



# Waldringfield Parish Council

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## WPC RESPONSE TO DC/24/2810/VOC

Dear Danielle,

Please accept the following response the above noted application.

WPC has, on a number of occasions, commented on this application, both in terms of:

a) of the drastically reduced Affordable Housing provision

and

b) the landscaping details

Following a review of the documents posted on the ESC planning portal since the previous WPC meeting (November 12<sup>th</sup>) WPC now wishes to make the following comments:

The newly posted documents includes the TW letter providing a table showing the planned delivery of affordable housing, by phase and by year across the whole of Brightwell Lakes. (Previously this letter was circulated on an informal basis but did not form part of the application and so was not given much weight in the PC's discussions).

We accept that the table complies with the S106 legal deed as well as the DC/17/1435/OUT planning consent.

As such WPC **no longer objects to this element** of DC/24/2810/VOC

We will of course continue to monitor the provision of affordable housing across the development, both in terms of the overall numbers and the breakdown of the different categories.

However, WPC does **OBJECT to the landscaping proposals** (as illustrated in drawings JBA 18/163-01 REV L to JBA 18/163-06 REV L) for the following reasons.

We consider that the mix of the proposed planting is not sufficiently focussed on native species and that the landscape proposals set out in the above drawings do not reflect the local character requirements as set out by the "Suffolk Coastal Character Assessment". The character assessment states under section 10.39 that "Proposals for development should be informed by, and be sympathetic to, the special qualities and features, strategy objectives and considerations identified in the Suffolk Coastal Landscape Character Assessment (2018) and Settlement Sensitivity Assessment (2018)."

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The landscape proposals show predominantly non-native species and amenity grassland with no local distinctiveness. Where native species are proposed these do not fully reflect the Estate Sandlands local character type. We suggest that the planting and seeding mixes are further scrutinised and more appropriate species incorporated.

We have attached the report from the **WPC Tree Warden** which includes a more detailed assessment.

Submitted by

Jennifer Shone-Tribley, Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council