

November Ward Report by Tony Fryatt

Environmental Activities.

East Suffolk have been very active to plan what we could be doing for the drive to zero carbon emissions during the COP26 activities.

The four headline actions are as follows;_

Lead by example

We have pledged to become a carbon neutral council by 2030, which means we will look for environmental benefit in everything we do – this includes radical changes to our vehicle fleets and mileage usage, council buildings and new build housing stock to ensure they contribute to our carbon neutral aims. We will work with communities to establish opportunities for biodiversity and will promote digital solutions to minimise our carbon footprint.

Minimise waste, reuse materials, increase recycling

We will minimise waste generated throughout the district, encourage the reuse of materials and increase our recycling rates.

Renewable energy

We will explore new ways of encouraging and investing in the use of renewable energy, both in terms of our own consumption as a council and the ways we can offer support to our residents and businesses as part of addressing climate change.

Protection, education and influence

We will use our influence at all levels, our regulatory functions and appropriate enforcement to protect our natural environment including our outstanding coastline. This includes working through our community and business partnerships to achieve environmental gain and establishing a network of environmental champions throughout the district.

Free event focuses on eco-friendly agriculture

A free online event is taking place next month to explore examples of eco-friendly agriculture in East Suffolk and how others can follow.

Titled 'Farming Today, Fit for Tomorrow', attendees can learn more about sustainable farming and how we can all help to fight climate change by thinking about how our food is grown.

Organised by the [East Suffolk Greenprint Forum](#), the event will include guest speakers from Suffolk Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group, Oak Tree Community Farm, Maple Farm Kelsale, Peach and Pippin, Wakelyns Agroforestry and Fobbing Farm.

The event is taking place on Friday 19 November at 2pm – 4pm on Zoom and is open to everyone, however, registration is required at https://my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/service/Greenprint_Forum_event_registration

Surveys and consultations

We are currently running some surveys and consultations and, as always, we want to encourage participation as feedback from people in East Suffolk is invaluable and helps us ensure we're making the right decisions for our communities.

- **East Suffolk survey**
We're asking people who live and work in East Suffolk to take part in a short service to help us shape East Suffolk. After such a difficult period, we would like to know what they think, what matters most to them and where we should be spending our money. The survey closes on 29 November:
<https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/EastSuffolkSurvey>
- **The Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document**
Consultation on draft document which will provide guidance on the implementation of our affordable housing planning policies. People are able to comment until 13 December at
<https://eastsuffolk.inconsult.uk/ESAFFHSGDRAFT/consultationHome>
- **The Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document**
Consultation on draft document which will provide guidance on our planning policies on sustainable construction, including guidance on a range of topics relating to the construction of environmentally sustainable buildings. People have until 13 December to comment:
<https://eastsuffolk.inconsult.uk/SUSCONSPDDRAFT/consultationHome>
- **The draft East Suffolk Cycling and Walking Strategy**
Consultation on draft document which provides a district-wide shortlist of cycling and walking infrastructure opportunities. The strategy aims to encourage greater use of sustainable forms of transport, reduce contributions to climate change, support the growth of the tourism industry, and to improve the health and wellbeing of residents by ensuring more trips to work, school, leisure, day-to-day errands, or public transport hubs, such as train stations or park and ride sites, are accessible by bike or on foot. Once adopted, this strategy will replace the Waveney Cycle Strategy (2016) and will cover the

whole of the district. People can have their say on the consultation until 10 January at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/cbc57e4a9cc24e4e7d174fb34b1bf0e>

Social media

We keep our communities up to date in a variety of ways and social media has an important role to play.

Please follow us and share our posts with your audiences!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/eastsuffolkcouncil

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/EastSuffolk>

Community Partnerships

Following the Community Partnership meeting in early October they have presented an outline plan for funding proposals for the rest of the financial year.

The organiser of the partnership writes:

There is approximately £15,000 remaining in our budget for 21/22 which should be spent on addressing our current priority – Road and Traffic Safety. At the recent meeting several suggestions were made as options to address this priority, many of which focused on increasing capacity in the assets we already have.

We are now inviting applications for funding from our stakeholders until 17th December 2021. Some key points to note;

- Funding should only address Road and Traffic Safety as a priority at this point.
- Applications should be made on the attached outcome proposal form. Support in completing these applications is available.
- Submissions should be made to myself before the deadline of 17th December 2021.
- It is expected that any proposals are discussed with myself prior to submission. This is to avoid duplication and to ensure value for money.
- Consideration should be given to working in partnership with others where possible, and increasing provision of currently successful schemes is also welcomed.
- Opportunities to discuss funding options are available via Teams upon request.

We have also held meetings of the East Suffolk Community Partnership to discuss roads and road safety issues in our area. These have been well attended by local Parish members. One significant outcome was that the Sizewell C representatives will now participate in the Partnership meetings and address the potential problems

raised by the Parish Councils. This will enable them to tailor the changes to respond to the local problems raised.

Draft East Suffolk Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule.

The Planning Policy Team held a public consultation from Thursday 11th November .

They have issued the following statement:

The council have prepared a single East Suffolk CIL Charging Schedule (to replace the two separate CIL Charging Schedules in places for the former Suffolk Coastal and former Waveney areas). As part of the process an East Suffolk CIL Instalments Policy has been prepared, which allows the payment of CIL in instalments (as with the CIL Charging Schedules, there are currently two separate Instalment Policies, one for the former Waveney area, and one for the former Suffolk Coastal area).

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is “a charge which can be levied by local authorities on new development in their area. It is an important tool for local authorities to use to help them deliver the infrastructure needed to support development in their area” (Planning Practice Guidance on CIL). CIL works alongside planning obligations (made under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990), which are used to secure on-site infrastructure and some other elements, the most significant of which is often affordable housing.

To view the consultation material, including supporting information, please visit www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning-policy-consultations.

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