Consultation Comments from the Swefling Parish Council 4th August 2022

Swefling Parish Council has considered all the points made in the Consultation: Draft Housing in Clusters and Small Scale Residential Development in the Countryside Supplementary Planning Document.

Whilst new development may help local housing needs, there are currently no such identified requests made known to Swefling Parish Council. Importantly, there are no facilities or services within 3 miles that would sustain any further development.

We are very much ‘Open Countryside’ and feel no need to make any changes to the Parish of Swefling.

In the recent past, planners have not recognised the Parish Council’s views expressed regarding particular planning applications. Swefling’s Register of Non-designated Heritage Assets has not been acknowledged, see attachment, relating to Suffolk Coastal Local Plan 11.34 – 11.37. As a Parish Council, the feeling is we do not want any more heritage assets to be lost to the village, as in the loss of historical assets in recent applications. East Suffolk District Council should have the attached file on their records, but Swefling Parish Council intends to review their ‘Non-designated Heritage Assets’ in the near future.

If the new policy is to allow infilling, this needs to be in the spirit of Swefling Parish Council’s identified amenities and quiet landscapes which characterise this village.

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