

ANNUAL Report 2024

This is some of the notable issues from South Norfolk District Council this year.

South Norfolk House

The 2 councils of South Norfolk and Broadland are now operating with 1 team of officers and have all moved to new premises at Horizon House Broadland Business Park NR70WF. Consequently the old offices at Long Stratton were put up for sale, after some considerable time and negotiations they were sold this year and will now become a small housing estate of some 70 properties.

Long Stratton Bypass

After a life time of trying to get the Long Stratton bypass in place it has now been passed and work has started on its construction.

Diss Pool

The work refurbishing Diss swimming pool continues and is now believed to be complete by December 24. The new fully insulated roof is in place as are the solar panels and air source heat pumps. Work has started on the new pool and associated internal refit.

The Greater Norwich Local Plan,

The plan incorporates South Norfolk, Broadland and Norwich City Council and future planning and building for the next 5 years. This was agreed at the Council meeting on 25th March and the other 2 Councils had agreed at their March meetings.

The plan has gone through rigorous checking by the planning inspectorate who made some minor changes to the original plan.

This plan outlines the new homes to be built over the next 5 years. It anticipates that there is enough land available to build 45,050 homes and has a jobs target of 33000 and employment land of 360 hectares. It will ensure that the Greater Norwich's housing and jobs needs will be fully met in a sustainable manner, supporting the growth of the post carbon economy, assisting in tackling climate change and protecting and enhancing the many environment assets of the area.

It includes making land available for gypsy and travellers sites.

It also includes South Norfolk's Village Cluster approach to housing allocations to villages that will account for some 3200 new homes. The Village Cluster program has not yet been finally passed by the Council as some minor changes were made by the inspectorate.

Pylons

The latest consultation which is the statutory one has started its count down and completes in June. Everyone is urged to respond to it and make your feelings felt. But please include a back up plan should the decision go against the suggested option of putting it around the coast in the sea. The current plans circulated only include minor route changes to the proposed line of pylons.

AD Plant

New documentation is now available on the planning application for all to view. This information was asked for by the Inspector looking into the appeal to try to bring both sides together to enable the Appeal to progress forward. She was aware of the distance between the 2 sides and made it clear that work had to be done to get things to a point where it can proceed purposefully. The new documentation is long and quite complicated and I feel they are playing games and that we should not enter into any agreement based on them but go to the appeal on the information that has already been presented.

You can still add comments/objections to the application until 29th April.

Social Care

SNC continues to pour huge amounts into supporting those in need and those that require temporary accommodation.

50th Anniversary

South Norfolk District Council is now 50 years old having amalgamated Urban District Councils and Rural District Councils in 1974.