

## **District Councillor Report**

Enforcement of planning applications continues to be an issue with too few officers to cover all the planning misdemeanours. There are several outstanding in the local area, despite constant complaints and requests to deal with the issues, very little has been done.

The new bus terminus has had an issue with Morrisons refusing to sell a small strip of land that is required and may have to be compulsory purchased.

The new doctor's surgery is now on hold as there is no interest from the local GP's. The money is available to build it and the outline planning permission will be obtained but as we enter into Local Government Reform the new incoming administration may not want to go ahead.

Plans for the new leisure centre in Diss have been published with a public consultation.

The County has had its May elections of County Councillors postponed while preparations go forward for a Mayor of Norfolk and Suffolk as well as devolution and Local Government Reform. The election is due to take place in May 2026. With LGR all district councillors will lose their seats and be asked if they would like to stand for election once the reform is finalised, no date has been given for this.

No update on the pylons situation.

No update on the future of South Norfolk House in Long Stratton.

Food waste collection – there have been 75 applications for the food waste, the vehicles to collect it have been ordered as have the caddies for domestic properties. The delivery of the vehicle and the caddies will be phased in over 6 months starting in April 26. The new land for the vehicles to be parked is now in the final days of purchase.

SNC now has 330 affordable homes all of which will go to local families, as SNC has invested in affordable homes and temporary it is able to look after the demand for accommodation. Unlike some other councils who spend upwards of 20% of their budget putting people into bed & breakfast accommodation.