

Mid Suffolk District Council

Walsham le Willows N'hood Plan 2022 – 2037



Reg 16 Submission consultation responses

In April 2023, Walsham le Willows Parish Council (the 'qualifying body') submitted their Neighbourhood Development Plan to Mid Suffolk District Council for formal consultation under Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The consultation period ran from Monday 5 June until Friday 21 July 2023.

Ten representations were received. These are listed below and copies are attached.

Ref No.	Consultee
1	Suffolk County Council
2	Mid Suffolk District Council
3	Natural England
4	Historic England
5	Environment Agency
6	National Highways
7	Anglian Water
8	Ministry of Defence
9	Water Management Alliance
10	Suffolk Wildlife Trust

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1 - Suffolk County Council

Date: 21 July 2023
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Mid Suffolk District Council
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Dear Mr Paul Bryant,

Submission Consultation version of the Walsham Le Willows Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for consulting Suffolk County Council (SCC) on the Submission Consultation version of the Walsham Le Willows Neighbourhood Plan.

SCC welcome the changes made to the plan in response to comments made at the Reg. 14 pre-submission consultation stage.

As this is the submission draft of the Plan the County Council response will focus on matters related to the Basic Conditions the plan needs to meet to proceed to referendum. These are set out in paragraph 8(2) Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act. The basic conditions are:

- a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood plan
- b) the making of the neighbourhood plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.
- c) the making of the neighbourhood plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area)
- d) the making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.

SCC welcomes the changes made to the neighbourhood plan, and has no further comments to make on this plan at this time.

We wish to continue to be informed of this plan as it progresses.

Yours sincerely,

Georgia Teague
Planning Officer
Growth, Highways, and Infrastructure

2 - Mid Suffolk District Council

Our ref: Walsham le Willows NP R16 Response
Dated: 21 July 2023

FAO: Janet Cheesley (Independent Examiner)
cc: Kevin Boardley (Parish Clerk) and Andrea Long (NP Consultant)

Dear Janet, (All)

Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan 2018 – 2037

Reg 16 Submission Consultation – Comments from Mid Suffolk District Council

This response is made for and on behalf of Robert Hobbs, Corporate Manager for Strategic Planning.

The District Council welcomes the changes that have been made to the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) and note that the majority of our previous comments have been addressed.

We have found it necessary to make some further recommendations and these are appended to this letter. It is our view that the points raised do not fundamentally alter the nature of this Plan but will help provide clarity.

We trust that all of our comments are helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Joint Local Plan

The situation with the emerging Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan (JLP) has changed significantly throughout the preparation of the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan. Most recently, the main modifications¹ to the JLP, which set out the removal of housing allocations among other things, were published in March 2023.

In order to accurately reflect the position with the JLP now and into the future, we suggest the following modifications could be made:

Paragraph 2.2

The current wording is an inaccurate account of the policy context. The JLP is not reviewing existing policies – it is creating new ones which will supersede those in the Core Strategy. We suggest:

‘The existing policies in the adopted Core Strategy are ~~undergoing review in the form of the to be superseded by those in the~~ emerging Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan (BMSJLP) once adopted.’

Paragraph 2.8

The settlement hierarchy and scoring was removed from the JLP and therefore this paragraph should be put into past tense:

‘...The accuracy of the scoring used to determine which layer of the hierarchy that Walsham le Willows falls into ~~is~~ was disputed by the Parish Council who ~~are~~ were of the view that the scoring ~~has been~~ was too generous and had included ‘services and facilities’ in the village that no longer exist...’

Paragraph 3.18

There are no housing allocations in what will become the Part 1 JLP. In order to avoid confusion, we suggest modifying the sentence as follows:

‘The current forecast takes account of the two housing sites referred to in the ~~emerging Joint Local Plan and the~~ neighbourhood plan; these had been allocated as sites LA091 and LA092 in the November 2019 Regulation 19 Joint Local Plan.’

Paragraph 7.6

As above, there are no housing allocations in what will become the Part 1 JLP so the following amendment is suggested:

¹ <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/JLPExamination/CoreDocLibrary/J-ModsConsultDocuments/J01-JLP-Mods-Schedule-March-2023.pdf>

'The BMSJLP submitted for Examination in March 2021, made two specific housing allocations within the Neighbourhood Area. [While the allocations have now been removed from the BMSJLP](#), both sites have had the benefit of outline or full planning permissions. These are: ... '

Active Travel

We have not commented on this before.

Our Sustainable Travel team recommend including reference to the Mid Suffolk District Council Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan within section 9 in order to further support and evidence the need for safe travel routes along Summer Road and Palmer Street. We suggest the following wording could be added to the end of paragraph 9.8:

['The need at Summer Road - along with the need for a safe pedestrian route on Palmer Street - is also captured within, and supported by, the Mid Suffolk District Council Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, which identified these two schemes through a public consultation around active travel infrastructure.'](#)

See here: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/sustainable-travel/>

Biodiversity

Our Biodiversity Project Manager was unable to comment on the pre-submission draft Plan but has provided some thoughts on this latest version.

He recommends that the group establish where in the parish might provide the best opportunities to maximise Biodiversity Net Gain. This would then guide planners and developers to the most beneficial areas to create or enhance habitats.

While such an undertaking is probably beyond the scope of what is achievable for this iteration of the Plan, if this is something that the Parish Council are interested in, with a view to incorporating the outcomes in a future review of their Plan, we would be happy to discuss that at the appropriate time.

Appendix C – Non-Designated Heritage Assets

We feel it necessary to repeat our suggestion to enhance the justification of the NDHAs and ensure the list is robust and evidence based. Mid Suffolk Heritage Team recommend the addition of photographs and descriptions of each asset in order to better judge their inclusion.

[Ends]

3 - Natural England

Date: 20 July 2023
Our ref: 436933
Your ref: Walsham Le Willows Neighbourhood Plan

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Dear Ms Leggett

Walsham Le Willows Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16 Consultation

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 05 June 2023.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.

Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Walsham Le Willows Neighbourhood Plan.

For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Sally Wintle
Consultations Team

4 - Historic England

From: Will Fletcher [Will.fletcher@historicengland.org.uk]

Received: 20 July 2023

Subject: Historic England response - Walsham Le Willows NP consultation

Dear Neighbourhood Planning Team

Ref: Walsham le Willows Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

Thank you for inviting Historic England to comment on the above consultation. We welcome the production of this neighbourhood plan in principle but, owing to staff vacancies, we do not currently have capacity to provide detailed comments.

We would refer you to any detailed comments we may have made at earlier stages of the plan's production including Regulation 14 and where it was required, SEA screening/scoping and draft report stages.

Our detailed advice on successfully incorporating historic environment considerations into neighbourhood plan, alongside some useful case studies, can be found here:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/>.

We recommend this is revisited because the Historic Environment section of the plan as published does not appear to have incorporated any information on designated heritage assets and focuses on non-designated and locally listed assets. We are aware of the high number of listed buildings within the parish and recommend the plan look again at these - and appropriate policies that take this wealth of important buildings into account.

To avoid any doubt, this letter does not reflect our obligation to provide further advice on or, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise as a result of the proposed plan, where we consider these would have an adverse effect on the historic environment.

Please do contact me, either via email or the number above, if you have any specific queries arising following this stage, and we will endeavour to assist at that time.

Yours sincerely

Will Fletcher



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5 - Environment Agency



Walsham le Willows NP Consultation, c/o
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Our ref: AE/2023/128581/01-L01
Your ref: Walsham le Willows NP
Date: 20 July 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

WALSHAM LE WILLOWS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - REGULATION 16 SUBMISSION

Thank you for consulting us on the submission draft for the Walsham Le Willows neighbourhood plan.

We have had to prioritise our limited resources and must focus on influencing plans where the environmental risks and opportunities are highest.

For the purposes of neighbourhood planning, we have assessed those authorities who have “up to date” local plans (plans adopted within the previous 5 years) as being of lower risk, and those authorities who have older plans (adopted more than 5 years ago) as being at greater risk. We aim to reduce flood risk and protect and enhance the water environment, and with consideration to the key environmental constraints within our remit, we have then tailored our approach to reviewing each neighbourhood plan accordingly.

We note that the Local Plan for Mid Suffolk is now older than 5 years, although the emerging Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan is currently in the latter stages of examination. We have also identified important environmental constraints, within our matrix for currently screening neighbourhood plans, that affect this Neighbourhood Plan Area. We are, therefore, providing you with the following advice which identifies opportunities for you to strengthen the Plan and enhance the scope of environmental Objectives considered.

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Flood Risk

We have identified that the Neighbourhood Plan Area will be affected by Flood Risk. We note sections 8.5-8.8 address Flood Risk and welcome the inclusion of Neighbourhood Plan Policy WLW5: Drainage and flood. In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paras 159-165, we remind you that the Sequential Test/Exception Tests should be undertaken to ensure development is directed to the areas of lowest flood risk taking climate change into account. The application of the Sequential Test should be informed by the Local Planning Authority's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA).

Water Resources

Although the Neighbourhood Plan does not currently allocate sites for development, we recommend the Plan includes a Policy that captures the important emerging issue of Water Resources in the event of any in-fill development coming forward during the plan period, not yet allocated. The following text should assist you.

Being in one of the driest areas of the country, our environment has come under significant pressure from potable water demand. New developments should make a significant contribution towards reducing water demand and mitigate against the risk of deterioration to our rivers, groundwater and habitats from groundwater abstraction. We recommend you check the capacity of available water supplies with the water company, in line with the emerging 2024 Water Resources Management Plan which is due to be published in 2023. The Local Planning Authority's Water Cycle Study and Local Plan may indicate constraints in water supply and provide recommendations for phasing of development to tie in with new alternative strategic supplies.

New development should as a minimum meet the highest levels of water efficiency standards, as per the policies in the adopted Local Plan. In most cases development will be expected to achieve 110 litres per person per day as set out in the [Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015](#). However, a higher standard of water efficiency (e.g. 85 l/p/d) should be considered, looking at all options including rainwater harvesting and greywater systems. Using the water efficiency calculator in [Part G of the Building Regulations](#) enables you to calculate the devices and fittings required to ensure a home is built to the right specifications to meet the 110 l/p/d requirement. We recommend all new non-residential development of 1000sqm gross floor area or more should meet the BREEAM 'excellent' standards for water consumption.

Developments that require their own abstraction where it will exceed 20 cubic metres per day from a surface water source (river, stream) or from underground strata (via borehole or well) will require an abstraction licence under the terms of the Water Resources Act 1991. There is no guarantee that a licence will be granted as this is dependent on available water resources and existing protected rights. The relevant abstraction licencing strategy for your area provides information on water availability and licencing policy at Abstraction licencing strategies ([CAMS process](#)) - [GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

Groundwater Protection

Your plan includes areas which are located on principal aquifers and Source Protection Zones. These should be considered within your plan if growth or development is proposed here. The relevance of the designation and the potential implication upon

development proposals should be considered with reference to our Groundwater Protection guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/groundwater-protection>

Informative

We encourage you to seek ways in which your neighbourhood plan can improve the local environment. For your information, together with Natural England, Historic England and Forestry Commission, we have published joint guidance on neighbourhood planning, which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans. This is available at: How to consider the environment in [Neighbourhood plans - Locality Neighbourhood Planning](#)

We trust this advice is useful.

Yours sincerely

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6 - National Highways



Our ref: Walsham le Willows NP 2023-2037
Your ref: Walsham le Willows NP R16 Consultation

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13 July 2023

Via email to: communityplanning@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam,

- 1. Consultation under Regulation 16 of Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)**
- 2. Submission draft Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan 2023 - 2037**

Thank you for your correspondence, received on 05 June 2022, notifying National Highways of the consultation for the above.

National Highways is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in England on behalf of the Secretary of the State. In the area within and surrounding the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan we have responsibility for the trunk road A14.

The location of this neighbourhood plan site is remote from the nearest Strategic Road Network (SRN). Therefore, we do not have any comment on this Neighbourhood Plan.

Please contact us PlanningEE@nationalhighways.co.uk if you require any clarification.

Therefore, National Highways offers no comment.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Shamsul Hoque
Assistant Spatial Planner

7 - Anglian Water

Section One: Respondents Details

All respondents should complete Part A. If you are an Agent please complete Part's A & B

Part A: Respondent	
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Part B: Agents – Please complete details of the client / company you represent	
Client / Company Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Tel No:	
E-mail:	

Section Two: Your comment(s)

To which part of the Plan does your comment relate? Use separate forms if necessary.

Paragraph No.	8.8	Policy No.	WLW5
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Do you support, oppose, or wish to comment on the above? (Select one answer below)

Support	Y	Oppose	
Support with modifications		Have Comments	

Please give details of your reasons for support / opposition, or make other comments here:

Anglian Water is supportive of the changes to the supporting text (para. 8.8) and Policy WLW5 following our representation to the Reg. 14 consultation draft Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan.

We welcome the amendments in the Submission version of the neighbourhood plan, to include para. 8.8 regarding the information that is publicly available on our website for local communities to be able to keep informed about the performance of our storm overflows and the investments we are making to our water recycling network as part of our Get River Positive commitments. The reference to the Design Code LO4 in Policy WLW5 is a helpful signpost to further information for applicants and developers.

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

Anglian Water has no further comments.

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

If you are including additional pages these should be clearly labelled and referenced.

Normally the Examiner will aim to consider the matter through the written representations.

Occasionally an Examiner may consider it necessary to hold a hearing to discuss a particular issue. If you consider a hearing should be held please explain why this is necessary.

The decision on whether to hold a hearing is entirely at the discretion of the Examiner.

I consider that a hearing should be held because ...

Please be as brief and concise as possible ..

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Please indicate (tick) whether you wish to be notified of:

The publication of the recommendations of the Examiner	✓
The final 'making' (adoption) of the Walsham le Willows NP by Mid Suffolk District Council	✓

Signed: *Tessa Saunders*

Dated: 19.07.23

8 - Ministry of Defence



Defence
Infrastructure
Organisation

Your Ref: Walsham le Willows
Neighbourhood Plan Draft Reg 16

Our reference: 10056589-Rev1

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20th July 2023

Dear Paul

It is understood that Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are undertaking a consultation regarding the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan Draft Consultation under Regulation 16. This document will guide the future development of the parish.

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding Team represents the Ministry of Defence (MOD) as a statutory consultee in the UK planning system to ensure designated zones around key operational defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, and technical sites are not adversely affected by development outside the MOD estate. For clarity, this response relates to MOD Safeguarding concerns only and should be read in conjunction with any other submissions that might be provided by other MOD sites or departments.

The MOD may be involved in the planning system both as a statutory and non-statutory consultee with statutory involvement stemming from consultation occurring as a result of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Safeguarded aerodromes, technical sites and military explosives storage areas) Direction 2002 (DfT/ODPM Circular 01/2003) and the location data and criteria set out on safeguarding maps issued by Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) in accordance with the provisions of that Direction.

Copies of these plans, in both GIS shapefile and .pdf format, can be provided on request through the email address above.

The area within the draft Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan is washed over by safeguarding zones associated with RAF Honington, specifically the birdstrike safeguarding zone. Additionally, the MOD have an interest within the area covered by the draft Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan in a new technical asset known as the East 2 WAM Network, which contributes to aviation safety by feeding into the air traffic management system in the Eastern areas of England. There is the potential for development to impact on the operation and/or capability of this new technical asset which consists of nodes and connecting pathways, each of which have their own consultation criteria. Elements of this asset pass through the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan area of interest.

The Safeguarding map associated with the East 2 WAM Network has been submitted to DLUHC for issue. As is typical, the map provides both the geographic extent of consultation zones and the criteria associated with them. Within the statutory consultation areas identified on the map are zones where the key concerns are the presence and height of development, and where introduction of sources of electro-magnetic fields (such as power lines or solar photo voltaic panels and their associated infrastructure) are of particular concern.

Within the statutory consultation areas associated with aerodromes are zones that are designed to allow birdstrike risk to be identified and mitigated. The creation of environments attractive to those large and flocking bird species that pose a hazard to aviation safety can have a significant effect. This can include landscaping schemes associated with large developments, green and brown roofs, biodiversity enhancement, or the creation of new watercourses/bodies. Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) additionally provide an opportunity for habitats within and around a development. The incorporation of open water, both permanent and temporary, and associated reedbeds, wetlands ponds and ditches provide a range of habitats for wildlife, including potentially increasing the creation of attractant environments for large and flocking bird species hazardous to aviation.

In addition, and where development falls outside designated safeguarding zones, the MOD may also have an interest, particularly where the development is of a type likely to have an impact on operational capability by virtue of scale, height, or physical properties. Examples of these types of development include renewable energy development such as the installation of wind turbine generators or solar photo voltaic panels, or any development that would exceed a height of 50m above ground level. Both tall (of or exceeding a height of 50m above ground level) structures and wind turbine development introduce physical obstacles to low flying aircraft. Solar PV development can compromise the operation of communications and other technical assets by introducing substantial areas of metal that degrade signals and, depending on the location of development, may produce glint and glare to the detriment of aviation safety. Wind turbines may impact on the operation of surveillance systems such as radar where the rotating motion of their blades can degrade and cause interference to the effective operation of these types of installations, potentially resulting in detriment to aviation safety and operational capability. This potential is recognised in the Government's online Planning Practice Guidance which contains, within the Renewable and Low Carbon Energy section, specific guidance that both developers and Local Planning Authorities should consult the MOD where a proposed turbine has a tip height of, or exceeding 11m, and/or has a rotor diameter of 2m or more.

The review or drafting of planning policy provides an opportunity to better inform developers of the constraints that might be applied to development as a result of the requirement to ensure defence capability and operations are not adversely affected.

In summary, the MOD have no concerns with the draft Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan but would wish to be consulted of any potential development within the statutory birdstrike safeguarding zone that surround RAF Honington, which includes schemes that may result in the creation of attractant environments for large and flocking bird species hazardous to aviation. Wherever the criteria associated with the East 2 WAM Network are triggered, the MOD should be consulted in order that appropriate assessments can be carried out and, where necessary, requests for required conditions or objections be communicated.

I trust this clearly explains our position on this update. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to consider these points further.

Yours sincerely

C Waldron

Chris Waldron
DIO Assistant Safeguarding Manager

9 - Water Management Alliance

From: Planning Department [planning@wlma.org.uk]

Received: 5 June 2023

Subject: Notice of consultation - R16 Walsham le Willows NP (Mid Suffolk)

Good morning,

Thank you for your consultation on Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan. Having screened this consultation, the site in question lies outside the Internal Drainage District of the Waveney, Lower Yare and Lothingland Internal Drainage Board as well as the Board's wider watershed catchment, therefore the Board has no comments to make.

Kind Regards,



Water Management Alliance

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6th June 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Walsham-le-Willows Neighbourhood Plan Consultation (Regulation 16)

Thank you for sending us updated details of the Walsham-le-Willows Council Neighbourhood Plan, please see our comments below:

The Suffolk Wildlife Trust are pleased to see that this stage of the Neighbourhood Plan continues to support biodiversity in the local community, with additions made from the previous consultation following our recommendations, including consideration of Biodiversity Net Gain.

We appreciate the consideration of our comments and reiterate that Policy WLW12 should include an aspiration to deliver a 20% Biodiversity Net Gain, which we believe is feasible.

We are happy to offer any further advice on the above to help Walsham-le-Willows Neighbourhood Plan deliver a best possible outcome for wildlife and people.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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