

Planning report for APA 2024

Over the year we have received 32 planning application. We objected to 4 of them. They were

May 23rd 2023 – The land adjacent to Paddock Grove. This was to build 6 new houses in the empty car park behind Nags Corner. Permission was granted by Babergh. The land has now been sold to a developer. We very much hope that the development will be built as it is on the plan and not with amendments. We have written to BDPA and asked them to keep an eye on the development to make sure they follow protocol.

Oct 2023 – Hill Farm Business development – This was to build one large building which would contain 6 individual spaces. We felt that the application submitted was very brief and lacking description. The site was too near the next-door dwelling and the site is in the AONB – so geographically is not suited to more development.

Dec 2023 – Harpers Hill Signage – this was for the oversized out of character signs to advertise the facilities at Harpers Hill. The pc felt that the signs were too big, not aesthetically pleasing and would distract drivers on the A134. They were also too close to the road and potentially sited on the Suffolk CC land.

April 2024 - Appeal on land adjacent to the Scout hut, playground, and open space. This is to Appeal for a previous application being rejected by Babergh. The PC are still objecting to the development - we are writing a detailed objection to be submitted by April 24th.

Allotment Report

There are 3 of us on the subcommittee – we may bimonthly trips to assess the allotments. I went yesterday and 85% are in very good condition. The plots which need attention if we are still awaiting payment are being sent a 28-day notice letter. They will then be offered to the waiting list. The annual allotment competition will be held in July and the prizes given out at the Hort Soc show in August .