future of wood for the generations to come. The group has been improving the village environment by organising the planting and the maintenance of the hectare of land and restoring it to woodland by planting only native species of trees and shrubs.

4.7.13 The location of the allotments can be seen on the map below.

¹⁰ <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/pre-development-request-for-comments-on-the-proposals-for-the-play-park/> Information obtained 22.09.2021.

¹¹ <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/explore/clubs-groups/sports-club/> Information obtained 13.10.2021.

**Figure 17 below: Map showing green spaces in Walsham le Willows parish.
Source: Parish Online Mapping website. Obtained 07.10.2021.**



4.8.2 The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Open Space Assessment 2016 – 2026 (May 2019)¹² examines existing and projected needs for open space, sport and recreation provision.

4.8.3 The existing provision of open space (hectares) by parish was calculated for each parish. The information for Walsham le Willows is:

- Allotments 0.72 hectares

¹² <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Babergh-and-Mid-Suffolk-Open-Space-Study-May-2019.pdf> Information obtained 22.09.2021.

- Play (child) 0.11 hectares
- Play (youth) 0.05 hectares
- Cemeteries and graveyards 0.93 hectares
- Sports club space 5.42 hectares

4.8.4 The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Open Space Assessment 2019 calculated the existing supply of open space compared to the standards for Open Space provision. The figures show that there is a deficit of amenity green space and parks and recreation grounds. These figures can help inform decisions about the form of new open spaces and improvements to existing open spaces.

Figure 18 below: Table showing the existing supply of Open Space in hectares in Walsham le Willows compared to the standards for Open Space provision.

Source: The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Open Space Assessment 2019. Information obtained 22.09.2021.

Parish	Allotments	Amenity Greenspace	Parks and Recreation Grounds	Play (Child)	Play (Youth)	Population
Walsham le Willows	0.36	-1.21	-1.21	0.04	0	1213

4.8.5 The Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy – Update 2021, includes supporting Walsham le Willows Sports Club to extend their provision as a potential priority infrastructure project within a medium scale timeframe of three to five years. The document states that ‘Walsham le Willows is an exemplar village Sports Club seeking to broaden their sports and community offer. There is an opportunity to add a full size artificial grass pitch to reduce their reliance on grass football pitches. This would provide space to develop a small sports hall, health and fitness facilities as well as extend community well-being activities.’¹³

4.9 Dark skies

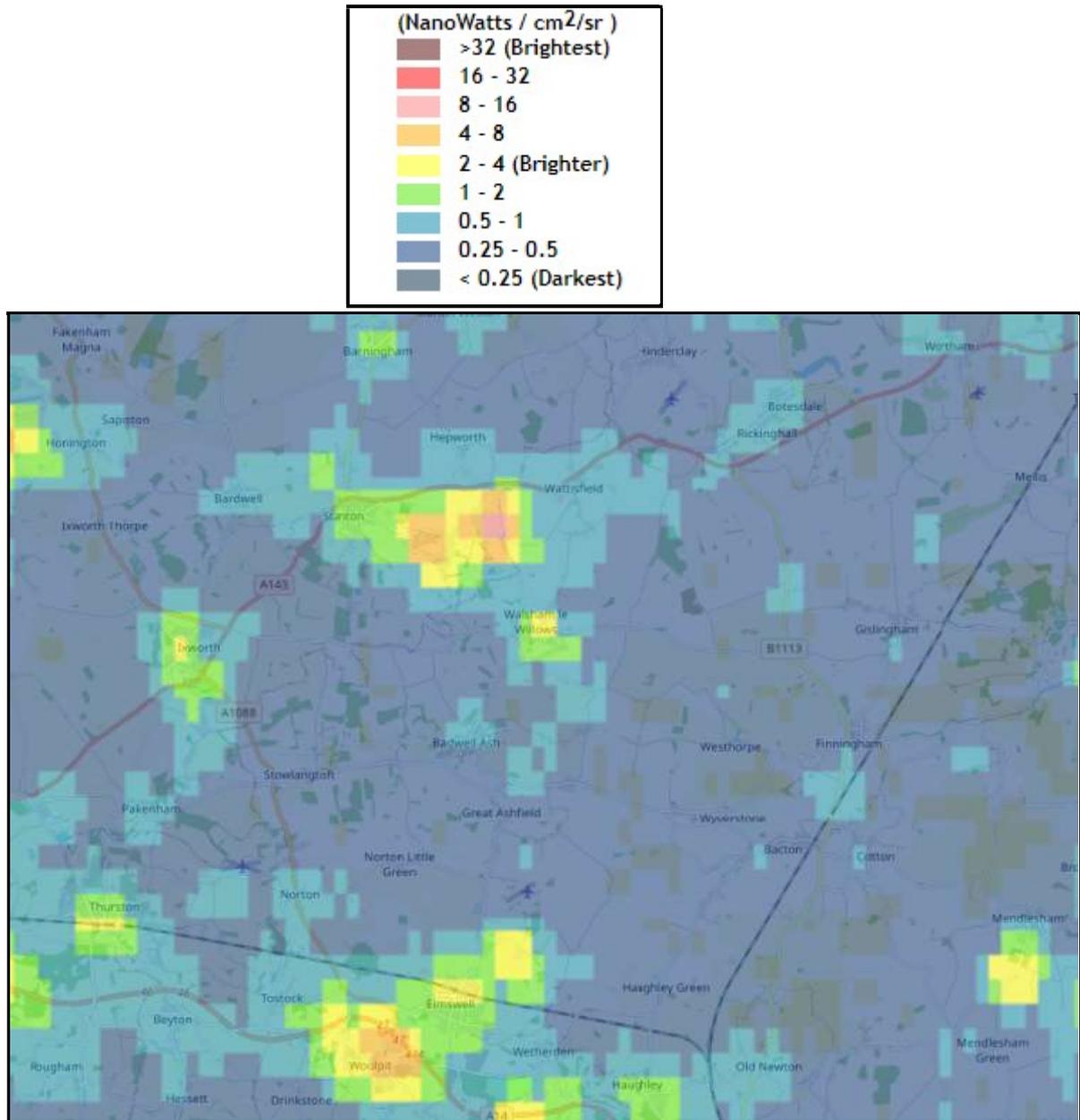
4.9.1 A map showing light pollution and dark skies in Walsham le Willows parish and the surrounding area can be seen on the map overleaf.

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<https://baberghmidsuffolk.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s23553/Appendic%20A%20LSPA%20Strategy%20Update%20Report%20-%20Final%20Ver%202.0.pdf>. Information obtained 30.09.2021.

Figure 19 below: Map showing light pollution and dark skies.

Source: <https://nightblight.cpre.org.uk/maps/>. Obtained 13.10.2021.



5. Transport and accessibility

Draft objective: **Transport & Accessibility**

To promote the environmental wellbeing and health of the residents of Walsham le Willows by providing safe and convenient access, by foot, by bicycle and for disabled users, reducing congestion and pollution through encouraging the use of sustainable transport.

5.1 Public transport

5.1.1 There are three bus services operating in Walsham le Willows:

- 164 Walsham le Willows – Elmswell – Beyton Sixth Form – Thurston Community College Monday to Friday school term time only.
- 304 inbound to Bury St. Edmunds – outbound to Diss.
- 338 inbound to Bury St. Edmunds – outbound to Diss.¹⁴

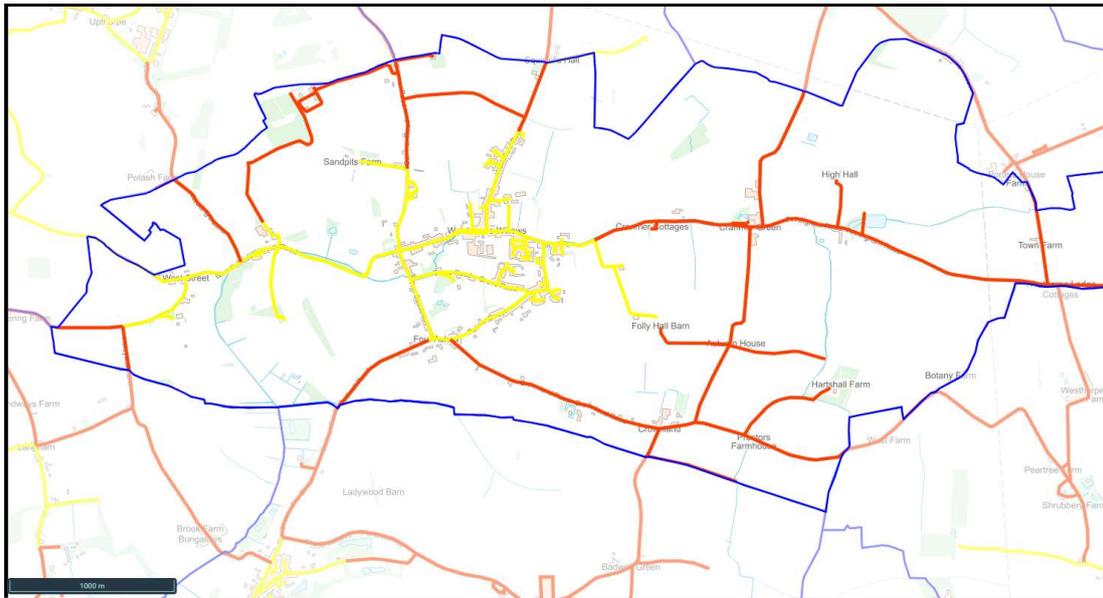
5.1.2 The nearest railway station is in Elmswell, which is 9.4 kilometres from Walsham le Willows. Services are provided by Greater Anglia and run to Ipswich via Stowmarket, Needham Market and to Cambridge via Thurston, Bury St. Edmunds, Kennett and Newmarket. Thurston railway station is 13.3 kilometres from Walsham le Willows. and Diss railway station is 18.6 kilometres from Walsham le Willows.

5.2 Traffic

5.2.1 The map below shows speed limits in the parish of Walsham le Willows. Please note, the map contains some inaccuracies due to including some driveways and footpaths.

Figure 20 overleaf: Map showing the speed limits in the parish of Walsham le Willows. Yellow lines are 30 miles per hour limits. Orange lines are national speed limit. Source: Parish Online mapping website. Information obtained 05.10.2021.

¹⁴ <https://bustimes.org/localities/walsham-le-willows> Information obtained 30.09.2021.



5.2.1 The parish council receives complaints regarding speeding vehicles in the village. Suffolk County Council Highways Department completed seven-day volume, speed and classification surveys on The Street and on Finningham Road. The results of the surveys showed that the speed limit wasn't exceeded on a seven-day average. The speed surveys were completed during lockdown and when emerging from lockdown, therefore traffic flows may be reduced. The result can be found at:

<https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/A4124-The-Street-Walsham-Le-Willows.xlsx>

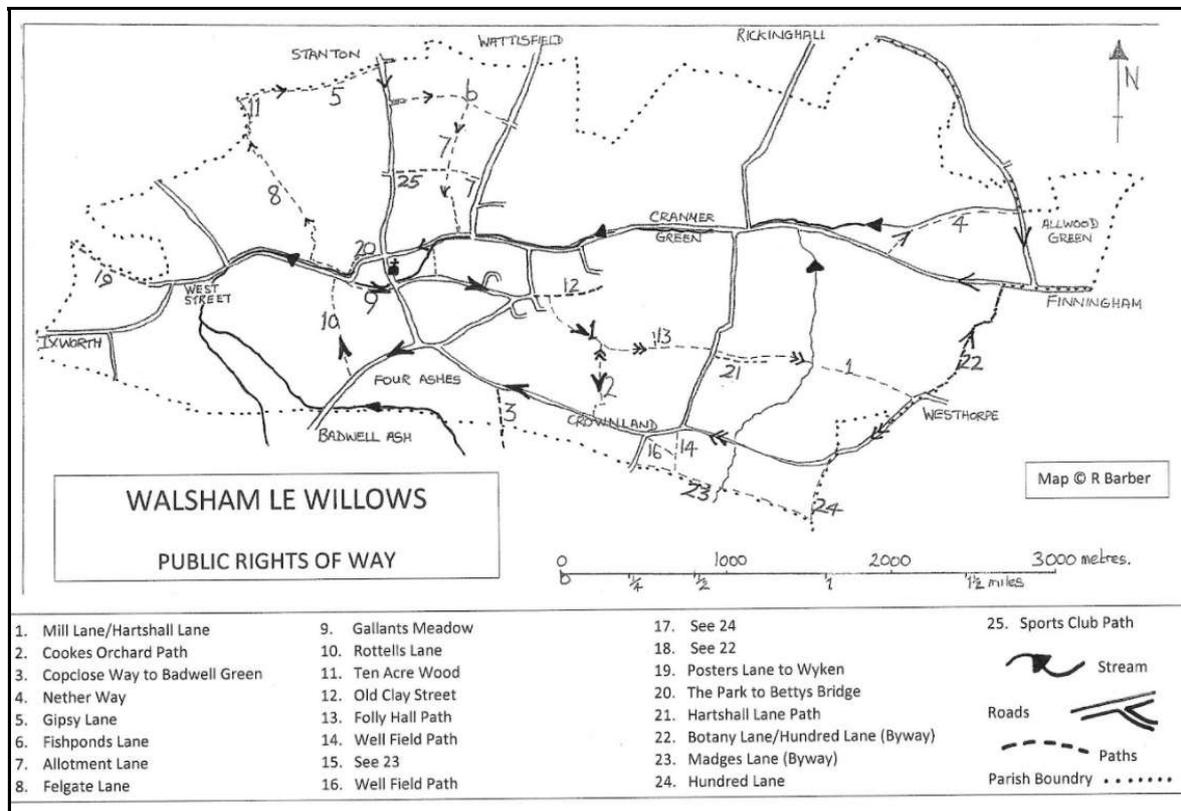
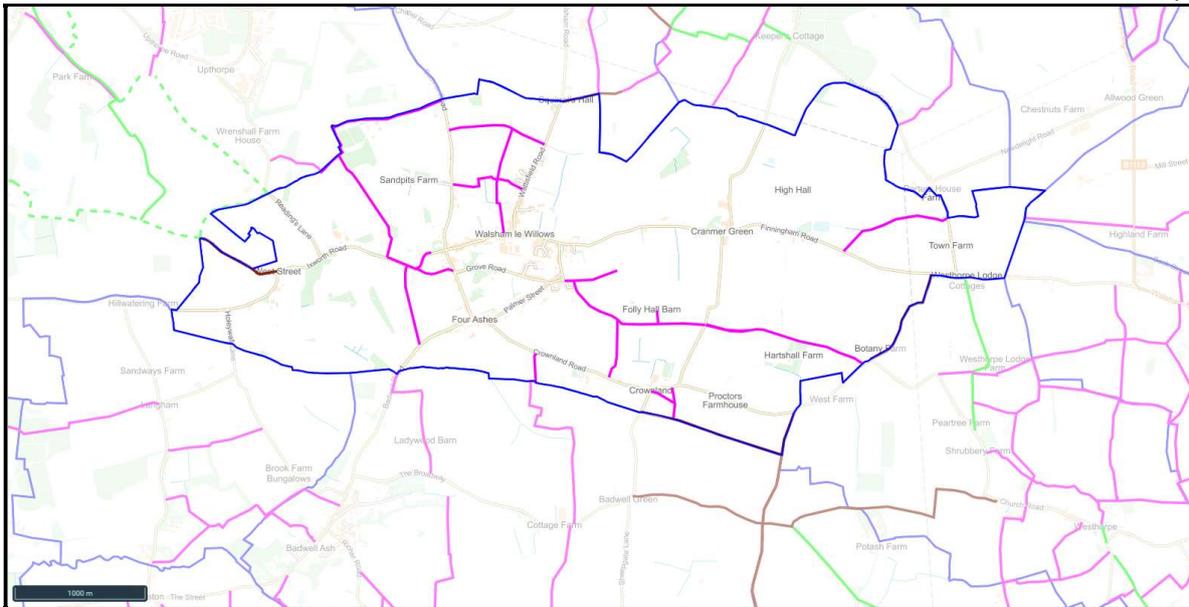
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5.3 Cycling and walking

5.3.1 The maps overleaf show Public Rights of Way in Walsham le Willows parish.

Figure 21 and 22 overleaf: Map showing Public Rights of Way in Walsham le Willows parish. Pink line is a footpath, brown line is a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) public right of way. The green lines are bridleways and the dashed green lines are restricted byways.

Source: Parish Online Mapping website and Parish Council map. Maps obtained 30.09.2021.



5.4 Car ownership and travel to work

- 5.4.1 Data from the 2011 Census shows that car ownership levels in Walsham le Willows are higher than that for Mid Suffolk and Suffolk. 8 per cent of households in Walsham le Willows have no cars or vans in the household, compared to 11.3 per cent for Mid Suffolk and 17.9 per cent for Suffolk.

Figure 23 below: Table showing car ownership levels in Walsham le Willows, Mid Suffolk and Suffolk.

Source: Census 2011 data from Rural Services Online website

<https://www.rsonline.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning-in-mid-suffolk>. Information obtained 30.09.2021.

Area	No cars or vans in household	1 car or van in household	2 cars or vans in household	3 cars or vans in household	4 or more cars or vans in household
Walsham le Willows parish	8%	39.1%	36.7%	11.5%	4.7%
Mid Suffolk District	11.3%	39%	35.9%	9.7%	4.1%
Suffolk	17.9%	43.5%	29.2%	6.8%	2.6%

5.4.2 Data from the 2011 Census shows that the method of travel to work is similar for residents of Walsham le Willows, Mid Suffolk and Suffolk. There are slightly more residents of Walsham le Willows who use the car to travel to work than the percentage of residents for Mid Suffolk and Suffolk.

Figure 24 below: Table showing method of travel to work, Census 2011.

Source: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>. Information obtained 07.10.2010.

Method of Travel to Work	Walsham le Willows parish		Mid Suffolk District		Suffolk	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
All categories: Method of travel to work	880	100%	70,073	100%	525,463	100%
Work mainly at or from home	67	8%	4,163	6%	21,441	4%
Underground, metro, light rail, tram	1	0%	61	0%	496	0%
Train	8	1%	1,419	2%	7,236	1%
Bus, minibus or coach	13	1%	719	1%	11,428	2%
Taxi	1	0%	70	0%	1,194	0%
Motorcycle, scooter or moped	1	0%	382	1%	3,231	1%

Driving a car or van	446	51%	33,974	48%	229,819	44%
Passenger in a car or van	32	4%	2,068	3%	18,790	4%
Bicycle	19	2%	1,393	2%	13,969	3%
On foot	28	3%	4,069	6%	41,706	8%
Other method of travel to work	11	1%	252	0%	2,450	0%
Not in employment	253	29%	21,503	31%	173,703	33%

5.4.3 Data from the 2011 Census shows that the highest percentage of Walsham le Willows residents travel between 10 kilometres and 20 kilometres to work. 18 per cent of residents of Walsham le Willows worked from home, which is higher than the percentage from Mid Suffolk and Suffolk.

Figure 25 below: Table showing distanced travelled to work, Census 2011.

Source: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>. Information obtained 07.10.2010.

Distance travelled to work	Walsham le Willows		Mid Suffolk District		Suffolk	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
All categories: Distance travelled to work	627	100%	48,570	100%	351,760	100%
Less than 2km	43	7%	6,195	13%	68,617	20%
2km to less than 5km	47	7%	4,066	8%	56,415	16%
5km to less than 10km	53	8%	6,931	14%	41,975	12%
10km to less than 20km	209	33%	9,166	19%	53,004	15%
20km to less than 30km	17	3%	4,951	10%	25,948	7%
30km to less than 40km	37	6%	2,164	4%	11,604	3%
40km to less than 60km	28	4%	1,362	3%	8,822	3%

60km and over	24	4%	2,207	5%	15,532	4%
Work mainly at or from home	110	18%	7,274	15%	40,342	11%
Other	59	9%	4,254	9%	29,501	8%

6. Natural and Historic Environment

Draft objective: **Natural and Historic Environment**

To enhance and safeguard the natural and heritage assets of the parish (wildlife, landscape, green spaces, water courses, and listed buildings), and retain the important distinctive character and identity of individual parts of the settlement.

6.1 Landscape character

- 6.1.1 The Joint Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council Landscape Guidance August 2015¹⁵ divides Mid Suffolk district into 12 landscape typologies as identified in the Suffolk County Council Landscape Character Assessment. Each landscape character provides a brief description of the essential defining characteristics of the landscape and settlements. Walsham le Willows is identified as Ancient Plateau Claylands.
- 6.1.2 The Key Characteristics of Ancient Plateau Claylands are gently rolling heavy clay plateaux with ancient woodlands. The Landscape Character is described as:
- I. The top of the plateau is generally flat or only gently undulating, with attractive small valleys. Towards the edges it is more dissected with greater more complex slopes.
 - II. Land cover is predominantly arable farmland retaining much of the older field patterns of irregular partitions along with numerous areas of pasture land with substantial blocks of woodland and established hedgerows.
 - III. Some areas have experienced large losses of hedgerow due to changing agricultural practices resulting in the creation of open arable “prairie” landscapes.
 - IV. The ancient and plantation woodlands that cover this landscape character consist of; Combs Wood, Bonny Wood in Barking, Westhall Wood near Rickingham and Burgate Wood.
 - V. Many areas of poor draining clay plateaux are covered with former greens and commons which range in size from small triangular greens at junctions such as at Cross Green in Old Newton to two of the largest surviving greens in Suffolk of Mellis Green and Wortham Long Green. Other areas are recognised as greens by their names; Battisford Tye, Barking Tye, Charles Tye and Willisham Tye. These surviving Greens and Tyes contribute significantly to local character.
 - VI. There are only occasional landscape parks within this Landscape type such as at Thornham Magna and Stowlangtoft.
 - VII. Unlike the Plateau Clayland landscape blocks of ancient woodland are visibly present in the landscape.
 - VIII. Airfields are a recurring feature and within this landscape character, in Mid Suffolk; there is Eye Airfield which has a significant visual impact due to the level topography in this area.

¹⁵ <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Current-Evidence-Base/Joint-Landscape-Guidance-Aug-2015.pdf> Information retrieved 02.10.2021.

6.1.3 The Settlement Character is:

- I. Scattered settlement pattern ranging from farmsteads, clustered development of various sizes to the elongation (ribbon development) of larger groups. Mellis Common- one of the largest surviving greens in Suffolk.
- II. The narrow roads through this landscape character travels through open countryside framed by hedgerows and areas of woodland and with pockets of farmsteads set well back from the road and isolated villages with a ribbon settlement pattern sporadically located. Providing a quiet and rural atmosphere.
- III. Soft landscaping has ensured existing settlements are well screened and do not have a negative visual impact of this flat landscape character.

6.1.4 The Aims for this Landscape Character are to retain, enhance and restore the distinctive landscape and settlement character. In particular strengthening the woodland, parkland and prairie landscape with appropriate planting and safeguarding the dispersed settlement pattern.

6.1.5 The Objectives are:

- To maintain and enhance the landscape areas and settlement pattern, ensuring the sense of separation between settlements is maintained where appropriate.
- To reinforce and enhance the existing field boundaries.
- To safeguard the plantation and ancient woodland areas.
- Safeguard the parkland areas.

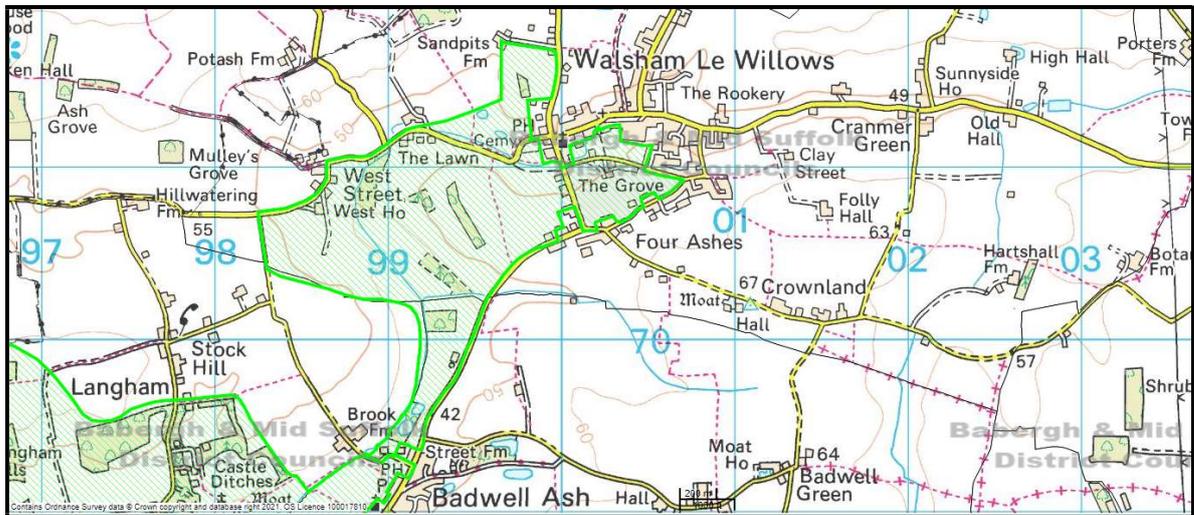
6.1.6 The Key Design Principles are:

1. This is quite open landscape with the potential of any form of development to be visibility intrusive if it has been designed without sufficient screening or an appropriate landscape design plan.
2. Reinforce and enhance parkland features in new developments where appropriate.
3. Ancient woodlands and old existing hedge lines are to be protected and maintained within this landscape character.
4. To maintain the character and condition of the landscape any major developments will enter into a Section 106 Legal Agreement for landscaping.

6.1.7 The 2006 Mid Suffolk Local Plan identifies a Special Landscape Area covering the south-east area of Walsham le Willows parish. Special Landscape Areas were designated in district planning policy because of their landscape sensitivity and scenic quality. The emerging Joint Local Plan does not propose to continue with the Special Landscape Area designations and they will cease to exist once the Joint Local Plan is adopted in 2022.

Figure 26 below: Map showing the Special Landscape Area covering the south-east part of Walsham le Willows parish.

Source: <http://maps.midsuffolk.gov.uk/>. Map obtained 06.10.2021.

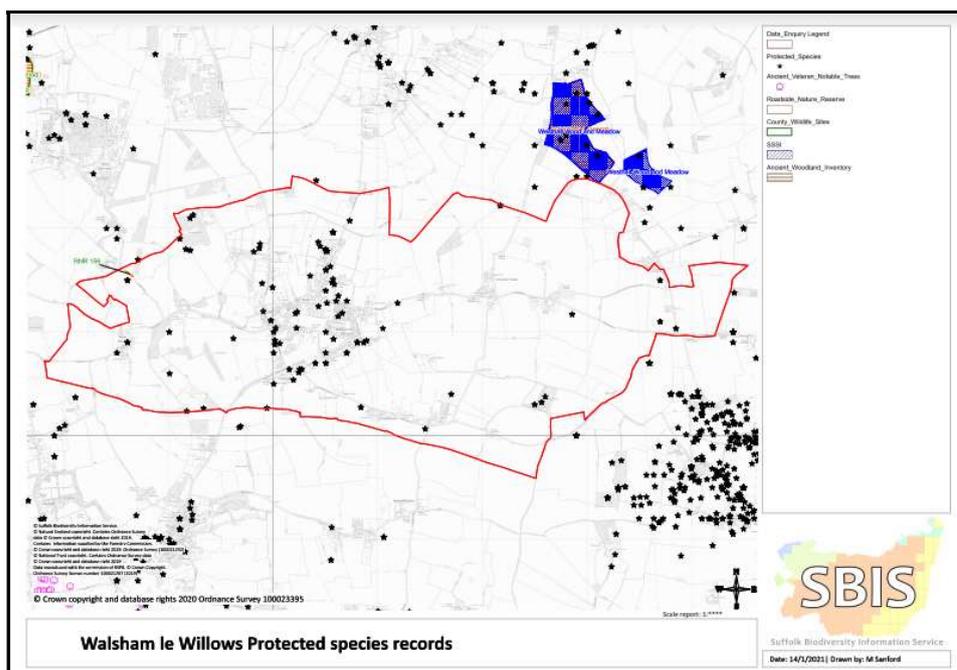


6.2 Biodiversity and geodiversity

6.2.1 The Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service have provided a list of protected species and habitats to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the map below showing protected species and sites in Walsham le Willows parish.

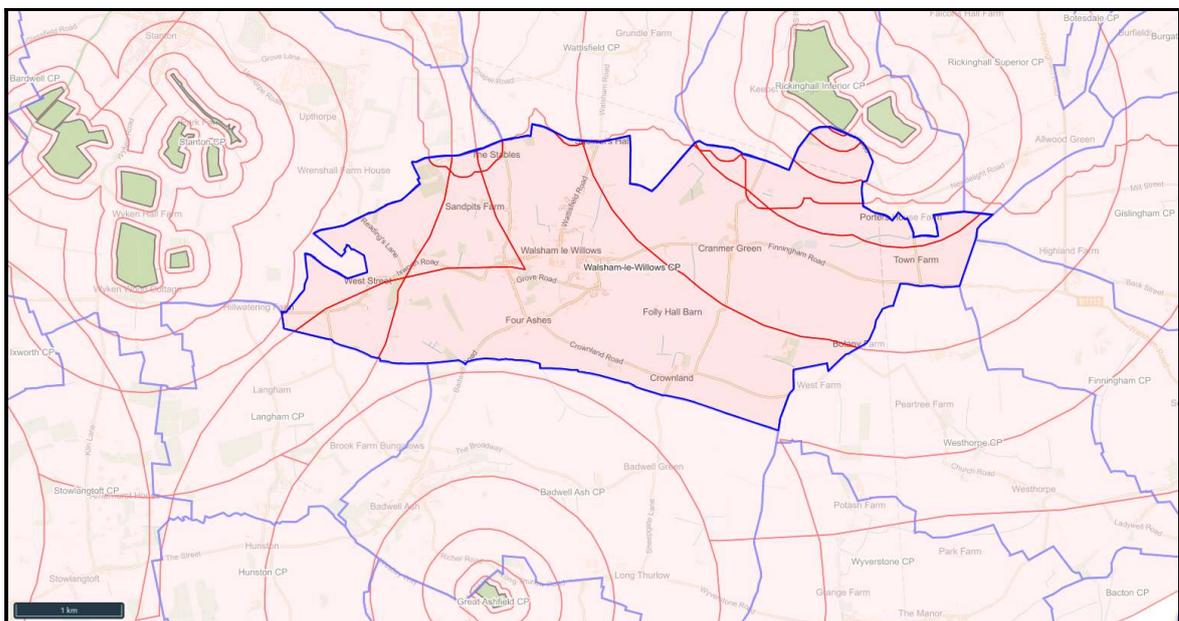
Figure 27 below: Map showing protected species and sites in Walsham le Willows parish and the surrounding area.

Source: Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service.



6.2.2 There are Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) in the neighbouring parishes of Rickingham and Stanton. Walsham le Willows is in the Site of Special Scientific Interest Risk Zones for Stanton Woods Site of Special Scientific Interest, Westhall Wood and Meadow Site of Special Scientific Interest and The Gardens Great Ashfield Site of Special Scientific Interest. The Impact Risk Zones (IRZs) are a GIS tool developed by Natural England to make a rapid initial assessment of the potential risks to SSSIs posed by development proposals. They define zones around each SSSI which reflect particular sensitivities of the features for which it is notified and indicate the types of development proposals which could potentially have adverse impacts.¹⁶

Figure 28 below: Map showing the SSSI Risk Zones covering Walsham le Willows parish. Source: Parish Online. Map obtained 06.10.2021.

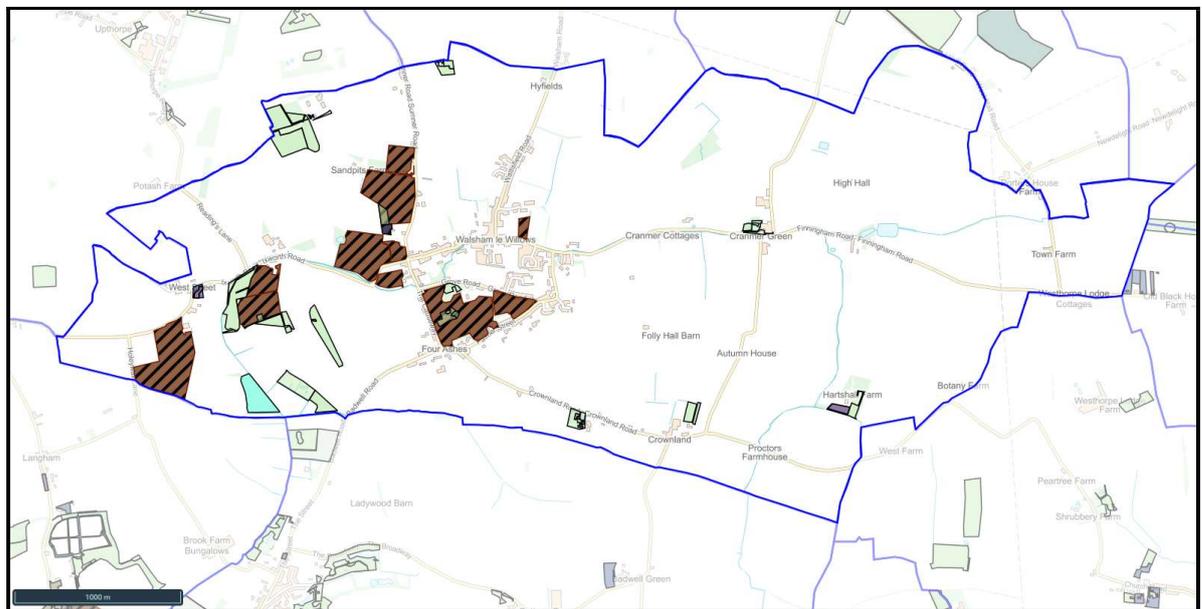
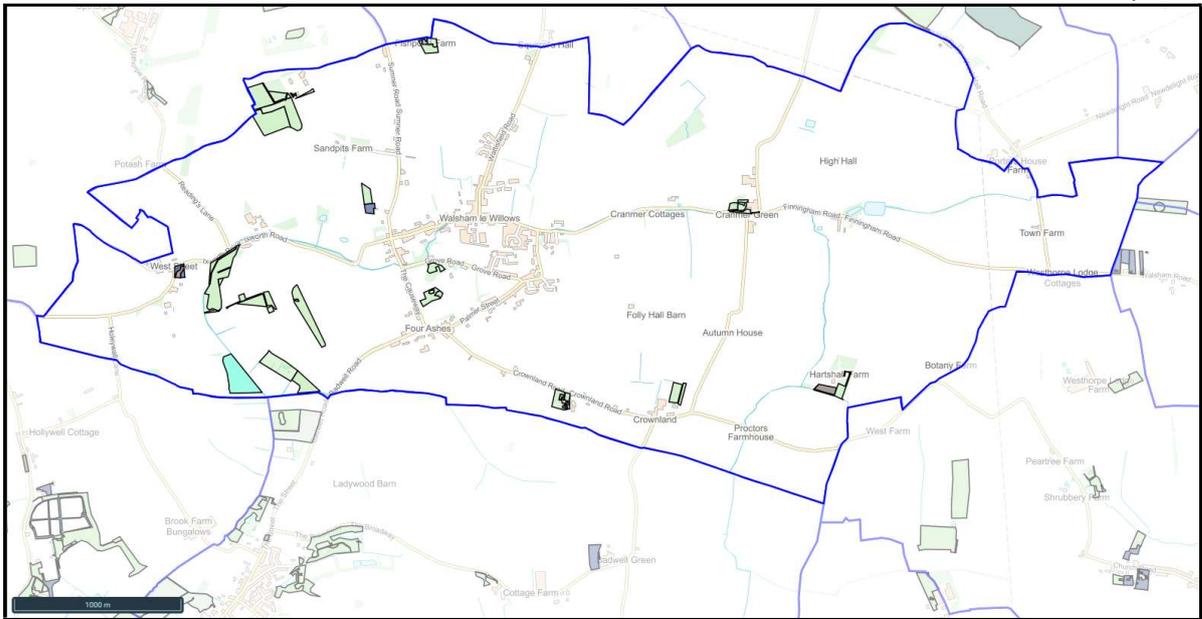


6.2.3 The map below shows the Priority Habitat Inventory Areas in Walsham le Willows parish. These areas can be sensitive to development and are capable of being a consideration when determining planning applications.

Figures 29 and 30 overleaf: Maps showing Priority Habitat Inventory Areas in Walsham le Willows parish. Green indicates deciduous woodland, turquoise indicates floodplain grazing marsh and pale brown indicates traditional orchard, brown with hatching is wood pasture and parkland.

Source: Parish Online mapping website. Obtained 07.10.2021.

¹⁶ [SSSI IRZ User Guidance MAGIC.pdf \(defra.gov.uk\)](#) Information obtained 25.09.2021.



6.2.4 The UK Red List for Birds lists species of conservation concern. Birds species that live in Walsham le Willows parish and are on the UK Red List for Birds includes the curlew, grey partridge, lapwing, redshank, stone curlew, the turtle dove and the yellow hammer.¹⁷ Arable Assemblage Farmland Birds (corn bunting, grey partridge, lapwing, turtle dove, tree sparrow and yellow wagtail) and Grassland Assemblage Farmland Birds (curlew, lapwing, redshank, snipe, yellow wagtail) are also found in Walsham le Willows parish. The Bird Conservation Targeting Project (BCTP) produces breeding distribution maps for a suite of rare and declining farmland and/or woodland birds. The maps can be used to guide the prescription of land management advice based on the species already breeding in an area, or for allocating funding towards sites known to be important for birds.¹⁸

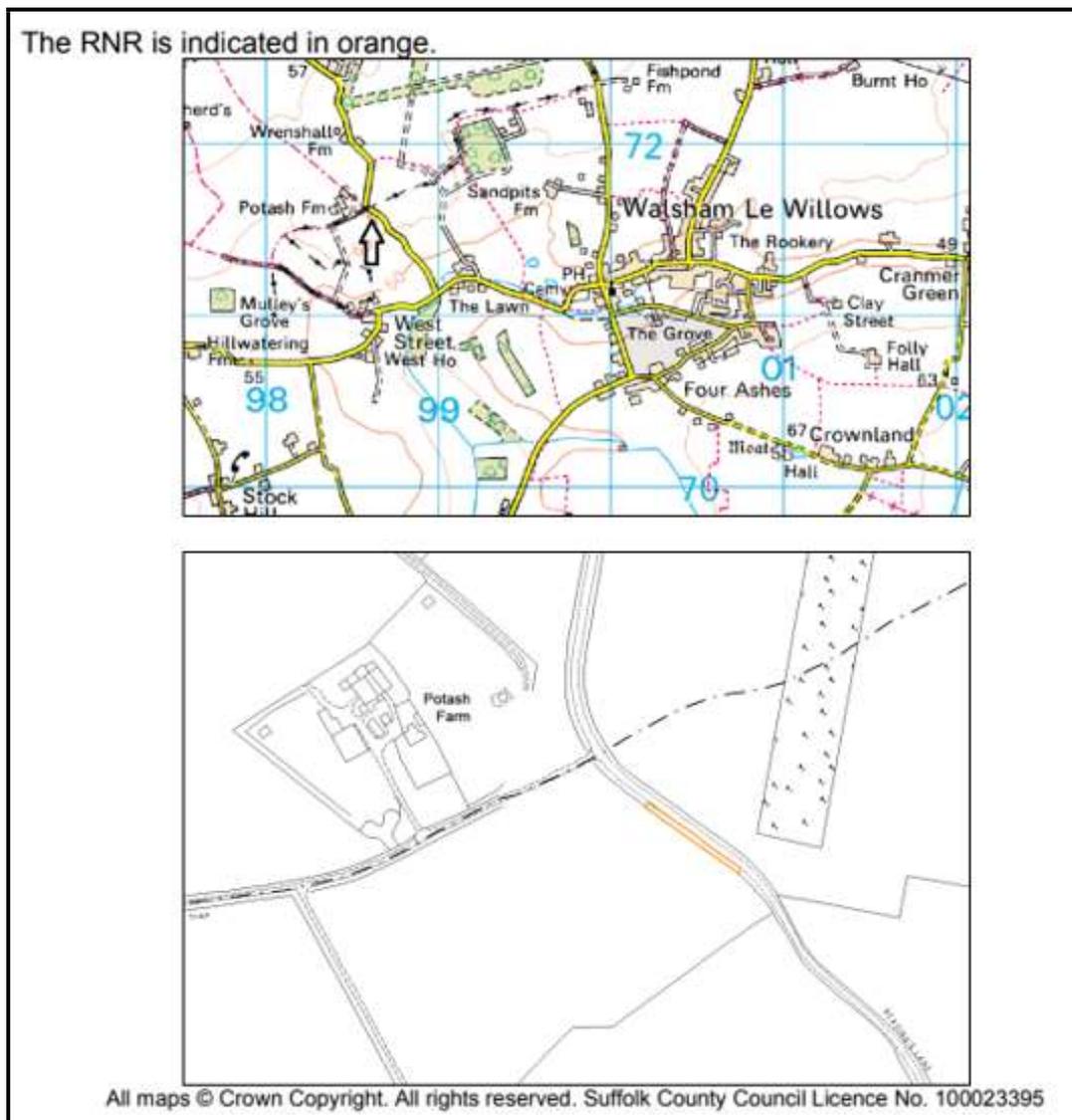
¹⁷ <https://www.bto.org/our-science/publications/psob>. Information obtained 07.10.2021.

¹⁸ <https://magic.defra.gov.uk/magicmap.aspx> Information obtained 11.10.2021.

6.2.5 The Walsham le Willows Roadside Nature Reserve No. 156 is indicated in orange in the maps below.

Figure 31 below: Maps showing the location of Walsham le Willows Roadside Nature Reserve No. 156.

Source: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/planning-waste-and-environment/suffolks-countryside-and-wildlife/RNRs/Walsham-le-Willows-RNR-156.pdf> Information obtained 07.10.2021.



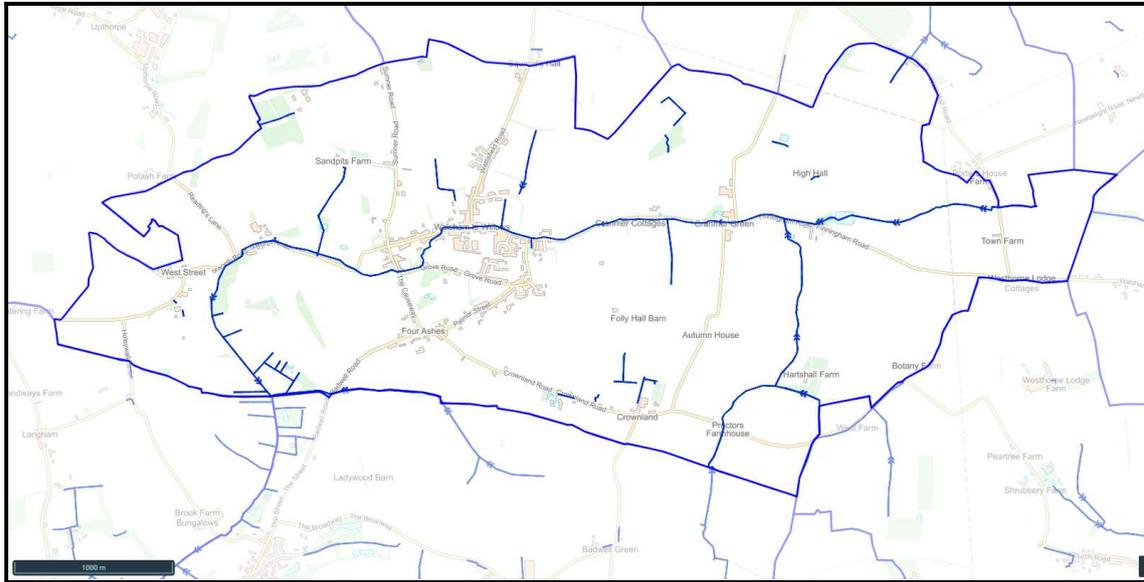
6.2.5 Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) is a system used in England and Wales to grade the quality of land for agricultural use, according to the extent by which physical or chemical characteristics impose long-term limitations. It is used to inform planning decisions affecting greenfield sites. The agricultural land in Walsham le Willows is classified as Grade 3 Good to Moderate.¹⁹

¹⁹<http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/127056?category=5954148537204736>. Information obtained 02.10.2021.

6.3 Water, rivers and flooding

6.3.1 A map of water courses in Walsham le Willows parish can be seen below.

**Figure 32 below: Map showing watercourses in Walsham le Willows parish.
Source: Parish Online mapping website. Information obtained 06.10.2021.**

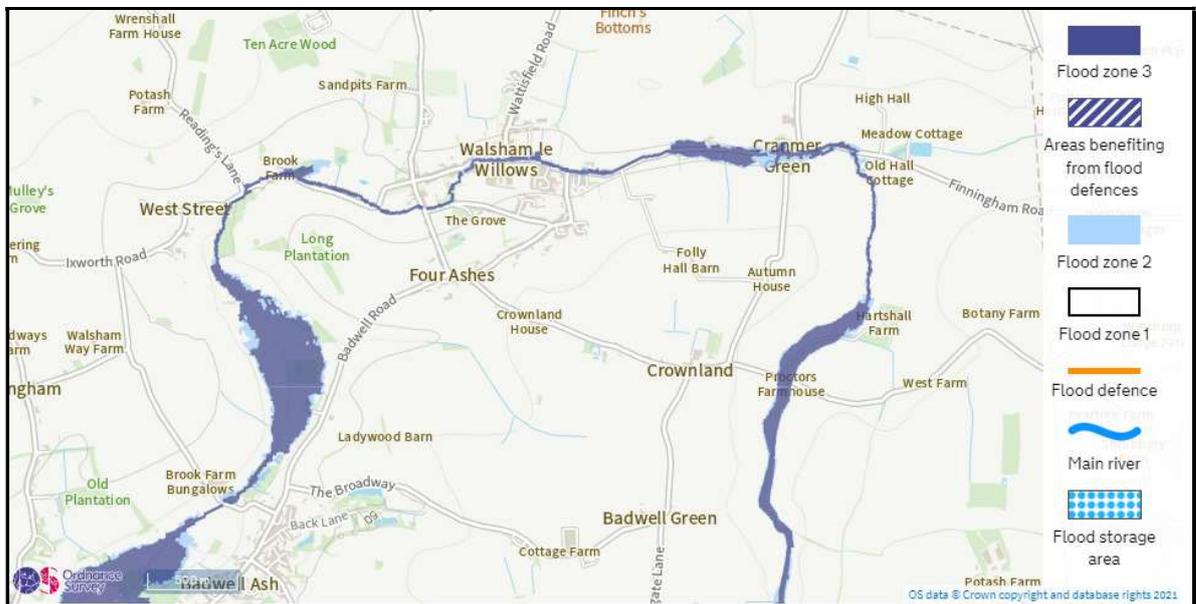
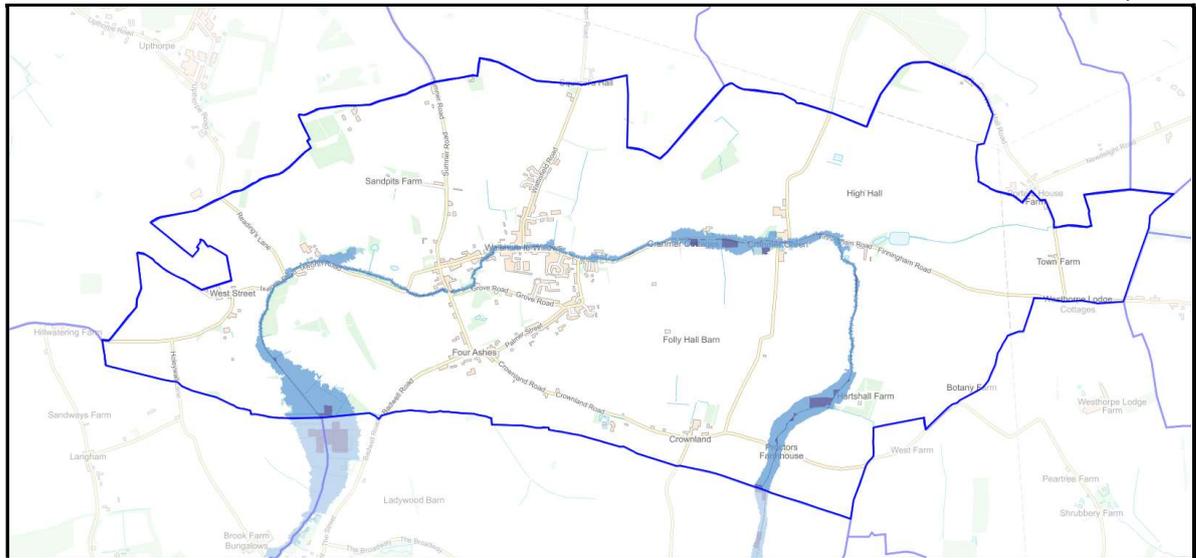


6.3.3 Areas of Walsham le Willows parish are at medium and high risk of flooding from rivers as shown on the maps below. Flood Zone 2 is shown in pale blue and this shows a medium risk of flooding with land having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river flooding. Flood Zone 3 is shown in dark blue and this shows a high risk of flooding with land having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding.²⁰

Figure 33 and 34 overleaf: Maps showing the risk of flooding from rivers in Walsham le Willows parish.

Source: Parish Online Mapping Website. Information obtained 06.10.2021. Second map <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/>.

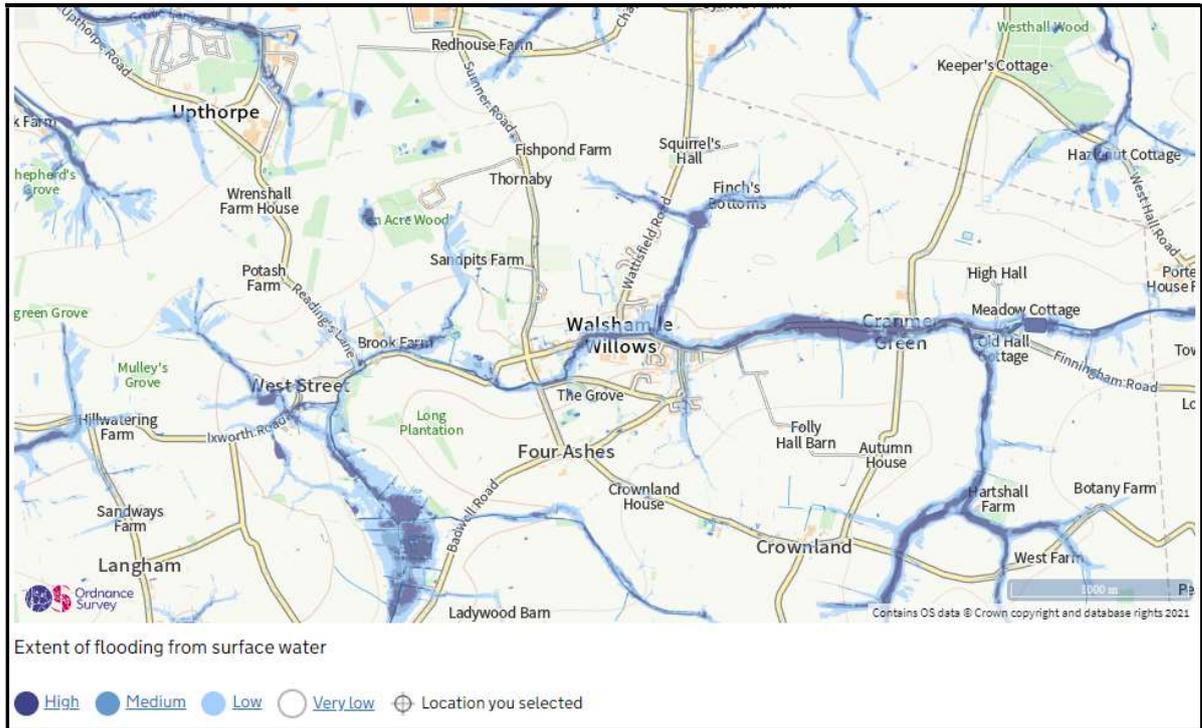
²⁰ <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/>. Information obtained 06.10.2021.



6.3.4 The map overleaf shows the risk from surface water flooding in Walsham le Willows parish. Some areas are at medium and high risk of flooding. High risk means that each year this area has a chance of flooding of greater than 3.3%. Flooding from surface water is difficult to predict as rainfall location and volume are difficult to forecast. In addition, local features can greatly affect the chance and severity of flooding. Medium risk means that each year this area has a chance of flooding of between 1% and 3.3%. Flooding from surface water is difficult to predict as rainfall location and volume are difficult to forecast. In addition, local features can greatly affect the chance and severity of flooding.

Figure 35 below: Map showing surface water flood risk in Walsham le Willows parish.

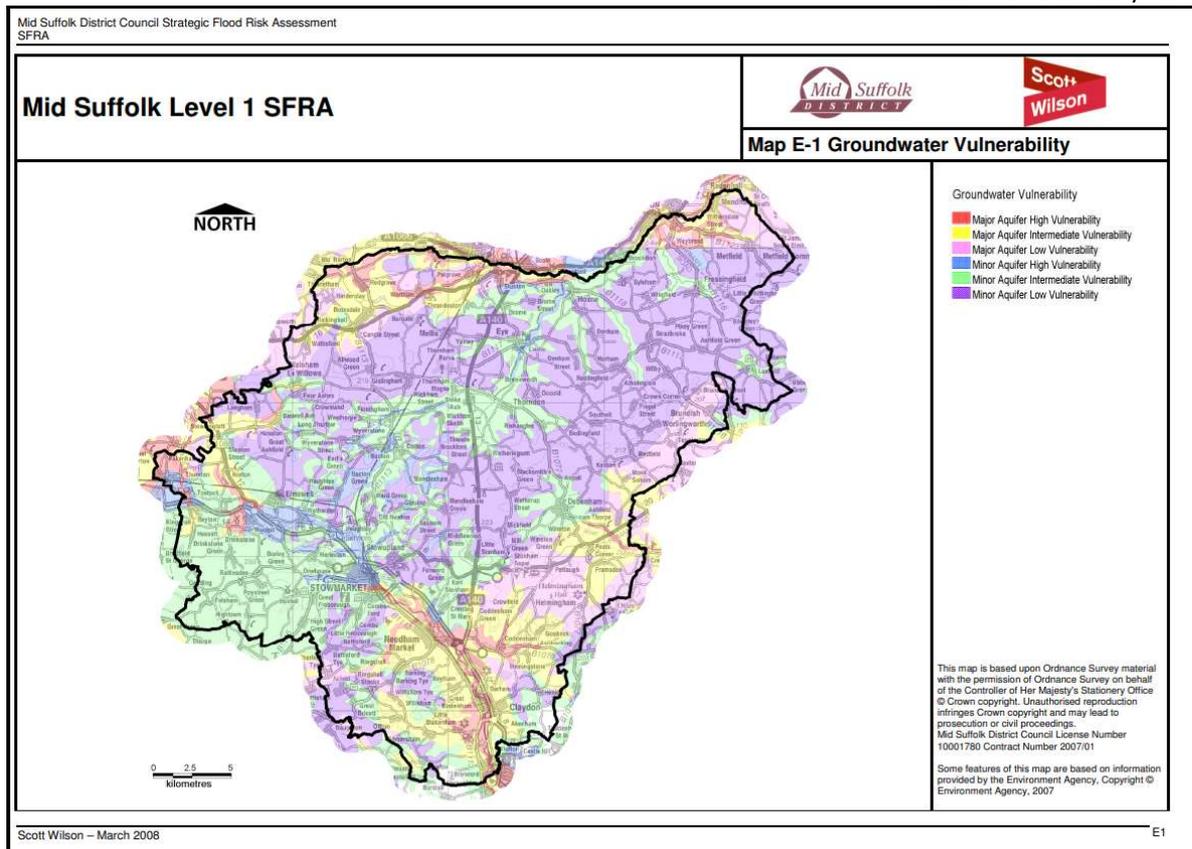
Source: <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/>. Map obtained 06.10.2021.



6.3.5 The map below shows groundwater vulnerability in Mid Suffolk District. Walsham le Willows parish is within a minor aquifer low priority area, a minor aquifer immediate vulnerability area and a major aquifer low vulnerability area.

Figure 36 overleaf: Map showing Groundwater Vulnerability in Mid Suffolk.

Source: Mid Suffolk District Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2008.



6.4 Listed buildings

6.4.1 Historic England lists 66 listed buildings in Walsham le Willows parish.²¹ These can be seen in the maps below and are listed in Appendix D. There is one Grade I listed building, which is the Church of St. Mary.

Figures 37 and 38 overleaf: Maps showing the location of listed buildings in Walsham le Willows parish.

Source: Parish Online Mapping Website. Maps obtained 06.10.2021.

²¹ <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/results/?searchType=NHLE+Simple&search=Walsham+Le+Willows>. Information obtained 02.10.2021.

7. Economy

Draft objective: Economy

To support local business, including opportunities for home working and encourage appropriate growth where it contributes to the sustainability of the community.

- 7.1 Walsham le Willows supports a variety of businesses including Clarkes of Walsham one of the largest independent suppliers of building, farming and garden materials in East Anglia. Clarkes makes up to 200 deliveries throughout East Anglia daily with a fleet of fifteen lorries and smaller crane delivery vehicles. The last 30 years have seen steady expansion and Clarkes now employ 100 people and run a large fleet to deliver their goods throughout England²². Rolfes the butchers, two public houses and a range of other businesses including cleaning companies, electricians, and florists are based in Walsham le Willows. There are several major farming businesses in the area that are employers of local people.
- 7.2 A list of businesses based in Walsham le Willows and taken from www.yell.com on 13.10.21 is below:
- Gas-Elec Group Ltd, Summer Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AJ
 - N B Covers, Boat Hire and Sail Makers, 12 Elm Drive, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3FG
 - Kingsworth Ltd Candles, Kingsworth House, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BW
 - Walsham le Willows Sports Club, Summer Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AH
 - KC Landscaped, 12 Palmer Street, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BZ
 - F G Smith and Son, Farmers, Home Farm, West Street, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AP
 - Lets Go Fido, Dog walking, Sydney Cottage, Palmer Street, Walsham le Willows IP31 3BZ
 - HP & ME & TJ Reeve, Farmers, Riding Farm, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BX
 - Solar East Anglia Ltd, Solar Energy, Sandpits Farm, Summer Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AH
 - Flowers with Flair, Florists, West Cottage, West Street, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AW
 - Cool Technology, Ventilation Services, The Elms, Badwell Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BT
 - Unitron UK Ltd, Livestock, Clay Cottage, Clay Street, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BH
 - Ronald W Rayson, Farmers, Fir Tree Farm, Crownland Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BX
 - Encompass PA, Secretarial Services, 14 Grove Park, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AE
 - First Impressions, Interior Designers, Rookery Barn, Rookery Lane, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BD
 - Suffolk Solar, Solar Energy, Mill Bank, Wattisfield Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BD
 - Argrotis Turf Consultancy Ltd, Landscapers, 21 Grove Park, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AE

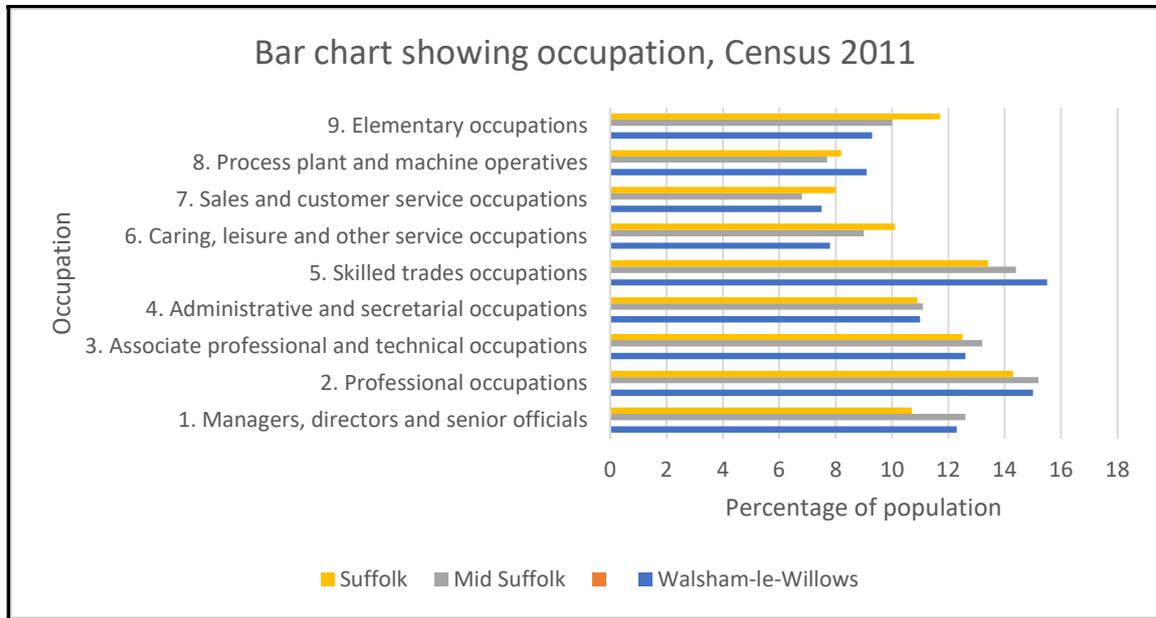
²² <https://www.clarkesofwalsham.co.uk/about>. Information obtained 02.10.2021.

- Little Dream Parties, Children’s Entertainers, Grove Farm Cottage, Grove Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AD
- LucidSynergy Ltd, Web design and development, The Mill House, Wattisfield Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BD
- Pollard & Co Ltd, Builders, Millfield, Wattisfield Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BD
- JJs Beautique, Hairdressers, The Street, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AZ
- Martin Hall Driving School, 2 Wattisfield Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BD
- Neat & Tidy Garden Services, 12 Palmer Street, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BZ
- Helen’s Mobile Hairdressing, 19 Staples Close, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3PD
- The 24 x 7 Special Needs Holiday Trust, Charity, Rookery Barn, Wattisfield Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BD
- The Six Bells Inn, Summer Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AH
- Sirrah Kids, Children’s and Babies Clothes Shops, Staple Close, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BD
- Wshs, Horse Boxes, Fir Tree Farm, Crownland Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BX
- Learn with Lamont, Driving School
- Hill Cottage Nursery, Horticulture, Four Ash Cottages, Four Ashes, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BS
- Little Willows Pre-School, playgroup and pre-school, Wattisfield Road, Walsham le Willows IP31 3BD
- Goldfinch Environmental Ltd, Site Investigations, 19 Palmer Street, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BZ
- Clarke’s Household Waste Disposal, Domestic Waste Disposal, 27 Elm Drive, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3FG
- Davies Accounts & Book-Keeping Services, Accountants, Willow Tree Farm, Palmer Street, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BZ
- Summers Associates, Management Consulting, Hall Farm House, Summer Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AH
- Rolfes of Walsham, Butchers, The Street, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AZ
- Ovensclean, Harlequin, Wattisfield Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BD
- Clarkes, Fencing materials, High Street, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BA
- Tornado Office Cleaning LLP, 24 Grove Park, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AE
- Colin Johnson, Garden Services, 9 Grove Park, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AE
- Jean Staff BSc (Hons) Counselling and Advice, Greenstead, Wattisfield Road, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BD
- Shine N Clean, Window Cleaners, 7 Palmer Street, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BZ
- H G Moore & Son Ltd, Road Haulage Services, Four Ashes, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BZ
- Handy Connections, Window Cleaners, 5 Jollys Way, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3DF
- Time for You, Domestic Cleaning, West Barn, West Street, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3AP

7.3 The graph below shows the occupations of the population (2011 Census KS608EW) of Walsham le Willows compared to Mid Suffolk and Suffolk.

Figure 39 below: Graph showing the occupation of residents.

Source: www.ruralservicesonline.co.uk 02.10.2021.



7.4 Data from the 2011 Census (QS601EW) economic activity of the residents aged 16 to 74 in Walsham le Willows parish.

Figure 40 below: Table showing Economic Activity of usual residents aged 16 – 74.

Source: www.nomisweb.co.uk. Data obtained 02.10.2021.

Economic Activity	Walsham le Willows parish	Mid Suffolk district	Suffolk
All categories: Economic activity	73.5	72.2	71
Economically active: In employment	68.8	67.2	64.9
Economically active: Employee: Part-time	15.8	15.7	15.7
Economically active: Employee: Full-time	38.2	38.5	38.9
Economically active: Self-employed	14.8	13.0	10.3
Economically active: Unemployed	2.3	2.6	3.6
Economically active: Full-time student	2.5	2.5	2.6
Economically inactive: Retired	14.0	17.4	16.5
Economically inactive: Student (including full-time students)	4.1	2.9	3.2
Economically inactive: Looking after home or family	5.6	4.0	4.2
Economically inactive: Long-term sick or disabled	2.2	2.2	3.1
Economically inactive: Other	0.7	1.3	1.9

- 7.5 Data from the 2011 Census shows that 8 per cent of residents of Walsham le Willows work from home, compared to 6 per cent for Mid Suffolk and 4 per cent for Suffolk. Anecdotally, the percentage of people home working in Walsham le Willows has increased significantly due to the pandemic causing changes to working patterns.

Appendices

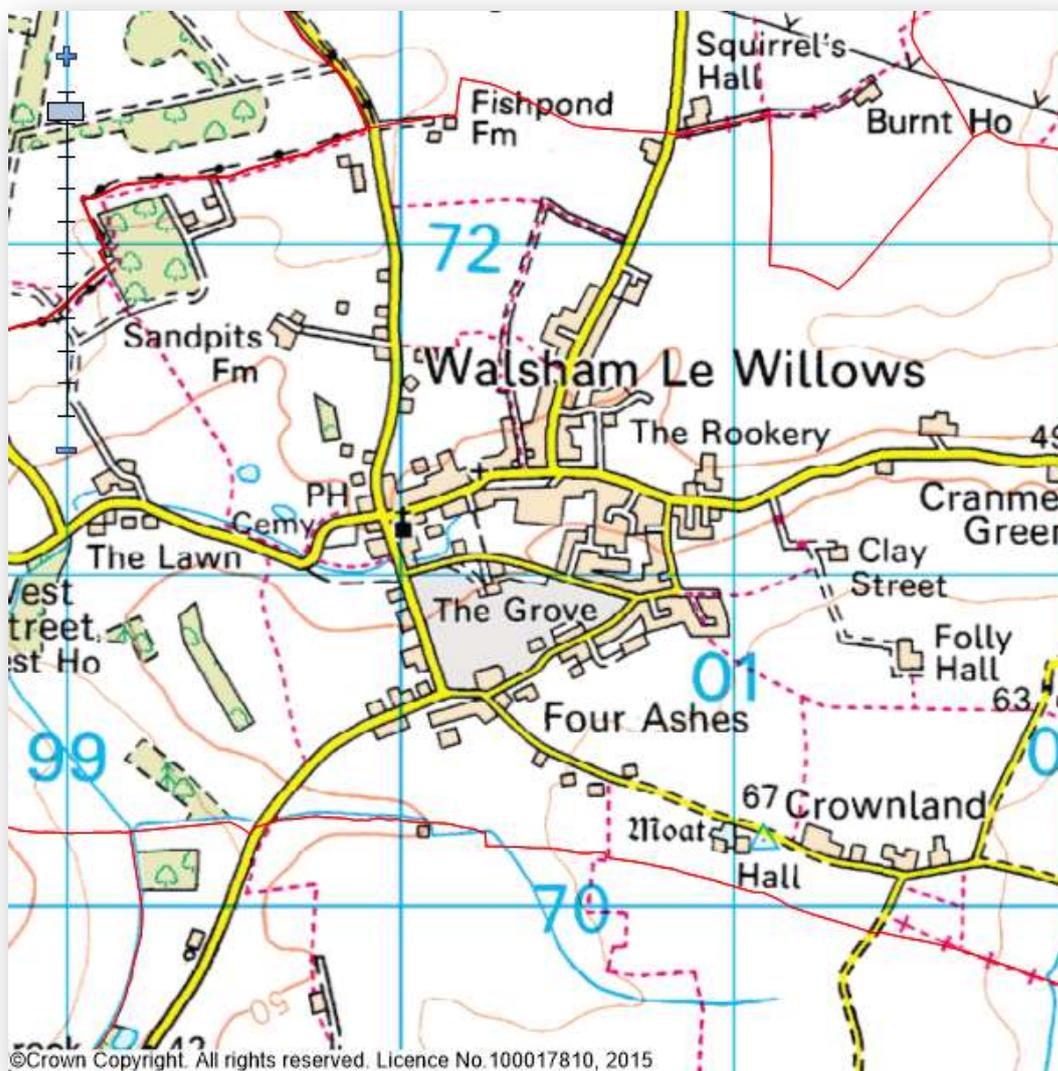
Appendix B: Walsham le Willows Housing and Population Data Profile

Source: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/the-council/parish-profiles/#corekeyandprimaryvillages>

Obtained September 2021.

WALSHAM-LE- WILLOWS

HOUSING & POPULATION DATA PROFILE [Parish level]



(Last Updated: October 2019)

This Parish Profile has been produced primarily to help inform local discussion on housing need.
Most of the data comes from the 2011 Census (accessible via the ONS website). Other data sources have also been used as appropriate, and will be updated periodically.

How many people live locally?	Children Under 16	Working Age Adults (16 to 64)	People Aged 65 +	Dependency Ratio
1,213	239 (19.7%)	739 (60.9%)	235 (19.4%)	0.64
49.8% Males 50.2% Females	Mid Sflk Avg = 18.4% England Avg = 18.9%	Mid Sflk Avg = 61.5% England Avg = 64.7%	Mid Sflk Avg = 20.1% England Avg = 16.3%	Mid Sflk Avg = 0.63 England Avg = 0.55

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: KS101EW & KS102EW] [Dependency Ratio = Ratio of Non-working Age to Working Age Population]

Single Pensioner Households	Single H/holds < 65 years old	Lone Parent Families with Dependent Children
61	80	30
11.9% of all Households Mid Suffolk Avg = 12.9% England Avg = 12.4%	15.6% of all Households Mid Suffolk Avg = 12.4% England Avg = 17.9%	19.7% of all families with dependent children Mid Suffolk Avg = 17.7% England avg = 24.5%

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: KS105EW]

General Health (All Usual Residents)				
Very Good	Good	Fair	Bad	Very Bad
50.5%	34.9%	10.3%	2.5%	1.8%
Mid Sflk Avg = 47.9% England Avg = 47.2%	Mid Sflk Avg = 35.3% England Avg = 35.2%	Mid Sflk Avg = 12.8% England Avg = 12.8%	Mid Sflk Avg = 3.1% England Avg = 3.6%	Mid Sflk Avg = 0.8% England Avg = 1.0%

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: QS302EW]

Total # Occupied Households	Owned (Outright or with Mortgage)	Shared Ownership	Socially Rented	Privately Rented
512	346 (67.6%)	10 (1.9%)	82 (16.0%)	60 (11.7%)
	Mid Sflk Avg = 75.1% England Avg = 63.3%	Mid Sflk Avg = 0.8% England Avg = 0.8%	Mid Sflk Avg = 11.3% England Avg = 17.7%	Mid Sflk Avg = 11.2% England Avg = 16.8%

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: QS405EW]

- At the time of the 2011 Census some 16 dwellings (3% of all dwellings in Walsham-le-Willows) appeared to be unoccupied. (Mid Suffolk Avg = 3.8%) [QS418EW]

Number of Bedrooms (Occupied Households)				
None	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed +
0 (0%)	14 (2.7%)	132 (25.8%)	222 (43.4%)	144 (28.1%)
Mid Sflk Avg = 0.1% England Avg = 0.2%	Mid Sflk Avg = 6.0% England Avg = 11.8%	Mid Sflk Avg = 25.0% England Avg = 27.9%	Mid Sflk Avg = 40.4% England Avg = 41.2%	Mid Sflk Avg = 28.5% England Avg = 18.9%

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: QS411EW]

Total # Occupied Households	Total # with Under-Occupied bedrooms	Total # with Over-Occupied bedrooms
512	426 (83.2%)	3 (0.6%)
	Mid Sflk Avg = 80.8% / England Avg = 68.7%	Mid Sflk Avg = 1.6% / England Avg = 4.6%

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: QS412EW]

NET NEW RESIDENTIAL COMPLETIONS (Last 5 Years: April to March)				
2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
3	0	1	0	4

[Source: Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Annual Monitoring Report]

Avg Price & No (in brackets) of Properties Sold in IP31 Postcode (Aug 18)				
Detached	Semi-Det'	Terraced	Flat	All
£497,800 (15)	£239,380 (10)	£187,000 (4)	£0 (0)	£365,820 (29)

[Source: Right Move website: Market Trends]

In Mid Suffolk, in 2017 ...the average wage was £25,070. The average house prices was £255,000. Therefore, the wage to house price ratio = x 10.17

[Source: ONS website: Median wages, median house prices and ratio calculation]

Other Information

- **County Councillor = Cllr Jessica Fleming** (Hartismere Division)
- **District Councillor = Cllr Richard Meyer** (Walsham-le-Willows Ward)
- Walsham-le-Willows is identified as a **Primary Village** in Policy CS1 of the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy DPD (Adopted Sept 2008)
- Local Services in Walsham-le-Willows include ... a Primary School, Post Office (in Village Hall), Butcher, places of Worship and a Pub / Restaurant

The village is also home to Clarkes of Walsham - one of the largest independent suppliers of building, farming & garden materials in East Anglia

- 71% of all households in Walsham-le-Willows with at least one usual resident are reliant on oil-fired heating [QS415EW]
- Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council published their Village Design Statement in 2007
- The following Housing Association's (Registered Providers) are known to be active in Walsham-le-Willows: Flagship and Suffolk Housing Society
- The **2014 Suffolk Housing Survey** shows that, across Mid Suffolk district:
 - 12% of all existing households contain someone looking for their own property over the next 3 years (mainly single adults without children). The types of properties they are interested in are flats / apartments, and smaller terraced or semi-detached houses. Although this is not their first preference, many accept that the private rented sector is their most realistic option.
 - 25% of households think their current property will not be suitable for their needs in 10 years' time.
 - 2 & 3 bed properties are most sought after by existing households wishing to move.

- Suitable housing options for more elderly people are less available within the current housing stock. 6% of all households have elderly relatives who may need to move to Suffolk within the next 3 years.

Appendix C: Questionnaire Results, The Play Council, Summer 2018

Source: <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2018-play-area-consultation.pdf>

Obtained September 2021.

Questionnaire Results - The Play Council- Summer 2018

Organised by Emma Wade and Volunteers

NOTE:

Children under 6 were engaged in a different way and their wishes fed into the proposals

How old are you?

Age	M	F	Total	%
6-8	22	28	50	48%
9-11	25	30	55	52%
			105	

Do you use the Play Park in Walsham?

Age	M		F		Total	%
	Yes	No	Yes	No		
6-8	20	2	25	3		
9-11	24	1	29	1		
Totals	44	3	54	4	105	
	42%	3%	51%	4%		

Which Equipment/Areas do you enjoy using?

Equipment	6-8		9-11		Total	%
	M	F	M	F		
Rope Swing	15	20	15	25	75	18%
Wood Area	12	21	13	22	68	16%
Big Slide	12	20	17	19	68	16%
Climbing Ropes	16	20	11	20	67	16%
Football Area	15	10	17	4	46	11%
Tunnel & Small Slide	5	10	9	14	38	9%
Basketball Area	11	9	13	5	38	9%
Wooden Train	5	8	5	8	26	6%
					426	

The ramps closed a weeks ago now. Did you play on them before they closed?

Age	M		F		Total	%
	Yes	No	Yes	No		
6-8	15	5	20	7		
9-11	20	5	24	6		
Totals	35	10	44	13	102	
	34%	10%	43%	13%		

Would you like the ramps to be repaired/replaced?

Age	M		F	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
6-8	18	4	25	3
9-11	22	3	28	2

Totals	40	7	53	5	105
	38%	7%	50%	5%	

What other equipment would you like to see there? Circle four options

Equipment	6-8		9-11		Total	%
	M	F	M	F		
Zip Wire	20	23	21	29	93	22%
Outdoor Gym Equipment	13	19	22	16	70	17%
Swings	11	13	9	22	55	13%
Climbing Web	13	12	15	12	52	12%
Roundabout	9	14	15	13	51	12%
Nest Swing	4	10	8	12	34	8%
Supernova	2	7	8	12	29	7%
Trim Trail	4	8	3	5	20	5%
See-Saw	6	8	0	6	20	5%
					424	

Do you have any other ideas about what you would like in the park?

Equipment	6-8		9-11		Total	%
	M	F	M	F		
Tree House	6	6	1	0	13	11.61%
Monkey Bars	4	2	0	6	12	2.82%
Tall / Tunnel Slide	4	4	1	2	11	2.58%
Built-in Trampoline	0	4	5	2	11	2.58%
Tree House	0	6	0	2	8	1.88%
Water Area	0	5	1	1	7	1.64%
Clean Sandpit	2	0	1	3	6	1.41%
Tennis Court	0	4	0	1	5	1.17%
Climbing Frame	0	2	2	1	5	1.17%
Toilets	0	0	3	2	5	1.17%
Mini Skate Ramps	1	0	1	2	4	0.94%
Den Logs/Equipment	0	2	0	2	4	0.94%
2 Football Nets	0	0	3	1	4	0.94%
Quiet Area/Shade	0	0	0	3	3	0.70%
Climbing Frame	2	0	0	0	2	0.47%
Fireman's Pole	1	0	0	1	2	0.47%
Tyre Swing	0	2	0	0	2	0.47%
A-Frame	0	0	0	2	2	0.47%
Crazy Golf	0	2	0	0	2	0.47%
Cycle Racks	1	0	0	0	1	0.23%
Fossil Dig	0	1	0	0	1	0.23%
Animal Hunt	0	1	0	0	1	0.23%
Bridge	0	0	0	1	1	0.23%
					112	

Appendix D: Listed buildings in Walsham le Willows parish.

Source: <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/> Information obtained 06.10.2021.

Grade	Location
II	Walsham le Willows War Memorial St Mary's Churchyard The Causeway Walsham le Willows
II	WILLOW COTTAGE THE STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	WILLOW TREE FARMHOUSE PALMER STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	ANIMAL POUND TOWNHOUSE ROAD Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	STABLE BLOCK TO THE GROVE GROVE ROAD Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	WHITE HOUSE THE STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	UNITED REFORMED CHURCH THE STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	MALTINGS HOUSE THE STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	HALL HOUSE SUMMER ROAD Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	BROOK FARM COTTAGES WEST STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	THE OLD STORES THE STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	BROOK COTTAGE THE CAUSEWAY Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	THE ELMS Walsham-le-Willows FOUR ASHES Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	THE OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL (PARISH ROOM) THE CAUSEWAY Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk
II	THE GROVE GROVE ROAD Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	WEST HOUSE WEST STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	CHURCH RISE THE CAUSEWAY Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	HIGH HALL Walsham-le-Willows CRANMER GREEN Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	CHURCH FARMHOUSE THE CAUSEWAY Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	GROVE COTTAGE PALMER STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	CROWNLANDS COTTAGE CROWNLAND ROAD Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	RIVERSIDE COTTAGE THE STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	LAWN COTTAGE WEST STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	FIR TREE FARMHOUSE CROWNLAND ROAD Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	THORNFIELD THE STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	THE DAGES THE STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	SOUTH VIEW THE STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	FERNESIDE FINNINGHAM ROAD Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	PRIORS CLOSE THE CAUSEWAY Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	OLD HALL Walsham-le-Willows CRANMER GREEN Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	TOWNHOUSE FINNINGHAM ROAD Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	YEW TREE COTTAGE THE STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	HOME FARMHOUSE WEST STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	BARN APPROXIMATELY 30 METRES NORTH OF WEST HOUSE WEST STREET Walsham-le-Willows
II	NUMBER 12 (ROBINS NEST) NUMBER 14 AND NUMBER 16 THE CAUSEWAY Walsham-le-Willows
II	BANK HOUSE THE STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	WEST STREET FARMHOUSE WEST STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	WEST COTTAGE WEST STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	RIDING FARMHOUSE CROWNLAND ROAD Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	FOUR ASHES PALMER STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	GUILDHALL 2 THE STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	THE SIX BELLS PUBLIC HOUSE THE STREET Walsham-le-Willows Mid Suffolk Suffolk

II	SANDPITS FARMHOUSE	SUMMER ROAD	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	THATCHED COTTAGE	BADWELL ROAD	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	VILLAGE HALL	THE STREET	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	SUNNYSIDE HOUSE	Walsham-le-Willows	CRANMER GREEN	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	GRANMER LODGE	CRANMER GREEN	Walsham-le-Willows	CRANMER GREEN	Mid Suffolk Suffolk
II	CLIVE COTTAGE	THE STREET	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	THE OLD VICARAGE	PALMER STREET	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	SWEETBRIARS	THE CAUSEWAY	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	THE BLUE BOAR PUBLIC HOUSE	THE STREET	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	PREMISES OF MR D J COBBOLD	WEST STREET	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	CRANMER FARMHOUSE	Walsham-le-Willows	CRANMER GREEN	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	GREEN FARMHOUSE	Walsham-le-Willows	CRANMER GREEN	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	THE CHESTNUTS	THE STREET	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	FISHPOND FARMHOUSE	SUMMER ROAD	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	THE LAWN	WEST STREET	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	THE PRIORY	THE CAUSEWAY	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	CROWNLAND HALL	CROWNLAND ROAD	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	THE ROOKERY	FINNINGHAM ROAD	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	THE BEECHES	GROVE ROAD	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	SIDEWAYS	THE STREET	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	FOUR ASHES FARMHOUSE	Walsham-le-Willows	FOUR ASHES	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	THE TILED HOUSE	THE STREET	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
II	THE WOODLANDS	FINNINGHAM ROAD	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk
I	CHURCH OF ST MARY	THE STREET	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Suffolk