

Happy New Year!

Welcome to our first East Suffolk report for 2020. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas.

SPR - A reminder that the deadline for registering as an 'Interested Party' is the 27th January 2020 as per our previous reports. You can register yourself under each of the projects page on the Planning Inspectorate website with your submissions of your 'relevant representation' your views, concerns and/or objections etc to these proposals. <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm/>

(you may find the best links to the applications and other information at <http://sases.org.uk/news/suffolk-parish-councils-letter-to-energy-minister>)

As you know 32 Parish Councils came together and sent a letter to express 'significant joint concerns' about the energy proposals. Their letter calls for the immediate suspension of the DCO applications for EA1N & EA2 (Scottish Powers onshore substation proposals), it also highlights numerous concerns about Sizewell C and proposals for future projects. The letter says proposals are unprecedented and represent unnecessary industrialisation which will put the 'peace, tranquillity and natural environment at significant risk' and posing a 'very real threat to the local tourist economy'.

Leader's "disappointment" with energy scheme

Ahead of a meeting of East Suffolk Council's Cabinet to discuss the construction of offshore windfarm developments by ScottishPower Renewables (SPR), the Leader of the Council, has underlined his, and the authority's concerns regarding the schemes' likely effect on local communities and environment.

While East Suffolk Council is strongly in favour of renewable energy, Cllr Gallant says he is "disappointed" with the submitted applications in their current form, which lead him to believe that the benefits will be considerably outweighed by the potential impacts of the proposals.

ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) have submitted two separate applications for offshore windfarm developments off the East Suffolk coast with onshore infrastructure from Thorpeness to a substation site immediately north of Friston. During Phase 4 of the consultation the Councils objected to elements of the scheme, with concerns ranging from visual impacts, to environmental concerns and the effect on tourism and visitor numbers.

Cllr Gallant said: "The Council recognises the national benefit these projects will bring, but only provided this is achieved without significant damage to the local built and natural environment, local communities, and tourist economy. The local impacts of the projects and their cumulative impacts need to be adequately and better addressed.

"While there will be positive benefits here and for the wider region, the negative impacts of the developments would be felt almost exclusively by local communities. The approach to these schemes is primarily commercially driven and until sensible

and appropriate mitigation and compensation packages are proposed, we will continue to object to the proposals in their current form."

Cllr Gallant added that the Council will continue to make the necessary approaches to Government Ministers as well as working closely with Suffolk and Norfolk Councils who are experiencing similar pressures.

He also compared the issues with the SPR development to the proposals for Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station, which East Suffolk Council are also seeking to resolve.

He said: "With Sizewell, again, the outcome of the Stage 4 consultation failed to answer questions which we have posed and we do need them answered in the DCO submission. However, we have not objected to the proposals so far because we can see the potential for benefits regarding highway improvements, skills improvements, education benefits and jobs for the local area."

East Suffolk Council's Cabinet will consider a report regarding the Scottish Power Renewables Schemes on January 7 2020. Among the recommendations, the report states: "That this Council continues to engage with SPR to identify means by which the impact of the proposals can be mitigated and/or compensated if the developments do take place and seek appropriate s106 agreements to secure the necessary mitigation and/or compensation."

The Cabinet agenda below: (please look on the Website for the full agenda <https://eastsuffolk.cmis.uk.com/eastsuffolk/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/35/Committee/5/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>)

Members are invited to a **Meeting of the Cabinet**

to be held in the Conference Room, Riverside, Lowestoft,

on **Tuesday, 7 January 2020 at 6.30 pm**

Part One - Open To The Public

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence, if any.

2 Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers are invited to make any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Local Non-Pecuniary Interests that they may have in relation to items on the Agenda and are also reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the Meeting if it becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is considered.

3 Announcements

To receive any announcements.

KEY DECISIONS

4 East Suffolk Council Engagement During the Development Consent Order Process for ScottishPower Renewables East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two Offshore Windfarm Proposals

Report of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development

1.  [ES-0239 ESC Engagement during DCO process for SPR offshore windfarm proposals](#) (308Kb)
1.  [ES-0239 Appendix A - Draft Relevant Representation for EA1N and EA2](#) (213Kb)
2.  [ES-0239 Appendix B - Early Draft Local Impact Report for EA1N and EA2 windfarms](#) (1368Kb)

5 Housing Development Strategy 2020-2024

Report of the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing

1.  [ES-0240 Housing Development Strategy 2020-2024](#) (179Kb)
1.  [ES-0240 Appendix A - Housing Development Strategy](#) (1474Kb)

6 Acceptance of Grant Funding

Report of the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing

1.  [ES-0243 Acceptance of Grant Funding](#) (208Kb)
1.  [ES-0243 Appendix A - Warm Homes update report](#) (1366Kb)
2.  [ES-0243 Appendix B - Bid for PRS Enforcement and Innovation funding](#) (224Kb)




7 Parking Services: Parking Management and CPE

Report of the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport

1.  [ES-0242 Parking Services - Parking Management and CPE](#) (259Kb)

8 Fees and Charges for 2020/21

Report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources, and the Assistant Cabinet Member for Resources

1.  [ES-0241 Fees and Charges for 2020-21](#) (181Kb)
1.  [ES-0241 Appendix A - Proposed Discretionary Fees and Charges from 1 April 2020](#) (317Kb)
2.  [ES-0241 Appendix B - Schedule of Statutory Fees and Charges from 1 April 2020](#) (209Kb)

NON-KEY DECISIONS

9 Capital Programme for 2020/21 to 2023/24 including Revisions to 2019/20

Report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources, and the Assistant Cabinet Member for Resources

1.  [ES-0246 Capital Programme for 2020-21 to 2023-24 inc revisions to 2019-20](#) (294Kb)



10 [Housing Revenue Account Budget Report 2020/21](#)

Report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources, the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing, and the Assistant Cabinet Member for Resources

1.  [ES-0249 HRA Budget Report 2020-21](#) (360Kb)


11 [Review of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2020/21](#)

Report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources, and the Assistant Cabinet Member for Resources

1.  [ES-0247 Review of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2020-21](#) (179Kb)
1.  [ES-0247 Appendix A - LCTRS Consultation Document](#) (61Kb)



12 [Beccles Lido Ltd Improvement Bid - Exceptional CIL Funding Request](#)

Report of the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning and Coastal Management

1.  [ES-0244 Beccles Lido Ltd Improvement Bid - Exceptional CIL funding request](#) (278Kb)
1.  [ES-0244 Appendix A - District CIL Application Assessment and Validation Criteria](#) (162Kb)
2.  [ES-0244 Appendix B - Principles of District CIL Allocations Criteria](#) (155Kb)

13 [Infrastructure Team Service Improvements and CIL Spending Strategy](#)

Report of the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning and Coastal Management

1.  [ES-0245 Infrastructure Team service improvements and CIL spending strategy](#) (239Kb)
1.  [ES-0245 Appendix A - Draft CIL Spending Strategy](#) (541Kb)

14 Exempt/Confidential Items

It is recommended that under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

GREENPRINT FORUM VISION



Our Vision

By 2030 we would like to see significant progress in East Suffolk in each of the following areas:

- **Active travel** - Walking and cycling are improving our physical and mental health and enhancing quality of life and the environment. Low emissions travel dominates.
- **Eco-friendly development** - Designed to limit environmental harm, meet changing needs of occupants, cope with changes to the climate and feel part of the wider natural environment.
- **Energy generating homes** - Existing buildings are retrofitted to be part of a smart energy system, they are net generators with very little under occupancy.
- **Environmentally beneficial employment** - Decent work and an economy that works for all. Organisations recognise local sense of place and how a healthy environment benefits employers and employees.
- **Healthy humanity** - People are connected with their community and supported by functioning education and care systems which are free at point of use.
- **Nature first** - Nature's value is recognised by the majority, visitors are attracted because of it and everyone actively cares for it.
- **Pollution free environment** - Use of plastics is tightly controlled and everyone takes responsibility to reduce the impact of their activities on the environment.

- **Quality food** - People can access good quality, healthy, tasty food. Food that is grown and farmed in ways that minimise negative impacts and maximise positive impacts on natural resources.
- **Upcycling culture** - People are borrowing, repairing, reusing and buying wisely to limit environmental harm. Products are designed to circular economy principles.

Who we are

The Greenprint Forum is a voluntary network, facilitated by the district council, to help deliver their business plan; specifically enabling community environmental action to improve lives and strengthen our economy.

Whilst our focus is on East Suffolk, anyone, anywhere can join for free to help inform and learn from our thinking. Please be aware that we have one passionate part time staff resource (two days a week dedicated to this), a steering group of 11 who give of their knowledge while being active in their own communities/organisations and all other effort is voluntary or requires funding to be gained to pay for it.

- East Suffolk Greenprint Forum Constitution summary

Our Steering Group

- Find out more about what our steering group does and who the members are.

How to contact us

- www.twitter.com/GreenprintForum
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- Tel: 01394 444747

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum/>

Another really useful site to look at regarding recycling (what to do with, knowledge and info on reducing waste) is <https://www.recyclenow.com/>

Food safety packs launched to help small businesses

Small businesses in East Suffolk can now manage their food safety practices more easily following the launch of new information packs.

Developed by the Food Standards Agency, 'Safer Food Better Business' packs are now available from East Suffolk Council's Food and Safety Team to help small business operators understand and comply with food hygiene regulations and food safety management procedures.

Food safety regulations require a business to show and record the actions they take to ensure food made and/or sold on the premises is safe to eat.

The 'Safer Food Better Business' packs contain food safety procedures for a variety of businesses including caterers, care homes, retailers and childminders. The packs contain up to date information on:

- food allergens
- 'Pre-Packed for Direct Sale' regulations (which will be introduced in October 2021)
- details on how to register as a food business
- guidance around the Food Hygiene Ratings Scheme.

Any business which prepares, sells or handles food needs to comply with food safety regulations and the new 'Safer Food Better Business' packs help small business operators to understand exactly what they need to do to ensure the food they provide is safe to eat.

Download or order a pack: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/business/food-safety/safer-food-better-business/>

Photo competition winners announced

The winners of this year's East Suffolk Photo Competition have been announced.

Returning for its third year, the competition ran throughout November and invited amateur and professional photographers to submit their photos of the district to East Suffolk Council.

In early December, the entries were judged and we received almost 200 entries this year and the outstanding quality of the photos made choosing the winners a difficult task. All the entries showcased the beauty and variety of East Suffolk however we felt the winning photos captured something extra special. We would like to thank everyone who took part and we look forward to running the competition again in future.

The winners are:

- First place: Mike Whitby, Woodbridge
- Second place: Tony Pick, Thorpeness
- Third place: Richard Sagom, Oulton Broad

Highly commended:

- Chris Lee, Homersfield
- Claire Grasby, Oulton Broad
- James Allen, Carlton Marshes
- Kevin Jay, Felixstowe
- Rhianna Wren, Beccles

Aldeburgh's 'Green & Clean' Advent Calendar

Most children hope for an advent calendar full of chocolates or at least traditional Christmas pictures, but for the pupils at Aldeburgh Primary School, this year their school's advent calendar offered something a little different.

Hug a tree, feed the birds, eat an egg laid by a happy Suffolk hen or collect some ivy & pine cones to make Christmas decorations are just some of the actions the children (and their parents!) are being encouraged to take each day in the run up to Christmas. Treats will be allowed on Christmas Eve!

The children have been opening the giant advent calendar during morning assembly and then, following a conversation about the day's task, are being encouraged to make time to carry out the 'green deed for the day'.

Supported by Suffolk Libraries and East Suffolk Council, the team behind Aldeburgh's Green & Clean Community Initiative created the advent calendar as part of their drive to encourage families to become 'greener' in their everyday lives.

Christine Collett, who is leading the initiative, commented, "Talking to the children demonstrated to us just how aware they are about climate change and what a great job the school is doing to tackle this difficult subject. Being on the coast, Aldeburgh is at the frontline of the impacts of climate change, particularly rising sea levels, so collectively we need to take action to change some of our habits'."

"We hope everyone, residents, businesses and visitors, will all challenge themselves and their families to 'Reduce, Recycle & Rethink' so that the town becomes known for the efforts it is making."

The advent calendar is also on view in the Aldeburgh library together with a display and suggestion box inviting people to share their thoughts and offer support or become a 'champion' of a favourite green idea.



(If you'd like to get in touch with Christine or Alan please do let one of us know we can provide you their details).

Homelessness provision in East Suffolk

East Suffolk Council in conjunction with other partner organisations is providing support to single homeless people and people sleeping rough in East Suffolk, during the winter period.

The Cold Weather Provision (CWP) provides up to nine bed spaces until the end of March next year. The accommodation is either a self-contained room or sharing facilities and, in each case, an assessment will be undertaken to confirm the placement.

Cllr Richard Kerry, East Suffolk's Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "As detailed in our Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, we are committed to reducing rough sleeping and addressing the issues which cause and can lead to homelessness.

"However, we know it is likely that there will be rough sleepers during the winter months and with very cold weather predicted we must be proactive in ensuring help for those affected."

Members of the East Suffolk Housing Needs Team and colleagues from Access Community Trust and Anglia Care Trust will monitor the situation and anyone concerned about the welfare of people should contact the Council, either by calling 03330 162000 or emailing housing.needs@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

This service is provided in addition to the 'Somewhere Safe to Stay Hub' – an East Suffolk Council initiative which has commissioned beds in Lowestoft. Genesis and Notting Hill Association also offer a Short Stay Emergency Bed in Felixstowe. Referrals can be made by contacting East Suffolk Housing Needs Team.

Following a successful application to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, East Suffolk Council was awarded a total of £292,553 to help rough sleepers or those at risk of rough sleeping in the district.

The spaces, which are located at Access Community Trust (Bridge View), will provide somewhere to stay for a minimum of 72 hours to enable a rapid assessment of need and to offer support to those using this provision.

Best wishes

TJ, Joceyln and Tony