



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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GET READY TO VOTE

Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan's **REFERENDUM**
takes place on

Thursday 28 September 2023
at Roydon Village Hall



What is the neighbourhood plan and what does it do?

Roydon is one of seven parishes that make up the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan (DDNP), which gives the community significant influence over planning until 2038. Many of you helped shape it during consultations held as it was developed.

It is now being put to a referendum and, if residents approve, it will go to South Norfolk and Mid Suffolk District Councils for final approval.

They are also organising the vote. The plan:

- Allocates housing growth to meet future needs, including at least 33% affordable housing. In Roydon, land for 25 homes has been allocated south of the primary school.
- Designates local gaps between parishes, including between the Roydon and Diss settlement boundaries.
- Highlights 44 key views. The six in Roydon include the Waveney Valley and Brewers Green.

- Gives special significance to Non-Designated Heritage assets, including the Roydon Fen track and its environs.
- Designates Local Green Spaces, such as Quaker Wood and Swamp Lane woods.
- Enhances green infrastructure with a network of 13 corridors, including Roydon Loke.
- Develops guidelines to influence the design of future residential developments.
- Regenerates the Waveney Quarter in Diss.
- Develops walking and cycling networks.
- Improves Diss swimming pool and relocates other leisure facilities in Diss.

For more details see Roydon's DDNP
site: bit.ly/rpc-ddnp

South Norfolk DDNP site: <http://bit.ly/sn-ddnp>

**Remember to take photo ID
with you to vote**

See over for more news ➡

Litter pick - Saturday 14 October



The autumn parish litter pick takes place on **Saturday 14 October from 9.30am-11.30am.**

Grabbers, rubbish bags and hi-viz vests will be available at Roydon Village Hall from **9.30am.**

Our pop-up cafe will be providing refreshments during the morning, free to litter pickers and with a donation if possible from others.

Our winter litter pick will take place on **Saturday 2 February** from 9.30am-11.30am. Meanwhile, thanks to all those residents who collect litter throughout the year.

Welcome to our new Parish Clerk

Our new Parish Clerk is Emma Chandler, who joined us in July. Emma is also the Deputy Parish Clerk at Redenhall with Harleston Town Council so has lots of experience to bring to her new role in Roydon.

Emma familiarised herself with the parish while working for several weeks alongside Wendy Benson, who stood down from the role at the end of July. Wendy has been an excellent parish clerk and councillors expressed their thanks for all she's done for the parish during a presentation at the July council meeting.

Allotment vacancies

We have several vacancies at the Snow Street Allotments site for those interested in growing their own fruit, veg and flowers. If you're interested in taking on a plot, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@roydon-southnorfolk-pc.gov.uk for details.

If you'd prefer to receive the Round-Up by email, message us with your home and email addresses at:
clerk@roydon-southnorfolk-pc.gov.uk

Action on the A1066 Roydon bends

The Parish Council has succeeded in getting a new set of road signs installed to warn drivers of the dangers of the double bend and staggered junction on the A1066 at Hall Lane and Doit Lane.

The work, carried out after County Councillor Keith Kiddie forwarded our concerns to Norfolk County Council, follows a number of accidents in which vehicles have ended up in the woods there. In addition, the road surface has been dressed. However, councillors are concerned that the 50mph speed limit at the bends is too high. We've asked Cllr Kiddie to look into the process of lowering the speed limit, which would include public consultation.

Roydon Parish Council website:

<https://roydon-southnorfolk-pc.gov.uk/>

Roydon Parish Council on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/roydondissparishcouncil/

Planning and pylons

- The second consultation on National Grid's plans for **pylons** from Norwich to Tilbury ended last month. The council submitted another objection, calling for an offshore grid as the best solution to carrying power generated offshore. We objected to the route at Roydon, noting the environmental and other damage the pylons would cause.
- The latest plan for a biogas plant at **Deal Farm** in Bressingham was opposed by the council, mainly because of the inadequate road network and concerns over road safety.
- The council objected to the density of housing on a site to the west of **Denmark Lane** which lies in Roydon parish but is considered within the Diss settlement boundary. South Norfolk, however, approved the plan earlier this month.

Roydon's Big Green Day

The council is planning a Big Green Day this winter, on **Saturday 2 February**, following the success of Roydon's Big Green Week in June.

The June week included an open evening at Fox Wood Forest School, a number of walks, including one around Roydon Fen and a scything workshop at Quaker Wood. We'll release further details about the February event later this year.