

Suffolk Coastal District Council – ward report.

As always we are very busy; planning matters, EDF, SPR, the many shadow council meetings, cabinet meetings, briefings, Young people's group, enabling board band board meetings, ANOB, Hidden needs panel, ECB's, Leisure Centre redevelopment, Leiston Together board, ESP board, Places for people board, different events and meetings within the ward and area. We are always available so please do not hesitate to get in touch.

In this cold weather please do check on any neighbours that may need assistance and get in contact if we can help. It is always worrying that we all seem to receive yet more scamming telephone calls, emails and so on. The scammers are getting even more clever at finding ways to get information out of you, please always check first before handing out any personal or private information and report any issues as soon as possible.

Tomorrow evening - Suffolk Coastal Cabinet meeting 6.30pm at East Suffolk House. Cabinet will be looking at:

Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards for Private Rented Properties: The Government has introduced Regulations to penalise landlords who rent out properties that are the worst performing in terms of energy efficiency. The report outlines the content of the Regulations and seeks delegation to enforce these Regulations, using compliance and penalty notices as part of a balanced enforcement vs educational approach.

Extension to Conservation Areas: The Conservation Area Management for Melton, Earl Soham, Peasenhall and Sibton, Westleton, Orford and Grundisburgh states that 'on completion in 2010/2011 of appraisals for all 34 of the District's Conservation Areas a review will be commenced of their boundaries as a separate exercise'. This review has been completed and proposals for the extension of the boundaries of all of the above, except Grundisburgh, are proposed.

TJ will be presenting a joint paper on: **Acceptance of Funding Awards from Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group Transformation Fund and Suffolk Transformation Challenge Award:** Suffolk Coastal District Council has recently led two bids on behalf of public and voluntary sector partners for Social Prescribing across the non-Ipswich part (Suffolk Coastal, Babergh and Mid Suffolk districts) of the Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) area. Both bids were successful and together have secured a total of £686,767 funding, made up of £549,507 from the Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG Transformation Fund and £137,260 from the Suffolk Transformation Challenge Award (TCA). The proposal is that this funding will be allocated to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations through a procurement process to be led by Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Public Space Protection Orders – Dog Controls: Following the adoption of a number of PSPOs in November 2017, the Council received some further requests from Town and Parish Councils for additional PSPOs for the control of dogs in public open spaces within their areas. 2 In response to these requests Cabinet approved a

public consultation on the following draft PSPOs: – Dogs on Leads on Charsfield Recreation Ground – Dogs on Leads on Martello Park Gardens, Felixstowe – Dogs on Leads on Felixstowe Town Hall Gardens – Dogs on Leads on Felixstowe Seafront Gardens – Exclusion of Dogs from Langer Park Children’s’ Play Area – Exclusion of Dogs and Dogs on Leads on Defined Areas of Thorpeness Beach from 1 May to 30 September The consultation closed on 21 December 2018 and the majority of responses supported the introduction of the PSPOs.

East Suffolk Performance Report – Quarterly Performance Quarter 3 2018-19: This joint report for Suffolk Coastal and Waveney provides an overview of the Councils’ performance and progress against the deliverables within the East Suffolk Business Plan.

Other news:

Local Plan – Published for Final Comments - Suffolk Coastal has taken its next step towards finalising its Local Plan. The Final Draft Local Plan has been published to provide stakeholders and the public with a final chance to comment on the plan. A six-week consultation was launched on Monday, 14 January, and runs to Monday, 25 February, with people being given the opportunity to have their say on the soundness of the plan, after it was agreed at an extraordinary meeting of the Full Council on Thursday, 3 January 2019. The Local Plan sets out the policies which will guide development in the District over the period to 2036, and contains policies which will be used to determine planning applications. The plan identifies how much growth should take place and where this should be located. This consultation is designed to bring in comments in relation to the soundness of the plan and whether legal and procedural requirements have been met. Following this, the draft Local Plan, along with the comments made during this consultation, will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and an Examination will be conducted by an independent Planning Inspector to determine whether the Plan can be adopted. This Examination will include a Public Hearing, which will be held by the Planning Inspector, where people who have made written responses to the consultation will have the opportunity to discuss their comments.

The Council has arranged drop-in sessions which are open to anyone to attend to find out more about the Final Draft Local Plan and how to respond. Saxmundham Market Hall, 29 High Street, Saxmundham, IP17 1AF – Wednesday 6th February 3pm – 7pm The Final Draft Local Plan and supporting documents are available to view at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/finaldraftlocalplan.

Copies of the Final Draft Local Plan are also available at local libraries across the District. Copies are also available for inspection at the Council’s Customer Service Centre, Woodbridge Library, New Street, Woodbridge, IP12 1DT. All comments must be received by 5pm on Monday, 25 February 2019.

Enabling Broadband Programme Update (TJ sits on this board). Under this programme, the Council had allocated substantial funding to fund wireless

broadband provision in order to cover those 2% of properties across the District that won't benefit from the Suffolk Better Broadband scheme -these properties will be predominantly be in rural areas. We have issued contracts with two local companies (Fram Broadband and RADE) to build the necessary infrastructure we need in the District. Those companies have now begun purchasing, and siting, additional equipment to enhance the service to residents, businesses and visitors alike. Fram Broadband has extended the coverage in the Framlingham, Saxtead, Bruisyard and Gt Glenham parishes. Similarly, RADE has enhanced the coverage in the North of the District, along the Blyth Valley and Leiston/Theberton areas. We will obviously keep you updated on the infrastructure build, as it progress. However, if you or anyone you know is experiencing difficulties accessing highspeed broadband from traditional providers, do contact these operators to see if you can benefit from a highspeed service as part of this investment by your District Council. We are putting this investment in because we want to ensure that on one is left behind, as highspeed broadband is essential to the prosperity of our District.

Businesses invited to knowledge-sharing event - As part of the ongoing work between Innovation Martlesham and Suffolk Coastal District Council, local businesses are invited to a knowledge sharing event in February. Attendees of this event will benefit from the knowledge Innovative Martlesham (IM) has gained from working with over a hundred companies, who are part of the IM cluster at Adastral Park, Ipswich. The session will provide a good overview of the key issues for anyone planning to build a public image for their company and establish confidence in potential customers and partners. The event will feature guest speakers Dr Nick Milner - CEO and Founder of Milner Marketing Ltd, Mike Ward – Marketer and ISO Auditor, Mark Pendleton - Immediate past Chair, New Anglia LEP & Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk & Chair Suffolk Lieutenancy Business & Enterprise Group and Andy Brown - Head of Sustainability, Anglian Water. The event is taking place on Tuesday, 19 February 2019, between 10:30am - 12:30pm at Adastral Park. 5 Numbers are strictly limited, so make sure you don't miss out by booking your space now at www.innovationmartlesham.com/events/company-credibility-smoke-and-mirrors-or-the-realdeal/

Reaction to Sizewell C stage 3 consultation - Community leaders from across east Suffolk met members of the Sizewell C Joint Local Authorities Group (JLAG) on Tuesday, 22 January, to discuss their views, raise questions and offer initial observations on EDF Energy's Sizewell C Stage 3 Pre-Application consultation. Over 100 attendees, representing around 30 town and parish councils were represented at the busy event, attracting an energetic atmosphere with a constant buzz of discussion and examination. Many aspects of EDF Energy's consultation proposals were raised during question and answer sessions and round table discussions. The main message that came across loud and clear from the meeting was that EDF Energy has taken on the feedback given by local communities as part of their Stage 2 consultation and has provided much more detail at Stage 3 in regards to their mitigations and proposals. However, there are some aspects that still lack clarity, and this level of detail is needed to ensure local communities have all the information

required to respond in a full and considered way to their proposals. Elements of mitigation where further information would be beneficial primarily focus transport and accommodation. There is also a clear sentiment that EDF Energy need to do more to try and make a marine led strategy work as a preferred option. Other key areas raised by the community during discussions were:

- Pylons – Concerns about increasing number required and how / where they will be sited
- Design of station – Appearance of the buildings are not in keeping with surrounding natural environment, do not necessarily complement appearance of existing stations and there is concern that more buildings are proposed than are actually required
- Scale of construction – Concerns that EDF Energy has dropped the marine-led transport option for getting construction materials to site far too eagerly without thorough consideration and that the rail-led option may not be their next preference
- Economy – It is still not clear how much benefit will come to local population as a result of such upheaval, with so much disruption. Skilled jobs on site may well be at the cost of skilled labour currently at other local businesses which will struggle to recruit if they lose their workforce
- Transport – There remains strong support for SEG way (4 Village Bypass), including from both councils. Concerns continue in regards to the impact on existing road infrastructure which is close to capacity in many places
- Pressure on local services – There is a strong feeling that local health, police and support services may come close to breaking point with so many coming to area for concentrated period of time. There remain question marks around how EDF Energy will maintain staff presence at proposed accommodation points
- Legacy – Will the area be left better or worse off once the station is built and in operation? There is concern that EDF Energy's plans do not go far enough to give real long-lasting positive socio-economic positive impact

To review the joint response previously submitted to EDF Energy at Stage 2, visit:
www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/sizewell-nuclear-power-station/stage-two-consultation/ To view EDF Energy's Stage 3 consultation materials visit:
www.sizewell.edfenergyconsultation.info/

We want Your Memories - Suffolk Coastal has launched an appeal for people's fond memories of the Council over the last 45 years. In April this year, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils are merging to create a new 'super district' known as East Suffolk Council. As such, Suffolk Coastal District Council, which was created in 1974, will cease to exist – after 45 years of providing services to local people. And, to mark this historic event, Suffolk Coastal is creating a short history of the Council to be placed on the website and circulated locally. So Suffolk Coastal is appealing to the public, its current and past staff and Councillors to give us any tales and pictures of good memories involving the Council, particularly from the early days of the 1970s and 80s. Selected memories will be collated as part of the Suffolk Coastal history, to be published online and locally, and will form part of a celebration event to be held at Snape in mid March. Send your memories to:
communications@eastsuffolk.gov.uk – and mark them Suffolk Coastal memories. Closing date for submissions is 9am on Monday, 11 February 2019.

Scottish Power Renewables – 4 Consultation – deadline for responses 26th March. Copies of the many lever arch folders are also available to view at local

libraries.

https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/ea_one_north_phase_4_consultation.aspx

6/02/2019	Friston	Friston Village Hall, Church Road, Friston, Saxmundham, IP17 1PU	10am - 4pm
18/02/2019	Aldeburgh	Aldeburgh Church Hall, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh, IP15 5EA	2pm - 7pm
20/02/2019	Leiston	Sizewell Sports and Social Club, King George's Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JX	2pm - 7pm
21/02/2019	Orford	Town Hall, Market Hill, Orford, Woodbridge, IP12 2NZ	2pm - 7pm
22/02/2019	Knodishall	Knodishall Village Hall, School Road, Knodishall, IP17 1UD	2pm - 7pm
23/02/2019	Thorpeness	Thorpeness Country Club, The Benthills, IP16 4NU	10am - 4pm
25/02/2019	Southwold	Stella Peskett Hall, Might's Road, Southwold, IP18 6BE	2pm - 7pm
27/02/2019	Friston	Friston Village Hall, Church Road, Friston, Saxmundham, IP17 1PU	2pm - 7pm
28/02/2019	Thorpeness	Thorpeness Country Club, The Benthills, IP16 4NU	2pm - 7pm
01/03/2019	Aldeburgh	Aldeburgh Church Hall, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh, IP15 5EA	2pm - 7pm

02/03/2019	Knodishall	Knodishall Village Hall, School Road, Knodishall, IP17 1UD	10am - 4pm
04/03/2019	Southwold	Stella Peskett Hall, Might's Road, Southwold, IP18 6BE	2pm - 7pm
09/03/2019	Leiston	Sizewell Sports and Social Club, King George's Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JX	10am - 4pm

Last Friday evening at a meeting I asked our MP, Therese Coffey, for a brief update for you:

The Commons continues to be busy about matters Brexit, whether in the chamber, committee rooms or Ministerial departments. There are some other activities too, including preparing for the selection of a new clerk which local councils will understand how important that can be.

I'm pleased that the Coastal Community Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund continues to support projects. It is helpful to have success from which other organisations can learn.

On more local matters, I look forward to Waveney Valley Academy Trust taking on Alde Valley school very soon. Jeremy Rowe had previously worked with the school to positive effect.

The big issue at the moment is energy generation and its impact on the local landscape of the construction and permanent site. I encourage people to respond to the consultations for both Sizewell C and the SPR substations. I continue to work with local councillors on this issue. I will continue to meet the developers, National Grid and the Crown Estate as well as make the case with Ministers expressing the concerns on the impacts of these developments. I should point out that Energy Ministers act in a quasi-judicial position on these applications, so they can never give a view on what they may be inclined to decide and also have to be aware of the potential success of legal challenge from the developers.

Kind regards, we look forward to hearing from you.

TJ and Maureen.