Local Development Meeting – Parish Council 17th March 2008

In Attendance:

Dr J Day Chair. Tracey Hanson, Ted Herrington, Tessa Innes, David Lewis and Charles Lofts

Apology from Sarah Cartwright

Matter under Discussion ;

Suffolk Coastal Local development Framework Core Strategy Potential Directions for strategic Housing Growth

To meet targets for Ipswich and associated district by the year 2004 a total of 7880 additional dwelling will be required . The majority of these will be on brown field sites. It is proposed that 2140 should be East of Ipswich and the remainder(5740) from the rest of the district(Felixstowe and Trimleys, Aldeburgh, Framlingham, Leiston, Saxmundham, Woodbridge and Melton, other Key service centres and Local Service centres.

Of the 2140 for the East of Ipswich Area all but 970 will be provide from outstanding planning permissions ,Urban potential and small sites.

It is proposed that five sites be considered for the development of the outstanding 970:

Area 1 Ipswich Boundary Westerfield to Rushmere St Andrew

Area 2 North of A1214 Woodbridge Rd

Area 3 South of Kesgrave and Martlesham Heath

Area 4 South of Old Martlesham East of A12

Area 5 North west of A14 The Council concluded that Area 2 was the least suitable and should if possible not be used for housing development for the following reasons:

1.It is the smallest.

2. It has been agreed in the past that any significant development north of A1214 should be avoided, described as it was by the Bypass enquiry as being the "Lung of Kesgrave", and should remain as countryside.

3.It can be observed from the Special Landscape area.

4. It has no local infrastructure.

In comparison the most appropriate area would appear to be Area 3

However there are houses within Playford with large curtileges and areas of no agricultural value upon which it would be reasonable to allow developments. Indeed some growth within the village would be of benefit.