

**Planning Policy for Worlingworth Parish Council
(Adopted November 2014)**

Statement

“Worlingworth Parish council is committed to sustainable development that supports the principle of the community being a place in which to both live and work. The council believes that development and planning should support the principle of maintaining the parish as a live and active community of permanent residents and that all development and planning should take into account the fact that Worlingworth lacks the infrastructure to support large scale development.

The Parish Council can neither give consent to planning applications, nor prevent applications. It is asked to provide comments to the Planning authority - currently Mid Suffolk.

The Council can make a comment which supports the application, raise concerns, or make no comment.”

Process

Once the Parish council is advised of a planning application, the details will be circulated to all parish council members.

If three or more members consider the application is significant enough to warrant detailed examination of the application then the matter will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting OR become the subject of a separate public meeting to discuss in detail.

If the three member threshold is not reached then the Position of the Parish Council will be to make no formal response.

Internal Process

Once an application is notified to the Clerk of the Council the details will be circulated by e-mail to all members. Members of the council should respond clearly indicating if they consider the application to be significant or not.

If the response is negative then the Clerk can return a reply of “No Comment” to the Planning authority.

Guidance

“Significant” - any development which may cause or have the potential to impact on the existing fabric of the community, both in terms of the built environment, the natural environment, the social impact on the parish or which may cause an increase in demands on local services and roads.