



District Councillors Report to Little Bealings Parish Council

For November 2025

Carlford and Fynn Valley Ward.

Rushmere Village, Great Bealings, Little Bealings, Playford, Bredfield, Grundisburgh & Culpho, Witnesham and Swilland, Westerfield, Hasketon, Clopton, Charsfield, Dallinghoo, Tuddenham, Boulge, Burgh, Debach, Otley.

From District Councillor

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Westerfield Quarry (SCC/0093/25SC)

The Application is now with the SCC planning department.

I am not sure when the SCC Planning Committee will make their decision but we will probably know all at the same time as it will be “front page news”.

Neighbourhood Plan adopted by Otley

East Suffolk Council has formally adopted the Otley Neighbourhood Plan following support from residents and Full Council.

Residents took part in a public referendum on 18 September to decide whether the Neighbourhood Plan should be used to help the village decide planning applications in the area. Following their vote in favour, the document was formally adopted by Full Council at a meeting on 24 September.

The Otley Neighbourhood Plan outlines the vision for the future of Otley and sets out to protect and enhance the key services and facilities within the parish to support the needs of future generations, whilst also preserving the character of the parish.

The vision for Otley is supported by a series of objectives. These objectives will be delivered through the Neighbourhood Plan policies, which are used to determine planning applications. Policies incorporate landscape and ecology, heritage preservation, local green spaces, climate change, design, services and business, transport, further education and community services.

Councils ask communities to identify potential development sites

Residents, developers, landowners, businesses and other organisations are being invited to submit locations which could be considered for planned future development.

Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council and Mid Suffolk District Council will shortly start preparation of their new Local Plans.



The new Local Plans will set out a strategy identifying sites for development and set policies against which applications for planning permission are determined, alongside national planning policies and Neighbourhood Plans.

These will provide a blueprint for the future of each area - ensuring residents and communities have sufficient housing, employment and inward investment, that environment and heritage is protected, and the right infrastructure is in place.

As part of the early preparatory work, the councils are working together to launch a 'Call for Sites', beginning today, Monday 20 October. The Call for Sites runs until 5pm on 9 January 2026, with the exception of Ipswich, which ends on Monday 15 December 2025.

This invites submissions of land to be put forward for consideration to be included in Local Plans - for uses such as housing, employment, sports and leisure and community purposes.

These are not planning applications, and no site put forward will automatically see development take place.

The process involves a form to be completed by anyone wishing to submit sites. The form can be completed online, by email or by post.

Each suggested site will be considered by planning teams before it is decided whether it goes forward as a proposed Local Plan site allocation. Decisions about preferred allocations will be based on a range of evidence and assessment, as well as through public engagement.

The four district and borough councils have aligned their Local Plan timetables ahead of Local Government Reorganisation.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk are developing a Joint Local Plan covering both districts. East Suffolk Council's Local Plan will replace the existing Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Local Plans. Ipswich Borough Council's Local Plan will succeed its previous plan adopted in 2022.

More information about the Call for Sites consultation can be found on each council's website.

The week commencing 3rd November is National Youth Work Week.

We want to take the opportunity to shine a light on youth work and youth provision in East Suffolk and the amazing job it does in transforming the lives of our young people.

This is the first time we as a Council have marked this awareness week and we are going to mark it in the below ways.

Social media celebrating local provisions

We will be featuring through our social media examples of youth provision and the inspirational people behind them.

Visit your local youth providers and see them in action

If you already know your local youth providers, why not pop along and catch up with them in this special week? Or, if you haven't been able to visit before, why don't you try visiting during the week or November? We have collated contact details for local youth providers. If you'd like to schedule a visit, simply find a provision in your local area, get in contact with



them to arrange a date and time and then when you visit, please do take a photo and send it to communities@eastsoffolk.gov.uk so we can use it in our social media campaign. We have tried to capture as many youth provisions as we can but if there are any missing, we will be sure to add them

- **4YP's Hang Out in Kesgrave;** Thursdays from 5.30 at Millennium Hall, Millennium Way, Kesgrave; please email enquiries@4yp.org.uk
- **Just42 in and around Woodbridge** - variety of provisions in the Woodbridge area; for more info, contact Caroline at caroline@just42.org.uk
- There are existing youth clubs in Grundisburgh and a creative youth club in Woodbridge. If you need any assistance, just let us know! Hopefully you will be able to pop along on the 4th and/or make a visit and see brilliant youth work and provision in action!