1) what is a Neighbourhood Plan?
what is the point?
The plan will become part of the statutory development plan for
Wilby. When MSDC receives a planning application for Wilby it will
be duty bound to take into account the policies of the
Neighbourhood Plan. These policies will be influenced by the
local community, that means you, through events such as this.
The Plan will be submitted to MSDC. It will then be examined by
an independant examiner, who will determine whether it goes
forward to a final referendum for the residents of Wilby.

2) what can it do?
If the plan is adopted by MSDC it will influence decisions on
planning applications in Wilby up to year 2036

3) what happens if we don’t have one?
We will be less able as a community to influence
planning decisions in Wilby.
How do we make a Neighbourhood Plan?

The Wilby Neighbourhood Plan has a volunteer working-group, approved by the Parish council. They are:

Paula Barham - Carl Berry - Jeremy Bisshopp - Karen Collins
Robin Cross - Steve Lee - Ian Taylor - Josette Jaquest
Brian Jaquest - Stuart Banks

This group along with our consultant will draft the plan taking your comments into account at each stage and will then submit it to Mid Suffolk District Council.

check the plan's progress at any time on

[www.wilby.suffolk.cloud](http://www.wilby.suffolk.cloud)

follow links to parish council

and to neighbourhood plan
**FAQs**

**What can the plan do?**

- **Can the plan provide affordable homes?**
  - Yes
  - Planning policy requires a percentage of new builds to be affordable

- **Can it stop development?**
  - Maybe
  - It can influence a decision at the planning application stage

- **Could it stop the cutting down of trees or taking out hedges?**
  - Yes
  - Planning policy could protect the natural features of the environment

- **Could traffic be controlled through the plan?**
  - Maybe
  - Any attempt to change road layout would be subject to the plan, but not speed limits

- **Does public transport get affected through the plan?**
  - No
  - Transport is the responsibility of County Council and the plan would not be referred to
The Process

The 1st public meeting was held in the village hall on February 10th where resident’s views were voiced and noted.

Today is the 2nd public event where you have an opportunity to give your views concerning certain aspects. **As you go round you will be able to mark which topics are important to you, interact with the boards and add your comments.**

There will be a 3rd public event before the draft plan is formulated.

There will be a 4th public consultation on the draft plan which will last for a minimum of 6 weeks. **Changes can still be made at this stage according to public comments gathered at these events.**

The final draft will be submitted to MBC. A further 6 week period of public consultation, the 5th, will follow before the plan goes to the independent examiner.

The 6th event will be a referendum where you can vote to have the plan used in all future planning applications in Wilby.

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The vision for Wilby

Our vision for the future of Wilby sees the natural beauty of its rural environment preserved.

Change to our amenities and built environment should be managed pro-actively, creatively and sustainably.

This vision for Wilby will benefit all those that live here, work here, visit or pass through.

To ensure Wilby remains a viable community, now and in the future.
The objectives to deliver the vision

- To protect the best elements of the natural and built environments
- To ensure that development within the plan area is sensitive, proportionate and sustainable.
- To ensure that the rural nature of the parish is maintained, supported and encouraged, safeguarding the natural environment, wildlife in the area and minimising all forms of pollution.
- To encourage cohesion of the whole parish by providing sufficient and suitable facilities, including support for the vibrant functioning of the school, the church and the community hall.

The Natural Environment

Ponds, Ditches, Trees, Hedges, Footpaths, Wildlife

The origins of the name Wilby is believed to be Old English for “Ring of Willows” and reflects a long-standing connection to nature in this rural parish. Few of us now work on the land but a connection with nature still gives pleasure whether feeding birds in the garden or catching a glimpse of a barn owl hunting in the early evening. Nature has the ability to enrich our lives and improve our sense of well-being and quality of life.

Julian Roughton, CEO, Suffolk Wildlife Trust

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<th>How can we best conserve Wilby’s landscape and wildlife to benefit ourselves as well as future generations?</th>
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Post-its with your comments

The Natural Environment

The Question:
Is the protection of ponds, trees, hedges, footpaths and wildlife an important issue for Wilby?

YES 84
No 0
The Natural Environment

Important local green spaces

Where do you think they are?
Please mark with a dot

Tree and hedgerow [16]

Farming, farmers and landowners (8 comments)

Ensure we keep arable farmland
Don’t allow development on productive farmland and keep it as farmland
Farming methods should adapt to conserve wildlife habitats
Conserve the historic Wilby Green
Maintain drainage ditches
Retain open views across countryside

Footpaths [10]

Preserve existing footpaths and hedgerows and keep them accessible.
Maintain signs and open up minor walking routes, especially circular routes.
HoldESBL events to keep public interest
Replace landowners maintain footpaths

General (1 comment)

Minimize unnecessary intrusions — road signs etc., to preserve the natural beauty
Reduce awareness among residents and also at the school
Country road have 40mph limit — for traffic and traffic must be cut

The Built Environment: 1

The Listed buildings, Heritage Assets, Other buildings

The Parish includes 38 Grade 2 and 1 Grade 3 listed buildings, with special status to protect them from inappropriate alterations or additions, or change to their settings. The listed buildings in the Parish are, although they are not listed are unlisted heritage assets. They are important because of their local historic or cultural value and therefore deserve protection.

Are there any heritage assets you can identify which you think should be protected locally? Place a dot on the map.
The Built Environment: 2

New development within the plan area

During our earlier public consultation about a Neighbourhood Plan for Wilby the community decided that it wants a Plan which will include policies to balance conservation and development and that this should be managed sensitively, pro-actively, creatively.

If Wilby were to be allocated more new homes in the MSDC Local Plan, what number do you think would be appropriate? Please comment in the box below.

Part 1b.

The Built Environment: 2

What type of homes?

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<td>Starter homes (1-2 beds)</td>
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<td>Family homes (3-4 beds)</td>
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<td>Single storey homes</td>
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What style of new homes would you like to see?

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The Built Environment: 3

What is The Settlement Boundary?

Settlement boundary defines an area within which the presumption is in favour of development. This means that building will usually be allowed unless there is good reason not to.

The current Wilby settlement boundary is defined in the MELDC Local Plan in 1996 and is shown on the map on the next board in green.

Outside of a settlement boundary the land is treated as countryside and is protected from development. The same applies if a village has no settlement boundary (e.g. Bictonham).

The 1996 MELDC Plan was superseded by changes in national planning policy. The latest piece of national planning policy guidance issued in July 2018 states that development can only take place in "sustainable" locations. Wilby may not fall within that definition.

A recent document from MELDC shows the possibility for a revised settlement boundary for Wilby. The Plan could look at options for the settlement boundary.

These options are:
1. to leave it as it is, shown in green;
2. to support the suggestion made by MELDC for it to be changed as shown in dotted pink;
3. to amend the settlement boundary in a different way.

On the next board you will find a map of the Settlement Boundary, showing the above options.
Please place dots where you think new homes could be built. The locations you choose will indicate which of the options you support:
1. within the existing settlement boundary;
2. within the suggested new boundary;
3. or outside the boundary but adjacent to it.

The Built Environment 3

Where within the Settlement Area do you think new homes could be built?

Please mark with a dot

Preferred Types of New Homes

The vertical axis is the number of people responding on each type.
The Built Environment

If you have any further comments on The Built Environment
Please comment in the box below

Post-its

The Built Environment

There were 84 comments on the Built Environment

- These are too many and wanted to summarise here but the following were common themes:
  - Design – new houses should fit in with the existing village
  - Quality – new houses should be of high quality
  - Quantity – small numbers in groups or individual houses
  - Insular houses and adequate space around them.

Infrastructure - Broadband, Mobile Coverage, Electricity, Gas, Sewerage, Roads

Are there specific issues around infrastructure which need addressing?

Infrastructure Issues

- Broadband 15%
- Mobile Coverage 10%
- Gas 5%
- Electricity 20%

Infrastructure Comments

- Broadband, mobile and TV service (21 comments)
- Broadband too slow but is improving and mobile phone reception is poor, with coverage a big issue
- TV reception very poor

- Electricity and Gas (13 comments)
  - Overhead power cables catching on trees
  - Can we have natural gas?
  - Poor infrastructure for electricity main lines

- Sewerage (11 comments)
  - Still using septic tank – could Wilby put on many sewage
  - We need mains sewerage, it has now got to be a priority

- Roads (17 comments)
  - Roads need street lights
  - Constant pool of water at junction of Londen City Road needs addressing
  - Roads are in need of repair, too many potholes
  - Bend between church and carpark hall causes lorries to veer across the road – dangerous for oncoming traffic
Renewable Energy

Do you think the Plan should consider the possibilities for renewable energy?

Yes  20  (if yes were qualified – see comments on next slide)
No   20

Are there any locations that you think would be suitable for small-scale solar or wind energy sites?

Yes but on a small scale
Yes but only when tech improvements have enabled miniature sections and greater harmony with the environment
Yes we need local solutions not nuclear power stations
New builds should have more solar built in
With climate change a pressing priority – renewable energy essential, small scale sites on outskirts of village or subsidiary again for solar panels
no wind farms please or solar farms!
Solar only
Free solar panels for all houses that would like them. The Council does this already for many of their properties.
Can’t see it working here

What kind of Renewables?

Solar Panels

Turbines

Are there any locations that you think would be suitable for small-scale solar or wind energy sites?

No solar farms or wind turbines
Not until technology is developed better
Individual options only i.e. be heap or run own home
Solar panels an taboo as standard
No keep our farmland producing crops
Hold within parish boundary but avoiding sight from settlement boundary as far as possible.
If any – well away from houses.
Need to be chosen with regard to views, and environment and visibility
Amenities
Educational, Social and Spiritual

The School's vision

Our vision for Wilby CEVC Primary School is that it will continue to offer an exceptionally high-quality educational experience to both village families and also to those that attend from a wider radius beyond the school catchment area. The school will continue to work closely with existing organisations such as the village hall and the church whilst developing links with the wider community thus ensuring that new interest and vitality are ever present at the centre of village life.

The Coronation Hall's vision

In the absence of a pub, post office or shop in Wilby, the Coronation Hall is:
- a key central meeting point and a valuable resource which should continue to be a hub for members of the local community and surrounding area;
- a venue for people to meet, socialise and celebrate, enjoying social activity, sport, the arts and recreation;
- helping the community to be vibrant, healthy and sustainable.

The Hall and its activities are managed by volunteers who donate an average of 18.5 hours per week. The car park also serves the local primary school and church.

The Church's Mission Statement

The church has been in the village for 1000 years and is a Christian and spiritual presence in the community. It aims to respond and be present at all stages of life.

To be a voice of reason and strive to safeguard the people in our community life.

Final Comments

Amenities
Help to create a seating area, picnic space at the hall with a village sign
A place for family and children to play in but not smoking (x3)
Play area for families and children to enjoy
A green space to be used by the children and families of Wilby (x3)
A small open “village green” would be a focal point and balance any building

Planning control must be given and used to general benefit
No more houses
Keep farmland for farming!
Future events will be widely publicised but if you would like to be placed on the list for e-mail updates as information becomes available, please contact Karen Collins, karencollins501@btinternet.com.

As shown on board number 7, there will be further opportunities for residents to participate. Details will be published here and in the Parish Newsletter.