

**DC/23/3804FUL**

**14 Manor Close, Walberswick, Suffolk, IP18 6UQ**

*“To provide new accommodation within existing loft space, including new access staircase from ground floor”.*

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## **1. Opinion**

In the opinion of the PAG this application can be **approved** subject to re-working to reduce the number of rooflights on the East elevation to reduce the cluttered appearance.

## **2. Description**

The application proposes the conversion of the existing loft space (of the existing bungalow) into 2 further bedrooms, 2 further bathrooms and a dressing room. Thus, turning a modest 3-bed bungalow into a 5-bed chalet bungalow. This includes 7 new rooflights and 2 new gable windows.

## **3. Comment**

Manor Close was constructed in the 1970s and consists of 16 similar properties. One older house was integrated into the development. The close does not sit within the Walberswick conservation area but is within the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB.

This modern development displays a strong Architectural concept and is a sympathetic addition to Walberswick. Strength was derived from an integrated design, which runs through all the properties. Collectively, a strong group value was established.

Despite a few alterations this original character remains intact.

Manor Close comprises family homes of a similar, modest, scale and design. Variations occur between the houses, but they all rely on an interplay of single and two storey dwellings, finished in clay pantile roof tiles, with timber and brick cladding.

In terms of those items subject to planning permission in the application the rooflights on the East elevation in particular, present a cluttered appearance. The scheme should be re-worked to reduce their number.

Although the scheme proposes few alterations to the outside of the property, retaining the aesthetic shared within its neighbours, it is a shame that a modest 3-bedroom house is being enlarged to such an extent as are so many others in the village.

## **4. Summary**

The scheme would benefit from re-working to reduce the number of rooflights on the East elevation to reduce the cluttered appearance.