

Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) template

Parish name(s)	Martlesham Parish Council
Area covered (if combined area)	N/A
Date of PIIP	04/03/2026
Date of next review	04/03/2027
Date adopted / approved by Parish Council	04/03/2026
Existing infrastructure audit – list of services and facilities within the local area, their condition, location, existing capacity and catchment area.	Community Facilities Halls Martlesham Community Hall and Richards Room <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Located close to A12• Large Community Hall with Kitchen and bar area• Richards Room (Medium size) with kitchenette• Projection, PA system and wi-fi• Toilets including disabled and baby change• Large Car Park• Bike rack• 63, 65, 66, 73 Bus route

- Used regularly
- Refurbished 2022

Martlesham Village Hall

- Requires modernisation including improved car parking and catering facilities
- Potential to redevelop this facility

Martlesham Heath Pavillion

- Air-conditioned Hall with audio-visual facilities
- Small kitchen area.
- Sports changing facilities
- Adjacent to a small play area and large village green
- Projection, PA system and wi-fi
- Toilets including disabled and baby change

1st Martlesham Scouts Hall

- Hall with Kitchen Area

13 Parish Notice Boards

- Community Hall
- Deben Ave / Gorseland School
- Deben Ave / Main Road
- Black tiles lane / Main Road
- Black tiles PO
- The Street
- School lane
- Crown Point
- The Square
- Manor Rd/Eagle way
- Lancaster Drive/Eagle Way

- Mill Heath
- Falcon Park

Mobile Library Service to various locations in Martlesham

Churches

St Mary the Virgin Church

- Grade II listed building
- Graveyard maintained by Martlesham Parish Council, sufficient burial space for approx. next 20 years

St Michaels Church

- Modern Church in Martlesham Heath
- Runway Café (not-for-profit church coffee shop)
- Church Hall available for public bookings

Sports and Recreation

Harry Higgins Play Space

- New play equipment and surfacing installed 2021
- Suitable for children up to 12.
- Accessible swing

Jubilee Play Space

- Upgraded play equipment in 2022
- Ball games area

Diamond Jubilee Bike tracks

- BMX bike dirt track
- Well used by children and young people within the parish and neighbouring Kesgrave community

- Ongoing issues with unauthorized digging require addressing

Martlesham Recreation Ground

- Kronjis Piece Play Space
- Pétanque Piste
- Bowls Club
- Football pitch

Centenary Play Space

- Well maintained play area near Gorseland Primary School

Community Orchard

- Containing various fruit trees
- Public access

Trim trail

- Fitness trail around Martlesham / Martlesham Heath installed 2019

The village green, Martlesham Heath

- Cricket pavilion
- Grass Pitches for Cricket and mini football
- Bowling strip for cricket requires resurfacing

Heritage

- Martlesham Heath Control Tower contains a small museum
- War Memorials at Barrack Square
- Several Scheduled Monuments (bowl barrows from Late Neolithic Period)
- Several non-designated heritage assets are to be found across the Parish

Schools

Gorseland Primary School

- Two-form entry primary school with a large Nursery and two specialist units
- Catchment Area covers part of Martlesham Heath and Part of Kesgrave

Birchwood Primary School

- One form entry School
- Catchment Area covers part of Martlesham Heath
- Eco School Green Flag holder.
- PE Quality Mark with distinction
- Platinum School Games Mark.
- Suffolk Greenest County, Greenest School award,
- Onsite Forest School,
- DEFRA egg production unit and school of horticulture

Martlesham Primary Academy

- Small successful School
- Part of REAch2Academy Trust

Employment Services and Commercial Facilities

Shops and Retail

Martlesham Heath Square

- District Centre in Martlesham Heath with shops serving the local community and small businesses

Martlesham Post Office Stores

- Serves the community of 'Old Martlesham'

Martlesham Heath Retail and Business Park

- Caters for a much wider Geographical Area
- Offers a wide range of retail opportunities
- Leisure facilities such as gyms, bowling and soft play
- Range of different businesses
- Issues with traffic congestion and parking (especially HGVs)
- Need for safer cycling and walking routes around the retail park

Industrial & Employment

Adastral Park

- Science campus adjacent to Martlesham Heath Retail Park
- one of the UK's leading centres for telecoms and digital innovation

Martlesham Creek Industrial Park

- Industrial Park off Sandy Lane

Suffolk Police Constabulary HQ

- Suffolk Constabulary have previously indicated they intend to vacate this site
- This land has been allocated for additional housing in the Local Plan

Public Houses

Douglas Bader

- Family Friendly pub serving food and drink

The Black Tiles

- Recently renovation and reopened under new management July '25

The Red Lion

- Grade II listed Country Pub serving food and drink

Highways and Transport

Road

- The Parish is bisected by the A12 dual carriageway, providing easy access to trunk road network
- Increasing traffic volumes on A12 and around retail park leading to congestion on local roads, particularly in 'Old Martlesham'
- SCC have proposed improvement schemes for A12 and Main Road Martlesham
- Residents repeatedly express concern that investment in road infrastructure has not kept pace with rising traffic volumes

Bus

- 800 - Ipswich Park and Ride provide direct bus services to Ipswich and Rendlesham
- The bus services that pass through Old Martlesham are as follows: -
 - 63 – Framlingham – Ipswich – Framlingham
 - 64 – Aldeburgh-Ipswich-Aldeburgh
 - 65 – Woodbridge – Ipswich – Woodbridge
 - 73 – Felixstowe – Woodbridge – Felixstowe
- The bus services that pass through Martlesham Heath are as follows: -
 - 66 – Ipswich – Martlesham Heath Tesco – Ipswich
 - 66A -Ipswich – Manor Rd/Eagle Way Martlesham Heath – Ipswich
 - 73 – Felixstowe – Woodbridge – Felixstowe

Natural Environment

Character

- The interconnected green spaces around Martlesham Heath characterise the area and allow access to the wider countryside
- Wide range of habitats are present in the parish including lowland heath, woodlands, wetlands and salt marsh.
- At risk from housing growth and climate change

Notable Species

- Species include badgers, great crested newts, bats, otters, water voles, reptiles, curlews, Avocets, Redshank, Swifts and invertebrates such as stag beetles, ground beetles and silver studded blue butterfly.

Important Sites

- Martlesham Common LNR
- Martlesham Heath SSSI
- Martlesham Wilds LNR
- Portal Woods
- Walk Farm Woods
- Birch Woods
- Areas designated as National Landscape
- Deben Estuary RAMSAR site

Footpaths and Cycleways

Footpaths

- There are several public rights of way in Martlesham
- Martlesham Loop is a popular circular walk around the parish
- The Sandlings way long-distance footpath passes through the Parish
- The Fynn valley footpath passes through the Parish

Cycleways

- Mostly on road with some off-road sections
- National Cycle Route 1 runs through the Parish
- National Cycle Route 41 runs through the Parish

Health Services

- Doctors' surgery in The Square, Martlesham Heath under pressure from growing and aging population but potential to expand

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pharmacy in The Square, Martlesham Heath• Tesco Pharmacy, Anson Road• Dentists in The Square, Martlesham Heath |
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External infrastructure audit – as above, identifying the services and facilities outside the PIIP area that are used by the community.

Public Transport

- Railway links from Ipswich and Woodbridge Stations

Health Services

- The Grove Medical Centre, Felixstowe
- Framfield Surgery, Woodbridge
- Waterton Pharmacy, Woodbridge
- Ipswich Hospital, Ipswich

Schools

- Kesgrave High School, Kesgrave
- Farlingaye High School, Woodbridge

Places of Worship

- Various places of worship outside the Parish

Public Houses and Restaurants

- The Maybush in Waldringfield
- Various pubs and restaurants in Kesgrave and Woodbridge

Recreation

- Kingston Park, Woodbridge
- Deben Leisure Centre, Woodbridge
- Felixstowe Leisure Centre
- Kesgrave Sports Centre
- Various sports centres in Ipswich
- Theatres and Cinemas in Ipswich and Woodbridge
- Tennis Clubs in Kesgrave and Ipswich
- Libraries at Kesgrave and Woodbridge

<p>Community Infrastructure needs and/ or aspirations. This should be based upon the gaps and/or deficits identified in the preceding two rows</p> <p>Once completed, please order ordering these needs according to priority</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• With growing size of the community there is a need for additional spaces for general public use to accommodate leisure pursuits.• Indoor sports facilities and tennis facilities are lacking within the community• There is a need for new / expanded healthcare facilities to alleviate pressure on the GP surgery• There is a need for more facilities for older children and teenagers• Need for inclusive/accessible play facilities• There are no allotments in the Parish• There is approximately 20 years of traditional burial space remaining in Martlesham. Need to consider future burial site provision, including green burial sites and gardens of remembrance• Improvements to main road are currently in consideration by Suffolk County Council Highways, this scheme should deliver improvements for walking and cycling routes.• Martlesham Village: The upper end of Main Rd is currently un-served by any bus service. Re-routing of bus services to use the full length of Main Rd up to Police Headquarters and travelling to and from Tesco via A12 would be supported.• Improvements to the bus service to Martlesham Heath.• Requirement for demand responsive transport for the Elderly (Dial-A-Ride)

<p>Community engagement- record details of how you have sought the views of your community and how they have helped to inform your current and future needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Survey launched 19th July 2025 (at village fete, publications, website, noticeboards, QR link) - More than 40 people responded to the survey• Residents' feedback indicates residents value the green spaces, and the community experience• Residents' main concerns were congestion, and lack of safe walking and cycling routes and poor public transport services• Residents also said they would like to see more public sports facilities, benches and safer walking routes• Children and younger adults were under-represented in our survey responses. Investing in digital infrastructure, and making better use of digital communication platforms for messaging could help broaden our appeal with these members of the community.• Targeted direct communication community leaders and community groups
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<p>Expected growth – location, size and timing of development sites. What impact would these have on your community needs?</p>	Planning_reference	Site_Address	Total_still_to_be_built						
	DC/21/3032/FUL	Black Barn Bealings Road Martlesham Su	1						
	DC/21/4002/ARM (SC	Phase W1 - Land to the south and east of	173						
	DC/21/4003/ARM (SC	Phase W1a - Land to the south and east c	22						
	DC/21/4004/ARM (SC	Phase E1 - Land to the south and east of /	119						
	DC/21/4005/ARM (SC	Phase E1a - Land to the south and east of	3						
	DC/17/1435/OUT (SC	Land south and east of Adastral Park Ma	1683						
	DC/17/1522/ARM	Land at Three Stiles Lane Martlesham Imi	1						
	DC/19/0150/FUL	Springfield Lodge School Lane Martlesha	1						
	DC/19/4716/FUL	Struie Bealings Road Martlesham Suffolk	1						
	SCLP12.25	Suffolk Police Headquarters, Portal Aveni	300						
	SCLP12.33	Land at Woodbridge Town Football Club	120						
	DC/23/1880/FUL	5 Buckingham Close Martlesham Suffolk	1						
	DC/14/1819/FUL	Bloomfields Farm Blacktiles Lane Martle:	1						
	DC/16/1992/FUL	Land off Blacktiles Lane Martlesham Suffi	47						
DC/23/0007/FUL	Beacon Hill Farm Shop Bealings Road Ma	2							
DC/23/1402/FUL	Elismore House Three Stiles Lane Martles	1							
<p>Projected income – from all sources including external grants, CIL and s106 income (legal agreements attached to planning permissions).</p> <p>East Suffolk may be able to give a broad estimate of expected CIL income for the next 3 year period.</p>	<p>Filtering: "Zone=Martlesham"</p>								
	Allocation	Potential 📄	Due 📄	Collected 📄	B. Interest 📄	Allocated 📄	Spent 📄	Returned 📄	Available
	CIL Admin	4,252.25	0.00	36,713.65	0.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Neighbourhood CIL	21,261.25	0.00	177,353.54	0.00	177,353.53	55,398.87	0.00	0.01
	Neighbourhood CIL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	District CIL	59,531.49	0.00	520,205.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	520,205.38
	Total:	85,044.99	0.00	734,272.57	0.00	177,353.53	55,398.87	0.00	520,205.39

Your investment priorities

– the list of infrastructure projects to be funded over the next 3 to 5 year period, in order of their priority

1. **Transport Improvements** – Enhance road safety, reduce congestion, and improve accessibility, including better crossings, improved traffic flow, and active travel.
2. **Green Spaces & Recreation** – Invest in parks and playgrounds to support health, wellbeing, and biodiversity.
3. **Community Facilities** – Upgrade halls and public buildings to strengthen community ties and provide spaces for events and groups.
4. **Sustainable Energy** – Install renewable energy sources and EV charging points to reduce carbon footprint and encourage eco-friendly living.
5. **Digital Infrastructure** – targeted investment to keep pace with housing growth and to close gaps in mobile and smart infrastructure; to support education, remote work, and local businesses.

These priorities focus on safety, community cohesion, sustainability, and modern connectivity.

Committed Projects for 2026:

- Resurfacing of Walk Farm Woods Car Park
- Neighbourhood Plan update
- New MUGA at Martlesham Recreation Ground
- Upgrade of Diamond Jubilee bike trails
- Pedestrian entrance at Recreation Ground
- Resurfacing of Recreation Ground Car Park

Priority projects relating to statutory services such as highways, health and education must be agreed first with the relevant statutory body or partnership:

Education and Highways:

neighbourhoodplanning@suffolk.gov.uk

Health:

Former Waveney Area

stpestates@nhc.nhs.uk

Former Suffolk Coastal Area

planning.apps@suffolk.nhs.uk

East Suffolk would usually expect to work direct with these bodies to deliver these types of local projects.