

**Principles guiding Worlingworth Parish Council in considering planning applications to be given full consideration by the Planning Authorities  
(adopted November 2016)**

(The principles as based on Worlingworth's Parish Plan 2006 updated in consultation with parishioners 2016)

1. Given the national housing shortage, we accept the need to play our part in building new homes but believe the number should avoid changing the essential nature of this rural Suffolk village, damaging distinctive wildlife and reducing valuable farmland.
2. No major housing developments on the edge of the village, since Worlingworth has already experienced considerable expansion and further development risks ribbon development joining up with adjacent villages
3. Any multi-house development within the village should include landscaping to be preserved in perpetuity to retain the rural character of the village
4. Single dwelling in-fill is acceptable
5. Priority is given to affordable homes, including single storey homes for the elderly
6. Energy efficient homes are essential
7. Minimal reliance on public sewage disposal unless the system is upgraded or replaced
8. Development reflects the problem of employment given the lack of mobile coverage, reliable broadband and regular bus services which means that homeowners are likely to need a car to get to work
9. Due account is taken of the weakness of the market for larger scale houses.
10. Any new development should ensure extra car parking spaces for visitors over and above the national guidelines for two car spaces. This is to ensure off road parking and greater road safety.