



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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Please come and join us for our
community litter pick on

Saturday 25 June 2022,

at the slightly earlier time of

9.30 am – 11.30 am

Come and collect grabbers, hi-vis vests and
rubbish bags between 9.30 – 10 am from

Roydon Village Hall.

We'll be running our

pop-up café

with refreshments, open to all, free to pickers,
donations welcome from non-pickers.

This litter pick is timed to be part of the Big South Norfolk Litter pick
organised by South Norfolk District Council.

Our next community litter picks and pop up cafés
will be held on:

Sat 29 October '22 and Sat 4 February '23
both 9.30 am – 11.30 am

Thank you to all those residents who litter-pick throughout
the year, it makes a real difference – thank you!

National Grid's East Anglia GREEN (EAG) proposals:

National Grid's public consultation on its East Anglia GREEN project ran from 21 April – 16 June. This is a plan to build 180 kms of new 50m-high pylons from Norwich Main substation to Tilbury, near London, in order to handle the delivery of the electricity generated by the wind farms making landfall in Norfolk and take it to London and the southeast – where it is needed.

Roydon Parish Council joins with all other local parish councils, district and county, along with our MP, in opposing the project. Following our Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 25 May, attended by between 60 – 70 members of the public, the Council formulated and has now submitted its robust objections to National Grid.

There has been an immediate and enormous public outcry against the EAG proposal, from South Norfolk, all the way through Suffolk and down to Essex. A campaign group has been formed, called the Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons action group (ESNP) – see link below. Over 15,800 people have signed the petition on this website, calling for a strategic offshore grid. An offshore grid uses seabed cabling, connecting the wind farms to each other and then to the onshore grid at the point where it is needed, ie Tilbury, thus making EAG entirely unnecessary.

www.pylonseastanglia.co.uk

MPs from across the region and County Councillors have formed the Off Shore Electricity Grid Task Force (OffSET) to review and respond to the government's Offshore Transmission Network Review, due to be published in the summer.

Having sent your feedback to National Grid's EAG consultation, you may choose to write to the BEIS Secretary of State, the Minister of Energy, our own

District Councillors and County Councillor, to express your concerns and asking them to support OffSET and a strategic offshore grid.

. Kwasi Kwarteng MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, secretary.state@beis.gov.uk

. Greg Hands MP, Minister for Energy, handsg@parliament.uk

. Graham Minshull, South Norfolk District Councillor graham.minshull@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

. Keith Kiddie, Norfolk County Councillor keith.kiddie.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk



The final preparations of the DDNP and its supporting documents is underway, with a view to submitting to South Norfolk and Mid Suffolk councils in June 2022 for formal approval. This has been a complex project, comprising as it did the assessment of numerous potential development sites across the whole Plan area, plus many key views, local green spaces and non-designated heritage assets.

The Plan required two 'Issues and Options' consultations and two Regulation 14 consultations, which were made even more challenging due to the Covid restrictions on local communities. Hundreds of people shared their opinions, thoughts, ideas and suggestions (thank you if you were one of them!). Landowners and land agents have also contributed to what was at times a rapidly changing landscape!

All members of the Steering Group extend their thanks to everyone who has helped get the Plan to this final leg of what has been a marathon undertaking! Further information will be given, via Roydon's parish council website, the Diss Town Council website and the DDNP's own website (www.ddnp.info), when the plan has been submitted to South Norfolk and Mid Suffolk councils for its formal 'Regulation 16' consultation. You will then have a final opportunity to read it through, and make comments, before it is formally assessed by an external Examiner and then progresses to the Referendum later this year.



In our last Roydon Round-Up, we included a spring request from Norfolk Wildlife Trust, asking you to look out for and notify them if you saw any of three species in your gardens and round and about: the song thrush, the common frog and the hedgehog.

NWT, continuing their Claylands Wilder Connections Project and their Citizen Science Campaigns, are now asking you to record your sightings of three more species that make a home in the South Norfolk Claylands, to help them get a better picture of the areas that support these creatures and to help guide future conservation work.

Turtle dove, water vole, and glow-worm are the third set of species to be selected because of their association with summer and the species' need for large areas of connected habitat here in South Norfolk.

You can share your sightings:

1) On NWT's online Spotter Survey www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/wilderconnections

2) By emailing wild@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk

3) By calling Sue Grime, Wilder Connections Engagement Officer on 07393 807897.

They'll need to know what you saw, where and when. 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.

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, your help is very much appreciated!