

Worlington Parish Report for 2nd July 2026

Manor Ward Councillor Dave Taylor

Please find my June report

Better Recycling

1. How is it going – first four weeks

a. Bin delivery:

- i. About 98% of bins/caddies delivered on time.
- ii. Additional bins and caddies being distributed to households missed during initial distribution.
- iii. Probably take until mid-July to complete as it is dispersed spread across West Suffolk in small numbers.
- iv. Progress has been hampered by staff sick absence over last two weeks:
 - On average around 12 front line staff off due to sickness – 9 staff are in the waste service.
 - 8 x Agency staff hired to cover.
 - Supervisors are providing driver cover.

b. Collection rounds and missed bins

- i. Bin collections not completed on Friday due to extreme heat.
- ii. The majority of collection rounds are being completed as scheduled.
- iii. The rounds not completed have been resolved in an average of 3 days.
- iv. Need to review 3 food waste rounds on Friday due to difficulties completing them.
- v. Minor vehicle issues and one non-completion of round due to vehicle breakdown.
- vi. Service supervisors supporting – delivering/emptying bins.

c. Customer Services:

- i. Significant increase in email and call traffic to the Customer Service Team. They are doing a fantastic job!
- ii. Key issues:
 - Complaints about waiting for bin/caddy delivery – waiting for bin.
 - Repeat calls/frustration.
 - Calls relating to missed collections.

d. Communications

- i. Social media being used for proactive and reactive information.
- ii. No issues identified with calendars except for a small area in Barton Mills.
- iii. Advice being put on the website on what to do if have not received bin/caddy and if collection round not completed.

- e. Quantity of quality of waste collected:
 - i. Over 400 tonnes of food waste collected to date – around 100 tonnes per week. This makes

BIO Gas i.e. Fuel, Heat and Electricity.
Digestate – Animal bedding or Fertiliser
No tonnage data currently available for black bins and green lidded bins.
 - ii. Food waste quality – no contamination incidents.
 - iii. Paper/Card – two notifications of some contamination – no further information available.

2. What do we still need to do?

- a. Bin deliveries continuing for properties missed during initial distribution across West Suffolk:
 - i. Food waste caddies – around 883.
 - ii. 240Lt green lidded bins – around 960.
 - iii. Estimated completion by mid-July based on current resources.
- b. Maintaining website and social media information and advice.
- c. Reviewing how we respond to missed collections if staff availability worsens.
- d. Considering extending the suspension of the bulky collection service until end of July.
- e. Reviewing the food waste rounds on Friday, which are proving difficult to complete.
- f. Progressing customer changes for commercial waste

Council Motion

You may be aware but an urgent meeting was called yesterday by the Leader of WSC.

Motion

Proposed by: Councillor Cliff Waterman
Seconded by: Councillor Andrew Smith

This Council notes:

That the Home Office has identified RAF Barnham as a potential site for asylum accommodation as part of its wider programme to reduce the use of hotels and to consider former Ministry of Defence sites for temporary accommodation.

The rural nature of Barnham and the surrounding area, the limited local infrastructure and facilities creates practical issues for the community, public services and any people who may be accommodated on the site.

That residents, parish councils, local councillors, public services and partner organisations have legitimate questions and concerns about the suitability of this site.

RAF Barnham is within the Special Protection Area and Special Area of Conservation Buffer Zone which restricts what developments can be built or used for. This has restricted the base being developed in the past and wider housing development in the area.

That West Suffolk Council has a responsibility to represent its communities clearly, calmly and robustly, while ensuring that public debate is respectful and does not use divisive, inflammatory or discriminatory language.

This Council believes:

That while the Council recognises the national need for safe, lawful and properly managed asylum accommodation, RAF Barnham is the wrong site for a facility of this nature and scale.

That due to the rural nature of Barnham and the surrounding area, the limited local infrastructure creates practical issues for the community, public services and any people who may be accommodated on the site.

That the Council's position should be rooted in representing the community, protecting local services and ensuring good decision-making, not in hostility towards people seeking asylum.

This Council resolves:

1. To state clearly that RAF Barnham is not a suitable location for the Home Office proposal, because of the site's rural setting, limited local infrastructure, constrained transport links and the likely impact on local services and communities.
2. To engage urgently and constructively with the Home Office to set out a strong and robust evidence-based case against the use of RAF Barnham for this purpose.
3. To work with local communities to ensure that their concerns are heard and represented accurately, while making clear that the Council will not support or amplify divisive language, discrimination or hostility.

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Locality budget

I have allocated between £600 and £700 from this years locality budget and would ask that the PC consider what they require and notify me using the application form (that I will forward) by Nov 2026.

Three Unitary Councils

The County Council continue to push for a Judicial Review. However, West Suffolk along with Babergh, Ipswich, East and Mid Suffolk Councils continue to fully support the three unitary plan. We believe the cost for the Judicial review will be £500k and this will come out of the County Council reserves.

Mildenhall and the A11 Corridor

The bus station building is progressing to schedule to be ready early next year. Site visit to Mildenhall precinct Tuesday to see what can be done

Play park Funding

Sorry I got this wrong

Boreholes

I've started some work with Tuddenham Cricket Club to see about funding for a Borehole to irrigate the cricket pitch. Is this anything for Worlington to consider?