



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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DDNP Consultation (Reg 14): Major Modifications

Following feedback on the pre-submission draft of the DDNP, we have made some major modifications to the policies and need to consult once again. This second focussed consultation is now open.

Q: When does it start and finish?

A: The consultation will run for six weeks, and is open from Thursday 24 March '22 to Thursday 5 May '22.

Q: What does it cover?

A: It covers the following policy areas:

- the scale and location of housing growth, which includes, across the DDNP area, the removal of some sites, a reduction in the number of dwellings on some sites and a new allocation site in Scole,
- the regeneration of the Waveney Quarter in Diss, identifying the extent of the area and its importance as a focal point for leisure and recreation,
- the development of Diss Business Park to the east of the railway line in Diss,
- surface water management and the need to manage flood risk effectively.
- updated policy wording for Local Green Spaces.

Q: How can I take part?

A: You can access the consultation document online at ddnp.info. Please make any comments by completing the online feedback questionnaire or emailing ddnp@diss.gov.uk.

Q: But I'm not on the internet ... ?

A: If you don't have access to the internet, please phone Wendy Benson, our Parish Clerk, on 01379 388190 to request a paper copy of the consultation plus comment form. Your completed comment form should be sent to DDNP Steering Group, Diss Town Council, 11-12 Market Hill, Diss, IP22 4JZ.

Q: When is the deadline again?

A: The deadline date for submitting your feedback is 12 noon, Thursday 5 May '22.

Thank you for taking part in this consultation, your feedback is very much appreciated.

Roydon Action for Climate & the Environment

We are a small group of residents formed recently in Roydon to discuss and engage in things we can do, however small, to help mitigate climate change and environmental collapse. We are holding a kind of open day to which all are welcome:

9 April 2022 at Roydon Village Hall 10am to 12pm.

Come to see what we have been working on and discuss with us any ideas you have for:

- Improving the environment of Roydon
- Reducing our impact on climate change
- Adapting to the effects of climate change
- Saving money on fuel bills

Come in any time to browse our stalls and displays about greening Roydon, energy conservation, a community heating initiative and things you can do at home to reduce your demand for plastics and harmful chemicals.

At 11am there will be a discussion about the idea of a 'Repair Cafe' which we have been working on, for those interested in this particular proposal.

There will be a cafe too, so come in for a cuppa and a browse.

For more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1340385216443982/>



A message from Norfolk Wildlife Trust:

As part of our Claylands Wilder Connections Project we are running Citizen Science Campaigns. Each season we're asking you to record your sightings of three species that make a home in the South Norfolk Claylands, to help us get a better picture of the areas that support these creatures, and how they are faring, to help guide future conservation work.

The song thrush, the common frog, and the hedgehog are being selected because of their association with spring and new beginnings and their reliance on connected habitats to thrive.

You can share your sightings:

- 1) On our online spotters survey
www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/wilderconnections
- 2) By emailing wild@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk
- 3) By calling Sue 07393 807897.

We need to know what you saw, where and when. All three of these species are declining in rural and urban areas and the overarching causes for their decline are: changes in agriculture, an increase in the urbanization of areas, fragmented habitats, and a lack of connectivity in the environment. The Claylands Wilder Connections project aims to work with landowners, communities and volunteers to 'stitch together the fabric of the countryside' by creating, restoring, and enhancing habitats to benefit local wildlife within the Claylands Living Landscape area.

Flood/Emergency Information

As mentioned in the last issue of this newsletter, Roydon Parish Council is looking to put together a Flooding & Emergency Plan and would like to hear from any residents who might be interested in working with us on this project. Thank you to those residents who have already come forward to volunteer their help with this. We will be in touch in due course.

Meanwhile, we would welcome further offers of help. There'll be different jobs to suit different people, ranging from inspecting ditches in the parish and reporting blockages, to mapping ditches digitally. If you'd like to help out please contact: Wendy Benson, Roydon Parish Clerk on 01379 388190 or roydondiss@gmail.com



Our next litter pick will be on
Saturday 25 June 2022, 10 – 12 noon.

Come and collect grabbers, hi-vis vests and rubbish bags from **Roydon Village Hall.**

We'll be running our **pop-up café** again with refreshments, open to all, free to pickers, donations welcome from non-pickers.

This will be part of the Big South Norfolk Litter pick organised by South Norfolk District Council.

Our thanks to residents who litter-pick throughout the year, it makes a real difference – thank you!

RPC website: for PC info, full minutes and agenda of PC meetings <https://roydondisspc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>
Roydon Parish Council facebook page:
www.facebook.com/Roydondissparishcouncil

If you would prefer to receive The Roydon Round-Up by email, please contact Wendy Benson, parish clerk at roydondiss@gmail.com.

Thank you to all our volunteer deliverers of the RRU, there are now 13 of us! Is there anyone living in the Louie's Lane part of Roydon who would be willing to deliver a few copies? If so, please contact Jane: 07410 411218, jane.jennifer@yahoo.co.uk