

Housing and Spatial Strategy Objectives H 1: To ensure that the amount, size and tenure of new housing in Great Waldingfield meets locally identified needs Policy GWD 1: Spatial Strategy Policy GWD 2: Housing Development	
Principal Reason for the Policies GWD 1: To ensure that future housing meets the specific needs of Great Waldingfield in terms of type and number of houses while supporting the heritage, landscape and settlement gaps. GWD 2: To ensure that housing within the settlement boundary will focus on small brownfield sites or infill plots.	
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GWD 4 Village Survey Results Source: 65% of households - 738 individual survey responses	Page 20: 78% of respondents wanted 20 houses or fewer within the next fifteen years
Housing Needs Survey 2019 Source: Community Action Suffolk	Key findings: “27 households responded that the current households have identified a need for 56 people and 17 households identified a need for 30 family members wishing to live in or return to Great Waldingfield” (Page 6). It is unclear how many houses this relates to and whether these numbers refer to individuals/couples/ households. There is no access to further information in the survey.
Socio-economic profile Source: Navigus consultant	2011 Census: detached houses: 63% (Babergh 42%, East of England 30%). Very low proportion of semi-detached: 22%. High proportion of 4+bedroom properties. Very low on 1-bedroom properties: 1%. GW houses highly under-occupied due to lack of smaller properties.
Housing developments analysis Source: Bellway (2013- 16) and Landex (2020 - 22)	Bellway: 93 dwellings (1x1 bed apartment, 9x2 bed apartments, remaining 3.4 and 5 bed houses. Landex: 1 bed - 4, 2bed - 3, 3 bed - 21, 4 bed - 4. 4 apartments, 9 terraced, 4 semi-detached, 15 detached.
Emerging Joint Local Plan Source: BDC	Great Waldingfield’s allocation in the Joint Local Plan is 39 houses and the New Built up Area Boundary for Great Waldingfield includes a site for an additional 20 houses (included in the number for the neighbouring parish of Chilton).
Housing Objectives H 1. To ensure that the amount, size and tenure of new housing in Great Waldingfield meets locally identified needs Policy GWD 3: Affordable Housing on Rural Exception sites	
Principal Reason for the Policy To allow a site for housing specifically for local people.	

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GWD 3 Village Survey Results Source: 65% of households - 738 individual survey responses	Page 27:78% of residents supported a small development for local people who cannot afford to buy their own house (Rural Exception Site)
Housing Needs Survey Source: Community Action Suffolk	Key findings: “27 households responded that the current households have identified a need for 56 people and 17 households identified a need for 30 family members wishing to live in or return to Great Waldingfield” (Page 6). It is unclear how many houses this relates to and whether these numbers refer to individuals/couples/ households. There is no access to further information in the survey.
Natural Environment Objectives N 1. Maintain the village’s rural setting by protecting the separation between Great Waldingfield village and the adjacent settlements. Policy GWD 6: Settlement Gaps	
Principal Reason for the Policy To ensure that the open views and separation from other settlements continue to maintain the distinct natural environment of the Parish.	
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GSD 4 Village Survey Results Pages 11-12 and 16 Source: 65% of parish households. 738 individual responses	89% of respondents want to protect the gaps between the settlements and those between the village and neighbouring villages.
A Map showing separation of settlements Source: Googlemaps	The map clearly shows that Great Waldingfield is a separate entity from the town of Sudbury as well as neighbouring villages
GSD 2 Landscape Character Source: Ramon Keeley	Map showing separation of current settlements by agricultural land (P18)
Natural Environment Objectives N 2. Protect the biodiversity of our area, our valued woodland and green spaces as well as our important views and links to the wider countryside. Policy GWD 4: Protection of Landscape Setting of Great Waldingfield Policy GWD 5: Protection of Important Views	
Principal Reason for the Policy To ensure that future development will allow continued enjoyment of views into and out of the site and of the area and that the semi-rural nature of the parish, reflected in its woodland, hedgerows, streams, and agricultural fields is protected.	

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GSD 4 Village Survey Results Source: 65% of parish households. 738 individual surveys	Pages 10-11: 93% of respondents want to protect the views into and out of the village. 97% want to protect our hedgerows and 98% our mature trees. 95% green buffer between the existing and new developments.
GSD 3&4 Landscape Character Source: Ramon Keeley	Page 9 - Babergh and Mid-Suffolk Landscape Guidance - new developments should 'integrate with the landscape character.' Pages 32-38 detail the six important landscape character areas around the village. Pages 33-38: Clear evidence of 16 important views and of six landscape character areas that need to be preserved
GSD 1 Design Guide Source: Luis Juárez, AECOM	Important views of Conservation Area (Page 12); Pages 35-36: edges and green networks in new developments. Importance of integrating new development with surrounding countryside and increasing biodiversity (Pages 11, 19, 30 and 34)
Homes for People and Wildlife https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/planning/homes-people-and-wildlife Source: Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Suggestions for ways to increase biodiversity in new developments.
https://www.nhbcfoundation.org/publication/biodiversity-in-new-housing-developments-creating-wildlife-friendly-communities/ Source: RSPB	Guidance on boundaries & buffers, drainage & water catchment, planting for wildlife, using existing structures, buildings & providing for wildlife https://www.nhbcfoundation.org/publication/biodiversity-in-new-housing-developments-creating-wildlife-friendly-communities/
Natural Environment Objectives N 2. Protect the biodiversity of our area, our valued woodland and green spaces as well as our important views and links to the wider countryside. Policy GWD 7: Biodiversity	
Principal Reason for the Policy To ensure that any new development will safeguard our current habitats and species and increase biodiversity wherever possible.	
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GSD 4 Village Survey Results Source: 65% of parish households. 738 individual responses	Pages 1 and 10-15: 98% of the respondents want to protect our biodiversity. Within any new development, residents want tall trees to soften the visible rooflines (82%), wildflower verges (92%), lighting that doesn't disturb wildlife (94%) and features and corridors that will help support wildlife (96%) 98% value our community woodland.

GSD 2 Landscape Character Appraisal Source: Ramon Keeley	All our local landscape areas are bounded by hedgerows and mature trees, reflecting the wooded skylines in this area of Suffolk and resulting in a wide variety of flora and fauna. Example (Page 36 Box Valley): “Deciduous woodland including species such as hazel, alder and willow ...Although not remote or isolated and popular with walkers the valley has a sense of tranquillity.... conducive to wildlife”.
GSD 1 Design Guide Source: Luis Juárez, AECOM	Importance of integrating new development with surrounding countryside and increasing biodiversity (Pages 11, 19, 30 and 34)
e. Map of Protected Species Source: Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service	Map of protected species in Great Waldingfield parish
g. Flora - GW Churchyard Survey- 2021	Area of high biodiversity
h. History of Old School Wood 2017-2020 Species in OSW	Report by David Taylor, trustee and chairman of OSW on the development of the wood
k. Flora - Ten Tree Road Conservation Strip 2021	Area managed for biodiversity at opposite end of the village from the Wood and Churchyard
Biodiversity 2020 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/biodiversity-2020 Source: DEFRA	A progress update on biodiversity losses. Mission statement: “to halt overall biodiversity loss, support healthy well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, with more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people”.
Homes for People and Wildlife https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/planning/homes-people-and-wildlife Source: Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Suggestions for ways to increase biodiversity in new developments. Page 4-5: Summary “Housing developments designed with environmental sensitivity and green infrastructure at their heart can deliver multiple social, environmental and economic benefits. Nature-rich housing can provide benefits for everyone - from developers to homeowners”.
Biodiversity in New Housing Developments https://www.nhbcfoundation.org/publication/biodiversity-in-new-housing-developments-creating-wildlife-friendly-communities/ Source: RSPB	Guidance on boundaries & buffers, drainage & water catchment, planting for wildlife, using existing structures, buildings & providing for wildlife
Securing the Value of Nature and Biodiversity https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/ Source: Govt White Paper	Desirability of protecting and increasing biodiversity ‘The quality of the local natural environment is one of the factors that shapes our health over a lifetime.’ P50

<p>Historic Environment Objectives HE 1. Conserve and enhance the heritage assets of the parish HE 2. Protect and improve the features which contribute to the historic character of the parish Policy GWD 8: Buildings of Local Significance Policy GWD 9: Heritage Assets</p>	
<p>Principal Reason for the Policy To ensure that new development integrates with and conserves important designated heritage assets in Great Waldingfield</p>	
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<p>GSD 4 Village Survey Results & Meeting Source: 65% of parish households. 738 individual survey responses</p>	<p>Page 19 Well over 90% of respondents believe it is imperative to protect our heritage assets : Area around the Church - 99% Historic cottages on main road - 94% etc Village Meeting: 83% of residents agreed at the village meeting that the list of buildings (listed and unlisted) should be protected. The list shows all the listed buildings and features in Great Waldingfield.</p>
<p>GSD 1 AECOM Design Guide Source: Luis Juárez, (AECOM)</p>	<p>Page 17: map outlining the historic features around the Conservation Area. Page 24: key issues relating to historic buildings and features. Page 54: importance of new development reflecting and reinforcing the aspect of local (historical) distinctiveness.</p>
<p>a. Historic Introduction to Great Waldingfield and Historical Architectural Features and Map and photos of Listed Buildings Source: NP Steering Group</p>	<p>A comprehensive summary of the history of the village up to the present day and List of photographs and report by Linda Rushton of village housing types. This supports the Design Guide showing key features of local buildings. Annotated map of listed buildings. Photos of the same.</p>
<p>GSD 2 Landscape Appraisal Source: Ramon Keeley</p>	<p>Sections on Historic Influences and Landscape Character (particularly Section 30)</p>
<p>f. Conservation Area Appraisal Source: Patrick Taylor, BCC</p>	<p>Patrick Taylor appraisal (Babergh District Council)- section on Archaeological Significance showing the high sensitivity of the Conservation Area</p>
<p>i. Assessment of Locally Significant Buildings</p>	<p>Table showing assessment of each of these buildings using criteria from Defining the Scope of the Local Heritage List.</p>
<p>g. Walk of the Village List Source: NP Group, PC and residents</p>	<p>Village walked by Parish Council, Neighbourhood Plan and others. Heritage assets marked in bold. The key features in the village were identified. Map of the same.</p>

<p>Development Design Objectives Ho 2. New development is of a high-quality design, eco-friendly, laid out in a way that is in keeping with Great Waldingfield’s rural setting and of a scale that reinforces local character. Policy GWD 10: Design Considerations</p>	
<p>Principal Reason for the Policy To ensure that future housing is of high quality, appropriate to the village and its rural surroundings and that it is served by adequate infrastructure. It will consider current and future needs of residents and be accessible for all, utilising sustainable building practices.</p>	
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<p>GSD 4 Village Survey Results Source: 65% of households and 738 individual survey responses</p>	<p>Pages 10-11: 93% of respondents want to protect the views into and out of the village. 97% want to protect our hedgerows and 98% our mature trees. Pages 14-17: 96% - green areas on each road. 95% open space with large trees. 95% green buffer between the existing and new developments. 94% a variety of garden sizes and 90% a garden with a flowerbed for plants and wildlife. Page 20: 81% of respondents want new development to fit with local character. Pages 22-23: 94% want a variety of garden sizes, 90% want a garden with a flowerbed for plants Pages 25-26: 89% want cycle path connections into the village Page 33: 79% of businesses and homeworkers want faster broadband and 72% want better mobile coverage.</p>
<p>Design Guide Pages Source: Luis Juárez (AECOM)</p>	<p>Page 17: map outlining the historic features around the Conservation Area. Parking: Page 24: key issues relating to historic buildings and features. Page 54: importance of new development reflecting and reinforcing the aspect of local (historical) distinctiveness. Pages 22 & 29; Page 28: water run-off and Suds; Built Form (Page 32-34) ;street layout; Environment (42-46) : storage; biodiversity; car charging. Pages 38-60: Design criteria on parking, SuDs, street layout, landscaping, lighting, built form, boundary treatments, landscapes & views, scale, form & massing, roofs & façades, architectural styles, windows, doors, materials & colours, extensions & alterations and disabled access.</p>
<p>a. Domestic Architecture Source: NP Steering Group</p>	<p>List of photographs and report by Linda Rushton of village housing character</p>
<p>GSD 2 Landscape Appraisal Source: Ramon Keeley</p>	<p>Sections on Historic Influences and Landscape Character (particularly Section 30) ; Pages 33-38: Clear evidence of 16 important views and of six landscape character areas that need to be preserved Example : Heritage Fields : “This character area is dissected by numerous metaled lanes/small roads linking the hamlets and farmsteads, however they are lightly trafficked and the area retains a sense of rural tranquility”.</p>
<p>b. Village Character Assessments Source: NP Steering Group</p>	<p>Different areas of the village assessed using pro forma from Planning Aid England</p>

d.GW Listed Buildings Source: National Heritage List + Local Heritage listing (Historic England)	83% of residents agreed at the village meeting that the list of buildings (listed and unlisted) should be protected. The list shows all the listed buildings and features in Great Waldingfield
https://www.designcouncil.org.uk/resources/guide/building-life-12-third-edition Source: Building for Life	5. Character and 6. Working with the site and its context Section 10: Car Parking
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-design-guide Source: National Design Guide	The basis for our future development: The ten characteristics (p8) - context, identity, built form, movement, nature, public spaces, uses, homes and buildings, resources, lifespan.
Health and Wellbeing in Homes https://www.ukgbc.org/ukgbc-work/health-wellbeing-homes/ Source: UK Green Building Council	Section 1 Designing Healthy Homes Section 2: Designing Healthy Neighbourhoods Page 63: Flowchart to analyse these
Housing Design Audit for England https://placealliance.org.uk/research/national-housing-audit/ Source: Place Alliance et al	Pages 5 “Research has consistently shown that high quality design makes new residential developments more acceptable to local communities and delivers huge value to all” & following case studies.
https://www.cpre.org.uk/about-us/cpre-media/housing-design-report-2020/ Source: The Countryside Charity	“In this study in 2019 it was found that developments achieved mediocre scores in terms of design. Schemes were let down by poor street legibility and street definition. This was looking at how easy it was to navigate through the streets and how safe walkable and social those streets feel”.
Suffolk Guidance on parking (2019) https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/planning-waste-and-environment/planning-and-development-advice/Suffolk-Guidance-for-Parking-2019-Adopted-by-SCC.pdf Source: Suffolk County Council	Avoid poor design that encourages on-street parking as on Overing Avenue (P 25) Visitor Parking (Page 32)
c. Report on Lack of Parking Spaces Source: NP Steering Group	Illustrates the problems caused by lack of parking spaces beside dwellings and for non-residents in a recent large-scale development in the village

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<p>Principal Reason for Policy To ensure the new development will not cause problems with flooding in the Parish</p>	
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Source: NPPF	Pages 45-49: Section 14
Design Guide Source: Luis Juárez, (AECOM)	Page 28: SuDs
<p>Development Design Objectives Ho 2. New development is of a high-quality design, eco-friendly, laid out in a way that is in keeping with GW's rural setting and of a scale that reinforces local character. Policy GWD 12: Dark Skies</p>	
<p>Principal Reason for Policy To ensure that the outdoor lighting in new development will protect the current dark skies where it is safe to do so.</p>	
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GSD 4 Village Survey Results Source: 65% of households and 738 individual survey responses	Pages 10-11: 89% of residents think that dark skies are essential or important
Source: The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Dark Skies	Ten Dark Sky Policies for the Government
<p>Village Services and Facilities Objectives: C 1. Protect and improve our present facilities and green spaces; develop new high-quality accessible amenities (accessible for all) Policy GWD 13: Protecting Existing Services and Facilities</p>	
<p>Principal Reason for the Policies: To ensure that GW's current facilities are protected and that future facilities are tailored to the requirements of the village and are accessible for all.</p>	

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GSD 4 Village Survey Results Source: 65% of village households - 738 individual surveys	Pages 1-6: There was a very strong response to the usage and importance of the key facilities in the village clearly supporting the need to protect the following: 1.Shop 99%, 2. Old School Wood 93%, 3. Village Hall 92% 4. Playing field 91%. Usage - regularly and sometimes: 1. Shop 98% 2. Old School Wood 81% 3. Village Hall 78% 4. Pub 68% Pages 7-8: 1.Additional benches around the village 75%. 2.A fitness Trail 53% 3.A multi-use games area 45% 4.Outdoor barbecue an 36% 5.Outdoor gym 34%
a. Information from Babergh re GW facilities Source: Babergh District Council	“Great Waldingfield does not meet the open space standards for Parks and Outdoor Fixed Sport or Play (Youth). It only just meets the standard Play (Child).”
b. Assessment of Current Community Facilities Source: NP Steering Group	Assesses the capacity and usage of the current facilities and how important they are to the village
c. Community Facilities List: Village Walk Source: NP Steering Group	Shows the important facilities within the village
d. Assessment of aspirational facilities Source: NP Steering group	This shows the facilities that the village does not have but may aspire to have in the future
e. Accessibility assessment Source: Brian Rose / Steve Williams	Assesses the accessibility of current facilities for disabled residents
http://nda.ie/resources/accessibility-toolkit/ and http://universaldesign.ie/Built-Environment/Building-for-Everyone Source: National Disability Authority	Guidance on how to make all buildings more accessible which refers to " Building for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach " :provides comprehensive best practice guidance on how to design, build and manage buildings and spaces so that they can be readily accessed and used by everyone, regardless of age, size ability or disability
Village Services and Facilities Objectives C 1. Protect and improve our present facilities and green spaces; develop new high-quality accessible amenities. Policy: GWD 14: Open Space, Sport and Recreational Facilities	
Principal Reason for the Policy: The need to ensure that GW's open spaces and sport and recreational facilities are protected for the future particularly in the face of the community sports field being lost to the school in 2018.	
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GSD 4 Village Survey Results Pages 1-3	91% of responses wanted to protect the playing field.

Source: 65% of village households - 738 individual surveys	
a. Information from Babergh re GW facilities Source: Babergh District Council	Shows where GW lacks facilities, particularly sports facilities
c. Community Facilities List from Village Walk Source: NP Steering Group	Shows the important facilities that are to be found in Great Waldingfield
Village Services and Facilities Objectives C 1. Protect and improve our present facilities and green spaces; develop new high-quality accessible amenities. Policy GWD 15: Local Green Spaces	
Principal Reason for the Policy: To ensure that these spaces will be protected from development except in exceptional circumstances.	
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GSD 4 Village Survey Results Source:	Pages 11-14: Around 90% of respondents wished to protect our Local Green Spaces.
f. Map main village with local green spaces Source: NP Steering Group	Numbered as on the checklist.
g. Local Green Spaces Assessment Source: NP Steering Group	Assessment of local green spaces against current criteria
Highways & Movement Around The Village Objectives T 1. Any new development is well connected to the services in the village, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. Policy GWD 16: Public Rights of Way	
Principal Reason for the Policy To ensure that new development both maintains and improves current footpath networks thereby encouraging healthier lifestyles. To ensure that any new footpaths created within the new development are suitable for buggies, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.	
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GSD 4 Village Survey Results Pages 12-13 Source: 65% of parish households. 738 individual survey responses	98% want to maintain footpath network 97% want to link up footpaths to make circular walks Providing footpaths suitable for buggies and wheelchairs was top in the list of what needs improving in the village.

GSD 1 Design Guide Source: Luis Juárez, (AECOM)	Page 14: details the footpath network and public rights of way in the village Page 33: requirement for connectivity between new footpaths on developments and existing pathways
a. Map of Great Waldingfield Footpath Network Source: David Taylor - GW footpath warden	Summary of the current network together with suggestions for improvements.
Travel from Great Waldingfield Source: NP Steering Group	Details of current road, bus and train links plus footpaths, bridleways and cycle paths
Employment and Business Objective E 1. Provide for the needs of existing businesses and encourage opportunities for home working and local employment. Policy GWD 17: Employment Sites Policy GWD 18: New Business and Employment Policy GWD 19: Farm Diversification	
Principal Reason for the Policy To retain current businesses in the village as well as look for opportunities for future growth within the current employment sites within the village.	
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GSD 4 Village Survey Results Pages 33-34 Source: 65% of parish households. 738 individual survey responses	Villagers are in favour of supporting businesses 2% want better broadband speeds and 63% want better mobile coverage. 10% of respondents run a business from home.
Businesses in GW and Business Survey Source: NP Steering Group	List of Businesses in Great Waldingfield parish. Business Survey: 16 businesses were contacted. Issues raised by business owners relate to parking problems, broadband connectivity, affordable housing for employees and the effect of traffic on (a B&B) business.
Source: Babergh Local Plan	“Encourage the development of employment sites and other business growth, of the right type, in the right place”.
https://www.nfuonline.com/updates-and-information/how-agriculture-is-changing-the-importance-of-diversification/ Source: NFU	How agriculture is changing: The importance of diversification
Source: NPPF	Section 6: Building a strong, competitive economy Section 11: Making effective use of land
Agricultural Land Use Source: NP Group and local farmers	Summary of conversations with local farmers emphasizing the continued importance of agriculture in the village. (into farm diversification?)