

SWALLOWFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



SALE OF LAND

*Adopted at the
Parish Council Meeting held on
8th March 2016*

REVISION HISTORY

| Issue | Adopted | Significant Amendments |
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| 1 | March 2016 | New |
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1 POLICY

As a matter of principle, the Parish Council will not sell land where the sale is for the primary benefit of the purchaser or other individual (e.g. to extend their land holding) with no lasting benefit to the wider community in the Parish.

The rationale for this is that Council owned land is retained and used for the benefit of the local Parish community as a whole and the Council should not favour one individual over any other in any disposal of land. A sale in such circumstances would create a precedent for other individuals to apply to purchase pockets of land for their own purposes with the expectation that this would be granted. It would also lay the Council open to accusations of bias.

This policy applies principally to offers to purchase and does not preclude the Parish Council offering land for sale provided it is lawful, offered to all comers on the open market, and done in furtherance of Parish Council objectives that have been formally agreed at a properly constituted Parish Council Meeting.