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20/12/2019	DC/19/4901/FUL	Flint Oaks Nacton Road Levington	Rear Single Storey Extension	Levington Parish Council have discussed the proposed Planning Application and support without modification. However, councillors would like to make the following comment. Concern was raised due to the narrowness of the road outside the applicant's property especially during deliveries of building materials for the works. It will be necessary for all passing traffic to be unimpeded and for all of the applicant's neighbours (both sides of the road) to be able to freely move to and from their properties during such deliveries. I cannot find any reference to legislation that covers		Permitted

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				obstructions of such a temporary nature, so can only suggest that this concern is added as a footnote.		
28/01/2020	DC/20/0330/FUL	Suffolk Yacht Harbour Stratton Hall	Change of use from B1 to A3 and A5 allowing the space to operate as a café to serve food and drink for consumption on and off the premises.	No objection.		Withdrawn
19/02/2020	DC/20/0732/FUL	The Gunshed Stratton Hall Drift Stratton Hall	Erection of storage building.	Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council would like to make the following comments regarding the above application. The Parish Council does not object to this application. However, as this is a small business site set in countryside, and in proximity to three residential properties (one actually adjoining but not written to by ESC), it is		Permitted


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				essential that the conditions re working hours, noise levels and non-removal of trees and hedgerow on the north east boundary (see C/93/1289) are maintained and light pollution be minimised.		
23/02/2020	DC/20/0831/FUL	Levington Park Research Station Bridge Road Levington	2 new personnel doors and 3 new windows to west elevation. Alteration of existing loading door opening and insertion of new shutter door to south elevation.	No objection.		Permitted
25/02/2020	DC/20/0815/FUL	Land South of Felixstowe Road Stratton Hall	Construction of a lorry park comprising 82 lorry parking spaces, a covered maintenance lay, two storey office accommodation, etc	The Parish Council strongly opposes this application as being inappropriate, detrimental and dangerous in this location...		Withdrawn

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27/04/2020	DC/20/1589/FUL	20 Bridge Road Levington	Demolition of front porch. Erection of single storey rear extension with roof lights, together with timber cladding at first floor of property.	The Parish Council supported this application.		Permitted
07/09/2020	DC/20/3475/TPO	High Trees Bridge Road Levington	The tree has a significant growth of meripilus fungal bodies at its base. This fungus can cause root failure without showing any sign of ill health in the crown. We request to dismantle the tree to a safe height of 10ft to prevent major failure in high winds.	The Parish Council regrets the loss of this tree which has been a land mark in the village for very many years but we have no further comments to add to this planning application.		Permitted
23/09/2020	DC/20/3767/FUL	Suffolk Yacht Harbour Stratton Hall	Change of use to Café (Class E) and Hot Food Takeaway.	Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council supports the application for Change of		Permitted

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				use to Café (Class E) and Hot Food Takeaway Suffolk Yacht Harbour Levington Marina DC/20/3767/FUL.		
10/11/2020	DC/20/4526/FUL	Part of land south side of A45 Felixstowe Road Levington	Change of use from former agricultural to mixed use of B2 and B8.	The Parish Council objected to this application.  Eastern Structures DC-20-4526-FUL.pdf		Refused
20/11/2020	DC/20/4725/FUL	8 Red House Walk Levington	Proposed detached studio.	No objection.		Permitted
26/02/2021	DC/21/0951/FUL	Olive Tree House Bridge Road Levington	Proposed two storey side extension.	The Parish Council did not object to this application.		Permitted
26/02/2021	DC/21/0842/VLA	The Driftway Church Lane Levington	Removal of restrictive Section 52 Agreement so that a future planning application would be subject to ESC controlling conditions via the planning application	While Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council records contain the details of the planning application for the building of this bungalow, they contain no mention of the Section 52 agreement so the formal reasons for it would appear to be		Permitted Deed of Variation agreed.

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			process.	<p>confined to the archives of the former Suffolk Coastal District Council. In considering the agreement and the restrictions it imposes, the Council is sympathetic to the view, that planning issues relating to the area of the property lying within the village boundary, should now be considered under the planning criteria contained in the recently adopted Local Plan. The lower area of the property lying outside the village boundary is much more sensitive re the landscape, being originally part of the open meadow of Church Field. It needs maximum protection –</p>		

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				more than just being 'countryside' and 'agricultural'. We request that ESC look at ways to maintain the level of protection currently provided by the Section 52 agreement that are compatible with present planning laws and regulations		
19/03/2021	DC/21/1375/LBC	1 Almshouses Bridge Road Levington	Listed building consent – replacement of windows and kitchen door to all 4 almshouses with double glazed units.	No objection		Approved
19/03/2021	DC/21/1376 /LBC	2 Almshouses Bridge Road Levington	Listed building consent – replacement of windows and kitchen door to all 4 almshouses with double glazed units.	No objection		Approved

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19/03/2021	DC/21/1377/LBC	3 Almshouses Bridge Road Levington	Listed building consent – replacement of windows and kitchen door to all 4 almshouses with double glazed units.	No objection		Approved
19/03/2021	DC/21/1378/LBS	4 Almshouses Bridge Road Levington	Listed building consent – replacement of windows and kitchen door to all 4 almshouses with double glazed units.	No objection		Approved
26/03/2021	DC/21/1513/TPO	Trickers Wood Church Lane Levington	TPO SCDC 0014 1984 Sycamore T19 – to be felled, tree in marked decline through sooty bark disease.	No objection		Approved
30/03/2021	DC/21/1552/FUL	Garden Cottage Stratton Hall Drift Stratton Hall	Retractable pool enclosure.	No objection		Approved
18/05/2021	DC/21/2358/FUL	High Trees Bridge Road Levington	Part single and two storey extension to form additional living	DC/21/2358/FUL - PART SINGLE & TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO FORM ADDITIONAL		Approved

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			space.	<p>LIVING SPACE High Trees Bridge Road Levington IP10 0LZ</p> <p>Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council do not object to the above Planning Application, however they would like to bring the following observations to the attention of the East Suffolk Council Planning Department.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation of two separate dwellings Councillors noted that the proposed extension will create two separate dwellings within the overall property but would appear to conform with East Suffolk Planning Policy SCLP5.13: Residential Annexes. 		

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				<p>2. Proximity of New Building to Neighbouring Property (Beech Lodge) Councillors expressed concern regarding the proximity of the new building to Beech Lodge and the effect of its 'bulk' so near to the existing house. The Parish Council are concerned that any technical issues around such closeness are investigated before planning permission is granted. However, it should be noted that the applicant has consulted with the owners of the neighbouring property who do not anticipate that this 'closeness' is a</p>		



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				<p>problem.</p> <p>3. Removal of trees and hedges The Parish Council notes that no trees or hedges need to be removed as a result of the building of the new extension and would suggest that this is a requirement of any grant of planning permission.</p> <p>4. Parking The applicant has assured the Parish Council that all vehicles pertaining to the two households can be parked within their curtilage. However, the Parish Council are concerned about the parking of contractors' vehicles during the period of</p>		

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				the building work particularly relating to the nearby parking area used by the Almshouses residents and associated carers. It would like restrictions on parking to form part of the planning permission.		
25/06/2021	DC/21/2878/FUL	Spring Cottage Bridge Road Levington IP10 0LJ	Erection of single storey rear extension.	Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council supports this application.		Approved
25/06/2021	DC/21/2877/FUL	Bridge Farmhouse Bridge Road Levington IP10 0LJ	Erection of two-storey rear and front porch.	Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council supports this application.		Approved
02/07/2021	DC/21/3500/FUL	1 Seabridge Cottages Stratton Hall Drift IP10 0LW	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Construction of a two bay cart lodge 2. Take down an existing workshop and rebuild a garden room on the existing slab 3. Erection of a garden shed. 	Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council supports this application.		Approved

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21/09/2021	DC/21/4425/FUL	Driftway Church Lane IP10 0LQ	Single storey rear extension.	Levington and Stratton Hall have no objection to this application.		Approved
21/09/2021	DC/21/4413/FUL	Part of land South side of A14 Felixstowe Road IP10 0LT	Change of use from former agricultural to mixed use of B2 and B8.	Levington and Stratton Hall objects to this application.  Response to ESC DC-21-4413-FUL.doc	John Ross / David Long	Refused
16/03/2023	DC/23/1138/OUT	Red House Farm Bridge Road Levington Suffolk IP10 0LZ	Phased development comprising 18 x No. dwellings (including 6 affordables and up to 6 self build) with garaging and parking, accesses and landscaping	 Response to ESC DC-23-1138-OUT.pdf	Sarah Gregory	Permitted
16/03/2023	DC/23/1370/FUL	SUFFOLK YACHT HARBOUR ACCESS TO LEVINGTON MARINA STRATTON HALL IP10 0LN	Extension to Café building at Suffolk Yacht Harbour	Parish Council supports the application.	John Bailey	Permitted

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16/03/2023	DC/23/1321/FUL	1 New Cottages Nacton Road Levington IP10 0LE	Single storey part rear/part side extension and alterations	Parish Council supports the application.	John Parrish	Permitted
28/04/2023	DC/23/1307/FUL	3 Barrack Row Church Lane Levington IP10 0LG	Retrospective Application – Removal of existing summerhouse and shed, this has been replaced with a new summerhouse and shed which has been combined.	Parish Council considering at Planning Meeting on Wednesday, 7 th June 2023	Chris Yeo	Permitted
27/02/2023	DC/23/0756/FUL	Site of SZC Freight Management Facility Felixstowe Road Levington	Development of a temporary "Water Sourcing Facility" for Sizewell C ...	Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council has been involved in consultation on the temporary use of this site for a Freight Management Facility [FMF] since 2012. It also recognises that it is part of an Infrastructure of National Importance which had a	John Ross	Pending – Although the PC understand this application will not go ahead it is still listed as awaiting decision on the ESC Planning website.

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				<p>Development Consent Order granted in July 2022 and is subject to challenge heard in the High Court with a judgement pending. The Parish Council met on 24th March 2023 to consider the application for a temporary use of this site for a "Water Sourcing Facility" and considered just this planning application and not the previous planning application for the FMF. There are several concerns for about this planning application: 1. The proposal is to draw off large quantities of water to supply the Sizewell C site by water tankers. The Parish Council would wish to receive complete assurances that there will be no detrimental impact to the supply of water to</p>		

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				<p>Levington and Stratton Hall parishes and the Felixstowe Peninsula, nor any reduction in water pressure to these areas. It is also interested to know why water could not be supplied by water mains nearer the Sizewell C development site. 2. The Parish Council has concerns about the traffic management plan. Firstly, when leaving the site, water tankers should not travel eastwards along the Old Felixstowe Road and attempt to join the A14/ Stratton Hall junction as this would be dangerous for slow moving vehicles. Secondly, if the water tankers turned westwards from the site, the Parish Council considered it dangerous for slow moving tankers</p>		



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				<p>to join the A1156 by turning right on the tee junction from the Old Felixstowe Road. Tankers and lorries must not be allowed to turn eastwards as the slip onto the A14 is too short for slow moving vehicles – it required the police to slow or stop westbound traffic at this point to let lorries onto the A14 after Operation Stack. The new entrance to the site must prevent exiting left. The alternative of vehicles exiting the FMS site westward has two serious hazards: • They first have to turn right across the fast-moving traffic on the old A45. • Secondly, they present a similar hazard turning right onto the A1156. 3. The Parish Council is unconvinced that noise from the water pumps –</p>		



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				<p>mains to storage tanks/storage tanks to water tankers, will not be a noise nuisance. 4. Planting is mentioned as a form of screening. Plants take a long while to mature so what year will it be when the plants provide an effective screen? It was considered that the proposed bunds were insufficient in height and length to provide adequate mitigation to offset the detrimental impact on the character of the landscape. 5. A commitment has been made to return the site of the FMF/Water Sourcing Facility to its original use at the end of the Sizewell C project. This must also apply to the newly created junction on the Old Felixstowe Road which is purely to be</p>		



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				used as an access to the temporary facilities on this site. The Old Felixstowe Road must therefore be returned to its original and current form. For these reasons the Parish Council objects to this planning application.		
16/03/2023	DC/23/1138/OUT Amendments plus	Red House Farm Bridge Road Levington Suffolk IP10 OLZ	Erection of 18 x No. dwellings (including 6 affordables) with garaging, parking, accesses and landscaping	Parish Council submissions to ESC.  Red House Farm Submissions.pdf	Sarah Gregory	Permitted
07/07/2023	DC/23/2695/LBC	The Ship Church Lane Levington Ipswich Suffolk IP10 OLQ	Listed Building Consent - Alterations and extensions to provide additional dining and upgraded kitchen facilities and an outdoor seating area	Parish Council submission to ESC.  Ship Submission.pdf	Sarah Gregory	Permitted

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07/07/2023	DC/23/2694/FUL	The Ship Church Lane Levington Ipswich Suffolk IP10 OLQ	Alterations and extensions to provide additional dining and upgraded kitchen facilities and an outdoor seating area.	Parish Council submission to ESC.  Ship Submission.pdf	Sarah Gregory	Permitted
24/07/2023	DC/23/2930/OUT	Land South of Felixstowe Road, Stratton Hall	Outline Application (Some Matters Reserved) - Construction of lorry park comprising 69 no. lorry parking spaces inclusive of ancillary office, driver's building, staff parking, landscaping and associated CCTV and lighting apparatus (with access and layout)	Parish Council submission to ESC.  Planning-Application-Submission-DC-23-2	Cate Last / Chris Yeo	Pending – Although the PC understand this application will not go ahead it is still listed as awaiting decision on the ESC Planning website.


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07/09/2023	DC/23/1138/OUT	Red House Farm, Bridge Road, Levington IP10 0LZ	Erection of 18 x No. dwellings (including 6 affordables) with garaging, parking, accesses and landscaping	Parish Council submission to ESC.  Response-to-ESC-DC-23-1138-OUT-13th-1	Sarah Gregory	Permitted
31/11/2023	DC/23/3717/FUL	Walk Farm Stratton Hall	Change of use of 3no. buildings from agricultural use to Class E use (light industrial/storage) Walk Farm Old Felixstowe Road Stratton Hall Ipswich IP10 0LR	Parish Council submission to ESC.  Planning Application DC-23-3717-FUL.pdf	Chris Yeo / John Parrish	Permitted
13/11/2023	Appeal Ref: APP/X3540/W/23/3319395	Eastern Structures	Part of Land South Side of A14, Felixstowe Road, Levington, Suffolk IP10 0LT	Result of Appeal: The appeal was dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. Some of the Reasons for Refusal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside settlement boundary on land designated as countryside. • Unacceptable 	N/A	Refused

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				<p>adverse impact on surrounding land use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Inspectorate was not convinced that there are not alternative locations which could be sequentially preferable to the appeal site. • The site does not constitute an appropriate location for the proposed development, having particular regard to safeguarding the countryside and ensuring a suitable and sustainable form of development. <p>Inspectorate Conclusion:</p>		

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				The proposed development conflicts with the development plan when taken as a whole, and there are no other material considerations that indicate otherwise. It is also at odds with the requirements of the Framework.		
02/01/2024	DC/23/4699/OUT (Please note this is a Nacton application.)	Land Opposite Seven Hills Roundabout Felixstowe Road Nacton Suffolk	Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access for a Business Park to provide floorspace for Class B2, B8 and E(g) Uses alongside ancillary uses	 Planning Application DC-23-4699-OUT.pdf	Chris Yeo	Pending
19/02/2024	DC/24/0619/FUL	Orchard House Church Lane Levington Ipswich Suffolk IP10 OLG	Single storey rear extension, internal remodelling and	No objection	Cate Last	Permitted

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			new single bay cart lodge to front.			
29/02/2024	DC/24/0449/FUL	Part Land At Foxburrow Farm Waldringfield Road Brightwell Ipswich Suffolk IP10 OBZ	Change of use of land for the storage of containers (associated with Port of Felixstowe), including erection of associated fencing.	The Parish Council strongly objects to this Planning Application which is in the countryside and adjacent to the ANOB. The Parish Council held a Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 25th March 2024 when this application formed part of the agenda and both residents and Parish Councillors made their views known. Very little information has been provided, particularly in view of the fact that the applicant would be storing a large number of containers (up to 1200) in a rural setting and the Parish Council would make the following observations: 1. How will the containers be loaded	John Parrish	Refused

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				<p>and unloaded from lorries? 2. The height to which the containers will be stacked? 3. How many lorry movements per day, per week or per year? In addition, the applicant has failed to provide a Traffic Plan to anticipate the net impact in terms of HGV movements to and from the site. If this Planning Application were to be approved, we request that the Planning Officer considers prohibiting all HGVs from using the C375 Brightwell Road and that measures are put in place to ensure that vehicles use the A12/A14 route to and from Felixstowe Dock. The Parish Council are concerned about the impact the additional HGV movements will have at the Seven Hills</p>		

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				<p>Junction. If this Planning Application were allowed, coupled with the Planning Applications already approved, such as Brightwell Lakes and those which are in the planning process such as the Land Opposite the Seven Hills Roundabout for a Business Park, this would result in even more congestion at this already junction bottleneck.</p> <p>This application would appear to be in breach of SCLP4.2: New Employment Development; in that where a need for additional employment development has been demonstrated or it can be demonstrated that there is no sequentially preferable land available adjacent to existing</p>		

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				<p>Employment Areas, within existing Employment Areas or within Settlement Boundaries and: a) It would not have an unacceptable adverse impact on surrounding land use; and b) It avoids, or adequately mitigates, any adverse impact on the character of the surrounding area and landscape, the AONB and its setting or the natural or historic environment.</p> <p>As stated previously, for all the above reasons the Parish Council strongly objects to this application. In particular, the Parish Council strongly objects to the extension of the plan onto agricultural land that is not designated for development in the Local</p>		

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				Plan.		
14/03/2024	DC/24/0800/FUL	2 Seabridge Cottages Stratton Hall Drift Stratton Hall Ipswich Suffolk IP10 OLW	Change of use for a holiday let.	Supports the application.	Chris Yeo	Permitted
15/08/2024	DC/24/2940/TPO	The Driftway Church Lane Levington IP10 OLQ	1x Mixed Group Holly and 1x Hawthorn Tree – To fell. Due to high maintenance and allowing more light onto lawn area creating a vista view to the open fields.	No objection	Ann Wignall	Permitted
03/02/2025	DC/25/0161/TPO	High Trees	1no. Horse chestnut (T5 on Order) - Crown reduce by 30% in height and crown width	No objection	Chris Yeo	Permitted
24/02/2025	DC/25/0771/P3Q	Red House Farm Bridge Road Levington Suffolk	Prior Notification - Change of use of part of agricultural	Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council DO NOT OBJECT to	Chris Yeo	Prior Approval Refused

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		IP10 OLZ	building to 6 x No. dwellinghouses (Class C3) and works reasonably necessary to facilitate the conversion.	Planning Application DC/25/0771/P3Q Red House Farm – Change of Use for an Agricultural Barn to 6x Residential Dwellings, however councillors would like to make the following comments. Vehicle Parking The Parish Council is aware that the parking of vehicles is one parking space per one bedroom property which is in line with the minimum as per SuUolk County Council Guidance for Parking v5.1 and this requirement has been met, however, there does not appear to be any visitor/unallocated parking which is 0.25 spaces per dwelling (unallocated) which indicates there should be 1.5 unallocated parking space for the development. Sewage		

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				<p>The Parish Council has been assured by the owner of Red House Farm that the properties will not be connected to the mains sewage system and will have their own sewage plant facility. Councillors would like a separate sewage system to be a condition of the planning application being granted. Renting of Properties The Parish Council has been advised by the applicant that the properties will not be sold but will be occupied by long term residential occupants. The Parish Council would like a condition of the planning application being granted that these properties are not used for holiday lets.</p>		
04/03/2025	DC/25/O681/ARM	Red House Farm Bridge Road Levington Suffolk	Approval of Reserved Matters	The Parish Council considered	Cllr Chris Yeo	Pending

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		IP10 OLZ	of DC/23/1138/OUT - Erection of 18 x No. dwellings (including 6 affordables) with garaging, parking, accesses and landscaping - The quantity, type and layout of buildings within the proposed development, The precise height, width and length of individual buildings, The appearance of buildings (including proposed materials), Access details within the site for vehicles, cycles and pedestrians, including the new footpath in	<p>DC/25/0681/ARM Red House Farm at a Planning Meeting on Thursday, 3rd April 2025 attended by over 20 members of the public who have passed on their views not only at the meeting but also on East Suffolk Portal.</p> <p>Although amendments to the application have been made, the Parish Council's position on this application has not changed and the Parish Council STRONGLY OBJECTS to this application.</p> <p>1. Although entrances into the development have been reduced to two, this does not alter the other highway issues raised in our previous objections;</p>		

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			<p>accordance with Parameters Plan drawing number 1001.1 Rev.D and Landscape proposals, including boundary planting and the retention and reinforcement of the existing hedge in accordance with Parameters Plan drawing number 1001.1 Rev.D, Not an Environmental Assesment Plan</p>	<p>dangerous bend, increase in traffic, refuse collection and lights shining in opposite properties.</p> <p>2. Letter from Ben Winton at Transport Planning to Andrew Martin Suffolk Highways states “there are concerns over pedestrian connectivity to and from the site from the outside highway. A holding objection shall be maintained by the Highway authority. The Parish Council reiterates the original comments with several updated amendments which are detailed below. The application</p>		

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				<p>states that all matters are reserved apart from 'access' and 'the number of dwellings to be accommodated'. Our comments and objections below are focused on the issues relevant to these two matters.</p> <p>1. <u>Built Environment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCLP 12.56 "The layout of the development should reflect the linear nature of the village". This accords with the narrow nature of the site. This proposal does not reflect the linear nature of the village but in order to accommodate the 18 dwellings required by 		

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				<p>ESC, the illustrative layout involves 'back building' which ESC has previously refused in the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development needs to be in keeping with the built environment of the rest of village which is low density; this OPA is high density and contrary to the existing street scene. It should also be visually complimentary to the award-winning Red House Walk complex opposite, the appearance of which ESC protects with restrictions on extensions and modifications. • Although the number of parking spaces for 		

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				<p>the properties is correct, it does not appear that any provision has been made for unallocated/visitor parking which according to Suffolk County Council Highways should be .25 per dwelling therefore according to the Suffolk Guidance for Parking 2023 there should be a minimum of 4.5 parking spaces available for visitors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents would recommend that the brick style of the properties is red brick in keeping with Red House Farm Walk 		

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				<p>which is situated opposite the new site.</p> <p>2. <u>Highways Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to accommodate 18 dwellings, the application relies on 2 separate road access points on to the narrow Bridge Road. Although mention is made of these being within the 30mph limit, but only just, it omits to mention the Northern one is very close to a dangerous blind bend. The PC has previously raised this danger with SCC Highways who agreed and painted central white lines. • SCC Highways have so far not responded 		

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				<p>and will no doubt make the same point. We would like the opportunity to comment on any alternative proposal from SCC when received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern is expressed about additional vehicles regularly travelling in and out of the village where there are only short footways, and the roads are frequently used by pedestrians and horse riders (there are many livery business' nearby). The residents request that a footpath is built between the new development and the 		

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				<p>end of Bridge Road to enable residents to access the bus service on the old A45 Felixstowe Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'internal' roadways of the illustrative layout, if lined with parked cars, will not accommodate a large refuse lorry nor allow it to turn round. The lorry will therefore stay on the main road resulting in the requirement for 36 bins (recycling and green), to be assembled on the proposed pathway; clearly impractical and unacceptable. <p>3. <u>Natural Environment</u></p>		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1323 403 1664 847">• The proposed development site immediately borders the AONB where a high density housing development would be inappropriate. The hinterland to the AONB should have sparse developments leading away from it. <li data-bbox="1323 898 1646 1385">• SCLP 12.56 “The southern and western boundaries of the site comprise existing hedgerows and trees which should be retained other than where their removal is required to provide access. Further landscaping on the eastern boundary of 		

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				<p>the site would provide a separation between the site and the farm to the east. The Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty lies to the south and west of the site and development will therefore need to be sympathetic to the surrounding landscape". The existing natural mixed hedgerow along the site has been decimated by the applicant/landowner in advance of the submission of the application (and so now described by the applicant as "poor") and little of significance. The</p>		

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				<p>proposed high density development immediately adjacent to the AONB will not be “sympathetic to the surrounding landscape”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In drawing up the current Local Plan, ESC (SCDC) unilaterally extended the Settlement Boundary into the countryside/natural environment. This is unwelcome by the PC. Should this application be approved, there should be no further expansion of our Settlement Boundary. This encroachment into the natural 		

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				<p>environment is not supported. The proposed development represents a 21.2% increase in the number of dwellings within the Settlement Boundary.</p> <p>4. <u>Village Facilities and Services</u></p> <p>Levington is classified as a small village due to the lack of facilities including public transport. The daily bus service from the village to Ipswich has been withdrawn. A significant increase in journeys in private vehicles will be inevitable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local primary school in the neighbouring village of 		

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				<p>Nacton is full and it has been reported that there will be no places for village children from 2024. An S106 contribution does not create immediately available additional places.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The village water main has burst numerous times in recent years (7 in the last 11 years, 3 in the last 2) causing interruption of supply and frustrating road closures for repairs. It needs complete replacement. • The sewerage system has blocked a number of times and the 		

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				<p>adequacy and resilience of the treatment plant near Levington Creek has been questioned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface water drainage is a continual problem through the village with frequent flooding across the road near the site. The proposed infiltration basins not only take up space but their appearance is questionable along the frontage of the development. No additional demand should be placed on these facilities. <p>No additional demand should be placed on</p>		

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				<p>these facilities.</p> <p>For the above reasons it is the considered view of the Parish Council that although the Local Plan requirement for the site to provide 18 dwellings, in the context of this specific village environment is flawed and impractical. The site is physically too small, the local services are inadequate and the essential utilities too undependable to accommodate the projected increase in population.</p>		
07/04/2025	DC/25/1568/FUL	1-2 Gun Hill Cottages Church Lane Levington	Installation of roof windows and rebuilding of existing garden store.	No objection.	Cllr Chris Yeo	Permitted
24/04/2025	DC/25/1509/LBC	Almshouses Bridge Road Levington	Reroofing works, new loft hatch, minor chimney and brick repair	No objection.	Cllr John Parrish	Permitted

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			works.			
24/04/2025	DC/25/1668/FUL	Cedarwood Bridge Road Levington	Erect car port and shed. Convert lean-to-greenhouse to store. Extend driveway to carport.	No objection.	Cllr Neil Downing	Permitted