

Little Bealings Parish Council

PLANNING STATEMENT

It was resolved at the Parish Council meeting held on 9 September 2013 that the following **Planning Statement** be adopted:

Policy:

1. The Council does not agree with its settlement hierarchy classification in the SCDC Local Plan (July 2013) as a Local Service Centre and considers its status to be 'Other Village'.
2. The Council objects to the inclusion of Little Bealings in the 'Ipswich Policy Area' and the 'Eastern Ipswich Plan Area' of the SCDC Local Plan (July 2013). Little Bealings has closer affinity with Woodbridge (being less urban and closer) than Ipswich.
3. The Council objects to any extension to the current physical limits boundary of the parish and therefore to LDF Site Specific Allocations and Policies, Issues and Options December 2008: proposal reference 500: Manor Farm, The Street, Little Bealings: physical limits extension.

Applications:

1. When considering planning applications, the overall aim is to protect the countryside for the sake of its intrinsic character and beauty, the diversity of its landscapes, heritage and wildlife, the wealth of its natural resources so that it may be enjoyed by all
2. Decisions on development proposals will be based upon maintaining the rural nature of Little Bealings and its surroundings, with flexibility for considering individual applications for development outside the current (ie as at February 2009) physical limits boundary of the parish
3. Decisions on development proposals will be based on sustainable development principles, ensuring an integrated approach to the consideration of:
 - Social inclusion, recognising the needs of everyone
 - Effective protection and enhancement of the environment
 - Prudent use of natural resources
4. When planning applications affect neighbouring parishes, a co-ordinated decision with those neighbouring parishes will be attempted

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