



Parish Report – November 2021

East Suffolk Council GLI Group – Councillor update

Long-term empty properties

ESC is continuing work to reduce the number of long-term empty properties in East Suffolk. Properties that have stood empty for more than 6 months are reviewed on an annual basis. Over the past 12 months, there has been a 23% decline in properties standing empty for more than 2 years and a 50% decline in properties standing empty for more than 6 months.

More information on what help is available if you own a long-term empty property and how to report a property is available at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/housing/empty-properties/

Community Partnerships grant schemes reopen

The Framlingham, Wickham Market and Villages Community Partnership has opened for its second round of funding for projects that help develop opportunities for young people and reduce social isolation and/or loneliness. The scheme is open until 3 December 2021, offering grants between £250 and £1,000.

The Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsula Community Partnership has opened for its third round of funding for projects that help improve opportunities for young people and community village hubs. The scheme is open until 1 January 2022, offering grants between £250 and £2,500.

Full details about eligibility criteria and how to apply can be found at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-partnerships/community-partnership-small-grant-schemes/

Sizewell C Examination: ESC response

As part of the six-month Planning Inspectorate examination of the proposals for a new nuclear power plant at Sizewell, ESC has released a response here: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/sizewell-c-examination-east-suffolk-council-response/

The GLI Group response is viewable here:

<https://gligroupeastsuffolk.wordpress.com/2021/10/26/east-suffolk-council-gli-group-stand-firm-against-sizewell-c/>

Improving recycling in East Suffolk

With over 1,000 tonnes of collected recycling rejected (equal to 200 full waste trucks) in East Suffolk each year, costing the council thousands of pounds each month, residents are being asked to do their bit and make sure they put the right items into the right bin. Contamination caused by



incorrect items being placed into the recycling bin means that thousands of pounds in taxpayers' money is also lost, given how much more expensive it is to process normal waste than recycling.

The most common items to be incorrectly put into the recycling bin are glass bottles and jars, plastic bags (such as shopping bags and black waste sacks), food waste and cartons (such as Tetra Paks). If you're unsure about what items can be put into the recycling bin, you can check online at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/waste-collection-and-disposal/recycling/

Surveys and consultations

ESC is currently running several surveys and consultations:

- **East Suffolk survey** – people who live and work in East Suffolk are invited to take part in a short service to help shape East Suffolk; what they think, what matters most to them and where ESC should be spending its 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 the 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 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 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/cbc57e4a9cc24e447d174fb34b1bf0e>

'Farming Today, Fit for Tomorrow' conference

A free online event is taking place next month to explore examples of eco-friendly agriculture in East Suffolk and how we can all help to fight climate change by thinking about how our food is grown.

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

COP26 open letter

The climate spokespeople in each of ESC's political groups, Cllr James Mallinder, Cllr Louise Gooch and Cllr Caroline Topping, have penned an open letter to residents in a response to COP26, attached to this email.



East Suffolk magazine – out now and online!

The latest East Suffolk Magazine - with news and a wide range of information about Council projects, activities and services - is out now. You can read it online at

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Your-Council/East-Suffolk-Magazine/011-East-Suffolk-Magazine-October-2021.pdf>

This edition contains a survey which anyone who lives or works in East Suffolk is welcome and encouraged to complete. Turn to page 8 for the details or go to www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/survey

The most up to date news releases concerning Council Services can be found at

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk

All Government advice and guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>