

As you know National Grid has opened its consultation to anyone wishing to comment on its Norwich to Tilbury proposal, previously known as East Anglia Green. This is an eight-week non-statutory consultation period which closes on 21 August 2023. Links and more information within this report.

Recently I have been asked many times about when parents and carers should apply for a school placement. All of the information is on the website but can easily be accessed on: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/when-to-apply-for-a-school-place>

Thank you to all that responded to the community benefit.

The community benefits for electricity transmission network infrastructure consultation. Should have received an email as confirmation of receipt from the Electricity Transmission Network Acceleration Team, stating that they will now be reviewing all of the responses received and will be publishing a consultation response in due course, which will outline decisions and next steps.

Please also ensure that you keep an eye on the Sizewell C tracker, I personally sometimes find that a little 'wooley' and hard to navigate and after checking it is up to EDF/Sizewell C/ESC to update all Town and Parish Councils, however, like yourselves I remain concerned the levels of increased HGV movements etc. A brief update below. My next energy briefing takes place whilst I'm on annual leave, but I will try and attend or request that an update is sent out.

Importantly, may I suggest that all local town and parish councils and interested parties request each month via email an update from each of the energy projects, even if they have nothing planned it may be a good practice to start and the information can then be shared.

May I take this opportunity to wish all those leaving or joining new schools and any form of education my very best wishes and to have a safe and happy summer holiday.

As always, I will endeavour to send any updates through as and when necessary.

Best wishes
TJ

Lovers Lane temporary access

Temporary access completed allowing traffic to enter the main site to undertake archaeology and construct the temporary haul road (red route). Due to restricted visibility traffic management is required on Lovers Lane for safety reasons. This temporary access will be replaced by a larger temporary access once a water main has been diverted. This will have the appropriate visibility and will not require traffic management to operate. Finally post commencement Lovers Lane will be realigned at this location and the secondary site access built for operation until the end of the construction phase.

The existing access arrangements have enabled BR19 to be reopened with crossing of the haul route controlled by gates.

King George Avenue: ACA access

Current proposals as you know are for

- Improving the field access just west of the Lovers Lane / King George Avenue with track matting or similar to allow light vehicle access to commence archaeological investigations.
- A temporary access will be formed to the east of the level crossing to enable construction traffic to access the Associated Construction Area (ACA) to build a temporary office block and welfare facility. Discussions ongoing

Benhall: Fen Meadow Access

SZC Co require construction of a temporary access to enable larger vehicles to enter / leave the site. HW/SCC have stated that they would not accept construction or use of this access by large vehicles during the summer holidays. SZC Co are intending to have the design of the access approved and constructed before the holidays....to follow

Noise Monitoring

SZC Co have requested that they install noise monitoring apparatus on the highway. That will be managed through the permitting process, but you may see small boxes attached to some road signs and lamp columns, similar to the monitors SZC put up on the PRow network earlier this year. It is understood that SZC CO are beginning to contact residents regarding noise mitigation...

Water Supply

- Keep an eye on the tracker re tankers and location.
- Freight Management Facility / Water Supply Facility: The planning application has been submitted to ESC. This includes forming a new access off Felixstowe Road.

Transport Review Group

- This is now functioning in an embryonic form. Waiting for more information

National Grid Consultation

The project will see a new 400kV electricity transmission line built between Norwich and Tilbury, running a distance of 111 miles. It will be made up mostly of overhead line and pylons, along with some underground cables and a new substation.

The new consultation reveals the route for the pylons, passing through Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex. It shows the line will run underground through the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the Essex-Suffolk border.

The consultation is open to residents, landowners, businesses and any individuals or groups that may be interested in commenting on the revised proposals. Consultees can participate online or via face-to-face events.

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Essex County Council, Norfolk County Council and Suffolk County Council are also being consulted on the proposals as statutory consultees. All three councils have already raised concerns to the initial consultation undertaken last year.

Councillor Richard Rout, Suffolk County Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Environment, said:

“We must be looking to a coordinated offshore centred approach to energy transmission in the UK. Given our long-term energy security goals and the infrastructure that will be required, simply installing more pylons, and digging trenches cannot be the only viable solution. We will continue to stand strong on behalf of all the communities who will be affected by these proposals.

“If Norwich to Tilbury is to proceed, there must be wide-ranging improvements made to the plans, particularly with more undergrounding in the Waveney and Gipping valleys and clear benefits for, and fair engagement with, our communities.”

Cllr Lesley Wagland OBE, Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Economic Renewal, Infrastructure and Planning, said:

“We have continued to work with our city, district and borough councils and neighbouring county councils of Norfolk and Suffolk to discuss the Norwich to Tilbury project.

“We remain fully committed to our net-zero ambitions and fully appreciate this involves building the infrastructure to connect renewable energy sources to the National Grid. However, we and our partner councils believe this can be far better, and sustainably, achieved by viable alternative means, and without the detrimental impact to our residents, businesses and the local environment that would be caused by the current proposals.”

Councillor Graham Plant, Norfolk County Council’s Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport, said:

“While fully supporting the offshore wind energy sector and decarbonising the electricity transmission network, Norfolk County Council feel that alternative options to overhead power lines need to be fully investigated. In particular, the County Council, in line with our recently endorsed Climate Strategy, strongly feel that an offshore transmission option needs further consideration by both National Grid and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.”

You can read more about the Norwich to Tilbury project and view a calendar of consultation events on the [National Grid website](#). You can also comment on the proposals by:

- completing National Grid’s [online feedback form](#)
- sending a completed paper feedback form to Freepost N TO T (no stamp or further address needed)
- completing a paper feedback form at one of the [consultation events](#)
- emailing your comments to contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com

New chairman of Suffolk County Council

Cllr Keith Robinson, Chairman of Suffolk County Council

I’m not very political. I got involved in local government because I wanted to do what I thought was right – to help people. My sense of self-worth comes from feeling like I can help to make a positive difference in the lives of the people in my community, not only in Lowestoft, where I live, but for all of Suffolk.

That's why it's my great pleasure to have been appointed as Chairman of Suffolk County Council for 2023/24.

I've been involved in local politics since 2015, shortly after I was forced to give up my work as a mechanic and long-distance truck driver having lost all sight in my right eye when I hit my head at work. Not only that, but I have lost most of the sight in my left eye to a 30-year battle with diabetes.

I'm from a working background, so to be declared unfit to work was hard. Without anything to get up for in the morning, I started to become depressed. But that all changed during the 2015 General Election, when I visited Peter Aldous, MP for Waveney, and offered to help with his campaign. I like talking to people, so I thought I would enjoy getting out delivering leaflets and speaking to residents. This was my beginning in local politics.

After the campaign, I decided I wanted to get more involved, and eventually I stood and was elected to represent Oulton at Suffolk County Council in 2017. I also took over the Oulton Broad seat on what was then Waveney District Council later that year following the very sad passing of Colin Law. Of course, this has now merged with Suffolk Coastal, and from September 2020 until May 2022, I was chairman of the newly established East Suffolk Council.

Most recently, on 25 May, I was elected as Suffolk County Council's Chairman. Part of the Chairman's role is to preside over meetings and uphold the county council's constitution, but it is also about much more than that. The Chairman represents the council at civic and ceremonial events across the county. I have already had the honour of meeting Her Majesty Queen Camilla at a reception hosted by the British Sporting Art Trust at Palace House, Newmarket on 1 June, where she unveiled the Trust's new painting by the artist Charles Church. The Chairman also aims to encourage greater partnership working with private, public, and voluntary agencies. It is a neutral and non-political position. They are an ambassador and a champion for Suffolk.

The Chairman also chooses one or more charities to support during their term in office. The first charity I have chosen is Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS).

For more than 50 years, SARS have been providing specialist volunteer responders to assist the ambulance service at the scenes of serious medical emergencies or trauma. These responders include anaesthetists, critical care paramedics and other clinicians, who are authorised to carry specialist drugs and additional life-saving equipment not found on ambulances. Their skills and the additional equipment they carry give patients a better chance of survival.

I am also keen to continue promoting Lowestoft during my term in office, which is why I have also chosen to support Pathways Care Farm, which sits on a beautiful 13-acre site in the north of the town. Pathways is a haven of peace and quiet which helps vulnerable people by giving them a place to go and to work with others towards a common goal. Spending some time here has an amazing effect on your wellbeing. It is a truly inspiring place that builds confidence, self-esteem, and teamwork.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to recognise the hard work of my predecessor, Cllr Robert Everitt, who raised over £1,000 for his chosen charities: the Bury Deaf and Hard of Hearing Association and Gatehouse in Bury St Edmunds. Robert also introduced the county councillor awards, which are an opportunity for councillors to

recognise outstanding contributions being made by those in the community. I am pleased that these will continue during my tenure. Congratulations to Robert on his fantastic achievements.

When I lost my sight, I lost my sense of purpose. Since I was first elected six years ago, representing my constituents has given me a new purpose, and it is my great honour to continue to serve in this prestigious role.

Suffolk Fire Service to bring control room back to county

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has announced plans to create a new fire control centre here in Suffolk.

Since October 2011, Suffolk has shared a control room with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire and Rescue Service in Huntingdon. The joint project has worked well, saving both fire services money and enabling greater cross border resource sharing.

However, the company behind a project to deliver a new IT system, initiated in 2019, has run into technical and financial problems, causing a significant delay. This, in addition to advancements in technology, has led to the decision to bring fire control back into the county by the end of 2024.

Councillor Andrew Reid, Cabinet Member for Fire and Public Protection, said:

“We have enjoyed a successful partnership with Cambridgeshire and it served as a national example of how well sharing resources across counties could work.

“It is time, however, to bring fire control back into our county and under direct Suffolk leadership.

“We are committed to delivering the most effective and efficient services to our residents, and in this case it is essential that we strive to find and develop a solution which is robust, sustainable and works for Suffolk.”

A new, Suffolk-based control room, with its own market tried and tested fire engine mobilisation software, will mean modernised IT systems and improved public and firefighter safety in Suffolk.

Jon Lacey, Chief Fire Officer at Suffolk Fire and Rescue, said:

“Following detailed talks with Cambridgeshire the decision has been made to bring fire control back into Suffolk. This decision has not been taken lightly and will take time to implement, however, we are confident it is achievable and the right way forward.

“Clearly a lot of time has gone into our collaborative work to date, so I would like to thank the teams for doing everything they could to make this work.

“Communities in Suffolk will not be impacted by this decision. We remain committed to providing excellent prevention, protection, and response to our residents.”

The proposed new control centre will be brought to Suffolk County Council’s Cabinet for approval in September 2023.

Suffolk Supports Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week

Suffolk's Safer Stronger Communities Board has joined a national campaign to raise awareness of Anti-Social Behaviour during a week of action in July.

National Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week runs between 03-09 July and aims to encourage people and communities to make a stand against ASB, work together to make communities safer and highlight ways to take action by those experiencing it.

Anti-social behaviour is a broad term used to describe the day-to-day incidents of crime, nuisance and disorder including rowdy and noisy behaviour in otherwise quiet neighbourhoods, noise from homes and gardens and vehicle related nuisance. The responsibility for dealing with anti-social behaviour is shared between a number of agencies, including Suffolk Police, Local Authorities and housing providers.

YouGov Research shows that almost 1/7 people have been forced to consider moving home because of the impact of Anti-Social Behaviour on their lives.

Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Police and District and Borough Councils have created newly agreed principles which demonstrate their commitment to delivering the best possible outcomes to victims of ASB. The principles can be viewed at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/community-safety/anti-social-behaviour/anti-social-behaviour-principles>

We know that anti-social behaviour can have a devastating impact on individuals and communities and can leave people feeling angry and frightened. Here in Suffolk, we are committed to reducing the negative impact Anti-Social Behaviour has on our communities. People deserve to feel safe where they live. That is why Suffolk County Council, and the Safer Stronger Communities Board continue to prioritise tackling Anti-Social Behaviour across Suffolk.

Cllr Bobby Bennett, Cabinet Member for Equality and Communities and Chair of the Safer Stronger Communities Board

Suffolk Constabulary recognises the impact Anti Social Behaviour can have on individuals and the wider community which is why, with support from our partners we are committed to tackling it throughout the year. We want our communities to feel safe and confident to report any issues. "As part of the National ASB Awareness Week officers will be policing hotspot areas and working with partners on proactive ASB operations. The week also provides an ideal opportunity to raises awareness of Suffolk's 'Anti-Social Principles' which have been adopted by all agencies involved in tackling ASB across the county and provides a guide and commitment as to how we alongside partner agencies and services will continue to seek the best possible outcomes for victims of ASB in Suffolk.

County Policing Commander Alice Scott

Everyone living and working in Suffolk has the right to feel secure in their community and we have a joint responsibility to tackle the scourge of anti-social behaviour in the county. We know that anti-social behaviour is a real concern for many of our residents which is why we need to work together to protect our communities and tackle ASB when and where it arises. I welcome this opportunity to highlight the county's commitment to tackle this issue and provide the best possible outcomes to victims of ASB in Suffolk.

Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore

As part of the week, local councils and police will be hosting a range of activities within their communities, where members of the public can speak with representatives from Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Police, dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour.

Activities are listed below:

Monday 3 July

- Meet representatives from your **Ipswich Police Team**: Pop-up Engagement Event at the Recreation Ground Café, **Ipswich**
- Officers from **Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council** Community Safety team will be joined by officers from Environmental Health, Housing and Police officers from local Safer Neighbourhood Teams. They will all be on hand to discuss your concerns. Morrisons Supermarket, Hadleigh 09.30-16.00
- Meet officers from **East Suffolk Council** at the following locations:
 - Martlesham Industrial Estate (AM).
 - Bungay, Fisher Theatre 10.30-12.30
 - Lowestoft Tesco Superstore Leisure Way 10.00-14.00
 - Carlton Colville Primary School Assembly 09.30
 - Woodbridge Businesses letter distribution 2-4PM
 - Saxmundham Market Place 11.00-13.00
 - Wickham Market Local Area 08.30-10.30
 - Leiston Town Council Car Park 13.30-15.00

Tuesday 4 July

- Meet representatives from your **Police Safer Neighbourhood Team**: Guineas Shopping Centre, **Newmarket**.
- Officers from **Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council** Community Safety team will be joined by officers from Environmental Health, Housing and Police officers from local Safer Neighbourhood Teams. They will all be on hand to discuss your concerns between 09:30 – 16:00 in Broad Street, **Eye**.
- Meet officers from **East Suffolk Council** on Tuesday 4th July at the following locations:
 - Woodbridge Library 13.00-15.00,
 - Kesgrave/Rushmere (morning)
 - Martlesham (north of tesco) PM
 - Beccles, Forget-Me-Nots Club, Beccles Public Hall - 3 to 4pm

Wednesday 5 July

- Officers from **Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council** Community Safety team will be joined by officers from Environmental Health, Housing and Police officers from local Safer Neighbourhood Teams. They will all be on hand to discuss your concerns between 09:30 – 16:00 Tesco, **Stowmarket Cedars Park**.
- Meet officers from **East Suffolk Council** at the following locations:
 - Lowestoft Morrisons Pakefield 10.00-14.00
 - Kesgrave/Rushmere AM
 - Martlesham, Estate north of Tesco PM
 - Kessingland, Field Lane CoOp - 13.00 - 16.00

Thursday 6 July

- Meet representatives from your **Police Safer Neighbourhood Team**: Pop-up Engagement Event at **Stowmarket** Community Hub and **Brandon** Market Square.
- Officers from **Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council** Community Safety team will be joined by officers from Environmental Health, Housing and Police officers from local Safer Neighbourhood Teams. They will all be on hand to discuss your concerns at Sudbury Market Hill 0800-16:00 during market day.
- Meet officers from **East Suffolk Council** at the following locations:
 - Lowestoft Town Centre, High Street 09.00-13.00
 - Carlton Colville, Carlton Meadows 14.00-17.00
 - Felixstowe Skatepark, Youth Outreach 16.00-18.00
 - Framlingham Local Area 11.00-14.00
 - Beccles (AM Visit with PCSO to Sir John Leman High School)
 - Bungay (12.00 - 13.00 Visit to Bungay High School with PCSO),

Friday 7 July

- Meet representatives from your **Police Safer Neighbourhood Team**: Pop-up Engagement Event at **Haverhill market**.
- Meet officers from **East Suffolk Council** at the following locations:
 - Carlton Colville Coop Ashburnham Way 10.00-14.00
 - Halesworth Town Park, IP19 8EX 11.00-14.00
 - Felixstowe Walkabout 10.00-14.00

Follow the hashtags #SuffolkASB #Suffolklooks closer on social media, for further details about the events.

For more information about Anti-Social Behaviour in Suffolk, please visit: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/community-safety/anti-social-behaviour>