

Stradishall Parish Council – Monday 4 March 2024

Report from district councillors: Nick Clarke, Karen Richardson and Marion Rushbrook

Firstly, we have to pay tribute to Mary Evans and say how sad it was to hear of her death in January. She was a great councillor at Borough and County Council. She made a difference to our town and villages and was a shining example of a fair person, always ready to listen and offer solutions. She will be greatly missed.

West Suffolk Local Plan (Regulation 19) submission consultation 2024

Audience: Residents, businesses, landowners, stakeholder

30 January 2024 to 12 March 2024

West Suffolk Council has published the pre-submission local plan for consultation.

This is the local plan for West Suffolk. It contains planning policies and allocations for the growth of West Suffolk over the plan period of 2023 to 2040.

Responses to this final submission draft will be sent with this document and the evidence used to draft the plan to be examined by an independent inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

The local plan is vital to shape where we live, work, shop and play. It helps meet housing needs, so communities have somewhere to live, the right type of homes are built in the right places and so they are adaptable to support people's changing health needs as they get older. It is key to ensuring land is allocated for different types of businesses, supporting their ambitions and enabling job creation. A local plan also plays a crucial role in ensuring community uses such as shops, public services and leisure uses are in the right places. Whilst facilitating the management of development the local plan protects and enhances what is good and special about West Suffolk including its heritage, neighbourhood character, sense of community and our valued natural environment.

The consultation runs from 30 January (9am) to 12 March (5pm) 2024

You can view the latest draft of the plan and give your feedback by visiting the council's virtual village hall exhibition at <https://orlo.uk/yTAfh>

To find out more and how you can give your feedback. Alternatively if you can email planning.policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk or phone 01284 757368.

Elections for a Police and Crime Commissioner will be held on Thursday 2 May 2024.

As a council, West Suffolk Council (WSC) are not allowed to do anything in the pre-election period that may influence the outcome of the election. This year, the pre-

election period (which was previously referred to as 'purdah') will start on Thursday 21 March when the election notice is published.

During this time, normal work goes on. However, they should avoid involving any election candidates within publicity and avoid giving the impression that they are supporting or favouring one political party's views over another.

They are also expected to avoid expressing views about things that may be controversial or lead people to vote in certain ways. So, for example, they should avoid responding to new consultations, or hosting public forums, where it may provoke local controversy. They may continue to carry on non-controversial campaigns, or express views they already have an agreed position on, but they shouldn't start new campaigns or consultations during this time.

In addition, candidates, political parties and associations will not be allowed to use council resources for campaigning or election purposes.

Consultations

Help shape West Suffolk Council's (WSC) approach to Street Trading.

WSC will be reviewing its street trading policy later this year.

Street Trading covers a wide range of outdoor retail and catering activities undertaken in public streets. It includes flower sellers, ice-cream vendors, fancy goods, souvenir stalls and a variety of hot and cold catering activities such as burger vans.

Before they progress any further, they want to hear from residents, businesses, traders and other stakeholders through our short online survey.

The survey asks for thoughts on a range of issues which could potentially be covered and addressed in their new policy.

Take part at <https://orlo.uk/QG8XX>

Housing, homelessness reduction and rough sleeping strategy consultation

Audience: Residents, businesses, stakeholders, parish and town councils, community groups.

6 February 2024 to 18 March 2024

West Suffolk Council is inviting people to give their insight and input into the development of our new Housing, Homelessness Reduction and Rough Sleeping Strategy and action plan.

The council adopted its new Strategic priorities in December 2023 including the delivery of affordable, available and decent homes.

Through this consultation and engagement, we want to help more people better afford a place to live, improve living conditions and reduce homelessness.

We are asking people for their views on a number of actions which could then shape our new Housing, Homelessness Reduction and Rough Sleeping Strategy.

The consultation runs from 6 February to 18 March at 11.59pm. Take part by completing the online survey. West Suffolk Council Housing, Homelessness Reduction and Rough Sleeping Strategy