

Planning Advisory Group: report to Walberswick Parish Council

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Upgrading of existing front driveway, new front entrance gate and replacement windows to front elevation of existing property.

White Cottage, The Street Walberswick Southwold Suffolk IP18 6UH

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### 1. Opinion

In the opinion of the Planning Advisory Group this application can be approved.

### 2. Description

Upgrading of existing front driveway to use granite setts instead of tarmac, a new front entrance gate and replacement windows to front elevation of the property. The x3 windows will be changed from white uPVC to black Crittall style windows.

White Cottage comprises a two-storey detached dwelling located on the southern side of the Street, with neighbouring residential properties on both sides. The site is located within the Walberswick Conservation Area and the Suffolk and Essex Coast and Heaths National Landscape.

### 3. Comment

The window openings are not being enlarged, but the style and colour of window being proposed is different. Local Plan Policy SCLP11.5: Conservation Areas is relevant here, but the degree of change proposed to the property and the materials are such that they are not considered to have any material effect on the Conservation Area.

Similarly, the driveway and gate alterations are not significant in the townscape although the works are more prominent adjoining the highway.

### 4. Summary

The application can be approved because the works are modest in scope, and the materials and colours being used are not considered to detrimentally affect the Conservation Area or street scene.