Consultation gives residents say on future of Greater Norwich
A new consultation has been launched which will give residents, businesses and stakeholders the chance to have their say on the shape of Greater Norwich (Norwich, Broadland and South Norfolk boundaries) until 2036.

The Greater Norwich Local Plan is being created by Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk Council and working with Norfolk County Council as the Greater Norwich Development Partnership.

The plan will set out a vision for growth, identify sites for new homes, jobs and infrastructure and provide the basis for planning decisions for the foreseeable future.

The councils are encouraging all organisations to take part in the consultation, particularly residents, even if they are only interested in commenting on one area or site. To find out more about the plan and contribute to the consultation or to register any preferences, visit the Greater Norwich Local Plan website.

A series of road shows will also take place across the area through the consultation period which ends on March 22. Officers will be available to explain policy options or discuss sites in general terms at these events. A full list of locations is available online.
Thank you to all who attended the Annual Town and Parish Council meeting at Broadland District Council’s offices last month.

Questions and concerns raised at the meeting have been fed back to members of staff at Broadland District Council, giving them opportunity to provide further information and advice where required.

This year’s meeting took a new format with breakout sessions, giving visitors the chance to learn more about the issues which were most relevant to their council.

The meeting covered a range of topics including neighbourhood plans, community grants and waste and recycling and received a positive response from attendees.

Please find some useful contact details for Broadland officers below:

**Neighbourhood Plans- Vicky West or Richard Squires-**
Victoria.west@broadland.gov.uk 01603 430112/
richard.squires@broadland.gov.uk 01603 430637

**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Helen Williamson-**
cil@broadland.gov.uk 01603 430630

**Waste and Recycling- Michaela Beaumont or Terasa Ford-**
recyclingofficer@broadland.gov.uk 01603 430482/ 430573

**Broadland Community at Heart Grants- Norfolk Community Foundation -**
www.norfolkfoundation.com/funds/broadland-community-at-heart-grants
1000 more homes receive food waste collections

An extra 1000 homes in Broadland have started to receive a food waste collection service this month.

Broadland District Council was the first local authority in Norfolk to carry out separate food waste collections in 2008, which started as a six-month, government-funded trial serving about 6,000 homes.

Since then, more than 10,000 tonnes of food waste has been collected and the service is offered to 25,000 homes- almost half of all households in Broadland.

The extra homes receiving the food waste service are in Sprowston, Spixworth, Hellesdon, Thorpe St Andrew and Drayton.
Recycling food waste is environmentally friendly as the food is composted in sealed tanks, creating a natural biogas to be used as a fuel to generate renewable energy. Any leftovers form a nutrient-rich bio-fertiliser which is applied to farmland.

The 1000 homes have already received their two new food waste caddies which have been funded by Norfolk County Council- a small caddy for their kitchen and a larger one to be left out for collection.

A leaflet explaining the food recycling process has also been delivered to the homes.

For more information, visit [www.broadland.gov.uk/foodwaste](http://www.broadland.gov.uk/foodwaste) or call 01603 430534.

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**Community at Heart**

Natalie Kordeczka-Clarke, newly appointed Community Projects Officer, would like to invite town and parish councils to discuss their communities with her so she can
learn more about the issues areas face and of any local events where there may be an opportunity for council officers to attend and offer help and advice to residents.

A Community Events Planning evening has been arranged on Monday 23 April at Hellesdon Community Centre, hosted by Hellesdon Parish Council and Broadland District Council. This free, information-sharing event is aimed at Broadland community groups and volunteers who want to find out more about planning an event in their community.

To find out more about Natalie’s work or the Community Events Planning evening, please contact Natalie Kordeczka-Clarke, Community Projects Officer on 01603 430 522 or natalie.kordeczka-clarke@broadland.gov.uk

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Claim your free training course

Broadland District Council offers a range of business and personal development training courses at a training centre in Hellesdon. Each financial year, every parish and town council is entitled to one free course for their clerk.
The current programme of courses runs until the end of March. Courses available include Microsoft Excel and Word training, social media, managing meetings, customer care, supervising, health and safety and first aid.

View the full range of training courses online or contact Matthew Beckett, Economic Development Officer, by emailing matthew.beckett@broadland.gov.uk or call 01603 788950 to book or for more information.

Training Course for new Data Regulations

Following questions and concerns raised at the Annual Parish and Town Council meeting, Broadland District Council is holding a General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) training session for all parish and town councils on Thursday 8 March at 6.30pm at the council offices.

The course will detail the steps councils need to take to comply with the new regulations which will be implemented in May 2018. For example, everyone within your council will need to be made aware of the changes and there will be a need to be an appointed Data Protection Officer. Your council will need to review how it records and manages its data protection and how it will deal with breaches.

The course costs £10 (plus VAT) per delegate which will cover the costs of the session.

For more information and to confirm attendance, please contact Linda Mockford on linda.mockford@broadland.gov.uk or email 01603 430424.

Communities invited to join Clear Up Weekend
The Foulsham litter picking group have been holding litter picks frequently for years.

Keep Britain Tidy are hosting their annual Great British Spring Clean weekend on 2-4 March, encouraging people across the country to hold their own community litter pick.

Broadland District Council are asking for groups across the district to get involved and spruce up their area throughout the month of March.

Litter picks have already been organised in Foulsham, Horsford, Haveringland and at the Blickling estate.

A limited amount of litter picking equipment is available on loan from the council who can also arrange collection of the rubbish collected. For more information or help planning your pick, email contracts officer@broadland.gov.uk or call 01603 430534.

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Jack Alfred Sadler
It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Jack Sadler.

Jack has been a great friend to the district and the county as a whole for over 40 years, contributing to almost every aspect of public services and local government including crime prevention, youth engagement and community planning.

Jack served as a councillor for Spixworth Parish Council since 1978 and held the position of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Norfolk Association of Parish and Town Councils (NALC) for almost three decades.

Outside of his outstanding dedication to public service, Jack held roles within the Institute of Advanced Norfolk Motorcyclists for many years, raised over £70,000 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance and was a keen supporter of Theatre Royal Norwich, frequently enjoying musical theatre performances.

Dr Wendy Thomson, Managing Director of Norfolk County Council described Jack’s passing as ‘a great loss to the county’ - a view reflected by all at Broadland District
Council who have known and worked with Jack over the years. 

His funeral will take place on February 28.

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Start a business with Broadland District Council

A former service engineer from Brundall has started his own business, offering the only independent hard surface repair and restoration service in Norfolk.

Stephen Yaxley started Surface Repair Solutions last year, with help from Broadland District Council’s Business Support team.

His work adopts the ‘make do and mend’ approach, fixing chips in worktops, marks on floors and furniture or cracks in baths and basins.
“People who have damaged their bath think they need to get a new one, but that wouldn’t just mean the cost of a new bath, it would mean getting someone out to plumb it in,” said Mr Yaxley.

“I am repairing not replacing and it’s green because it means things aren’t going into landfill.”

Mr Yaxley, who lives in Brundall, works with both domestic properties and businesses and has already secured a contract with a large holiday park on the coast, which he gained from walking into reception one day and explaining his new venture.

“I take a very proactive approach – I like talking to people," he said.

“Starting my own business has been a bit daunting, but I have had a lot of training and support from Broadland District Council, including advice on writing a business plan, marketing and a grant to help with my start-up costs.”

Broadland District Council’s Business Support team helps people start, grow or move their business into the area. As well as offering one-to-one advice, training and grants, they liaise with other departments at the local authority, including planning and environmental health.

For more information about how the Business Support team could help you, please call 01603 430449 or visit www.broadland.gov.uk/business

For more information about Surface Repair Solutions, call Stephen Yaxley on 07881 922217 or visit www.surfacerepairsolutions.co.uk