

Suffolk Preservation Society works...



...with **local communities** on planning issues and contributes to debates on development.

...to **spread information** and knowledge by organising visits, lectures, workshops and conferences. Issues and activities are reported in the newsletter 'Suffolk View'.

More telecommunications masts



Local volunteers look at most planning applications put forward in Suffolk. Groups work out recommendations on planning, transport and other issues, so that detailed and well-researched information is provided for public inquiries and other public consultations at county, regional, national and European levels.

The organisation

Home for SPS's director and staff is Little Hall, Lavenham – a historic C14 building restored and owned by SPS's sister organisation The Suffolk Building Preservation Trust. The Trust also owns Pakenham Water Mill – one of very few

Old and New side by side



working water mills in the country- and has helped to save and restore numerous historic buildings in the county. SPS was founded in 1929 but its origins can be traced back to the start of the conservation movement in Suffolk, when an attempt was being made to dismantle the C15 Wool Hall in Lavenham and ship it to America!

SPS is the county branch of CPRE

(the Campaign to Protect Rural England) and can use CPRE expertise on wider issues such as regional housing numbers, Felixstowe Docks expansion etc.

More people... more leisure... more tourism



Little Hall

Is open Easter to the end of October on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 2.00pm to 5.30 pm. Bank Holidays 11.00am - 5.30pm. Last entry 5.00pm. Groups may be booked outside these hours by arrangement - contact Little Hall for details on 01787 247179.



Pakenham Water Mill

Is open from Good Friday until the end of September on Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays 2.00pm to 5.30pm Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30am (milling demonstrations on first Thursday of each month) Groups may be booked outside these times by arrangement – contact (01284) 724075 or (01359) 232025

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changing Suffolk

please join us
and help to
safeguard your
county as it
faces change

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'Development can be a good thing so long as it is in the right place, at the right time and in the right form...'

new homes... jobs... affordable homes... dealing with waste... new sources of energy...

Change is essential for survival *but* ...Suffolk has towns, villages and countryside of exceptional beauty...

Working to achieve the right balance... working to encourage change that is both sensitive to our heritage *and* that brings quality improvements for present and future generations of Suffolk people. This is SPS.

Suffolk is under increasing pressure – for which we are all responsible. We are all consumers, we all need to work, live and play. The consequent pressure for change to Suffolk takes many forms...

- new roads and bridges
- new homes and shops
- new factories and offices
- new sources of energy
- new ways of farming
- more pollution and waste
- more facilities for leisure and tourism



More Roads
Unavoidable growth of road traffic in our rural county will necessitate continuing improvements to the road system. SPS aims to ensure these are carried out with maximum sensitivity. Planned expansion of the ports at Harwich and Felixstowe will mean many more containers will need to be transported inland. SPS is campaigning to take far more of them off the roads.



More Homes:
Quantity and Quality
SPS strives to promote the highest quality of design for all new homes in the county. The East of England Regional Plan requires a further 78,000 new houses to be built by 2021 in Suffolk and this will impact adversely on the countryside.

Affordable Housing
SPS has actively campaigned to secure affordable housing as a matter of urgency in the county.



'Jobs and shops should be located near housing to avoid commuter suburbs and reduce traffic and pollution...'

industry... increased traffic... travel...



In addition, with others, it is involved in an exemplar scheme which will deliver 23 units at Elmswell. This has recently won the 2007 National Housing Design Award.

Increased travel
A second runway at Stansted would bring pressure on housing, roads, schools, hospitals and a growing problem of aircraft noise.



Energy
Demand for energy is growing so energy conservation and new sources of energy, like wind turbines are important. Wind turbines are non-polluting, but careful siting is essential to reduce visual intrusion into the landscape.

New ways of dealing with waste
Land fill sites continue to be extended so recycling schemes are an important part of the effort to reduce this trend.

Pollution
Pollution – in many forms – is increasing. For example Light. A 30% increase in light pollution has been recorded in Suffolk in the past decade.