



# Waldringfield Parish Council

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## Waldringfield Parish Council's response to planning application:

DC/25/0661/FUL - Construction of a two storey extension to the side of the existing dwelling - Skylark Cottage, Cliff Road, Waldringfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4QL

Dear Mr. Clow:

The parish council wishes to make the following comments regarding this application.

Sky Cottage is a semi-detached property located on the access road through the village to the river and is within the settlement boundary. It is a well established property (possibly Edwardian) with a brick front elevation and rendered side elevation, the roof is of pantiles.

The proposed side extension will be 2 storey and the parish council is pleased to note that this will be set back from the existing front elevation. Nonetheless both the front & the side elevation in addition to the roof of the extension will be clearly visible from the road. We have concerns that this will have a negative impact on the street-scene for the following reasons.

The rendered front elevation of the extension is not sympathetic to the brick front elevation of the existing house.

The design of the roof line of the extension is poorly related to that of the host dwelling both in terms of its pitch and potentially the materials. We note that the materials for the proposed roof are not included in the application.

Contrary to existing, the eastern elevation of the proposed extension is not relieved by any feature or detail. This has the effect of increasing the perception of scale & bulk. This is exacerbated by the almost flat roof. (The neighbouring property is set back from Skylark Cottage which means this elevation is clearly visible from the road). The existing east elevation includes a large ground floor window which will be filled in by the proposed extension. A similar window on the proposed extension would therefore not increase the level of overlooking of the neighbouring property.

We note that the D & A statement – page 6 says that the side extension will still retain a “good gap” between the neighbours dwelling but gives no indication of what is meant by a “good gap”. The notations on the drawings were difficult to decipher and it was not possible to gauge the distance of the proposed side extension from the boundary.

We also note that whilst the access will not be altered the proposed side extension will result in a reduction of on-site parking. No on street parking is available in the area.

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Based on the information provided within the application we do not think that this proposal in it's current form sufficiently respects the character and design of the original building. It will have a negative impact on the street-scene and does not meet the criteria set out in SPG 16.

The parish council therefore wishes to maintain a **HOLDING OBJECTION** pending clarification on the above matters.

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