



THE ROYDON ROUND-UP

The newsletter for Roydon Parish Council

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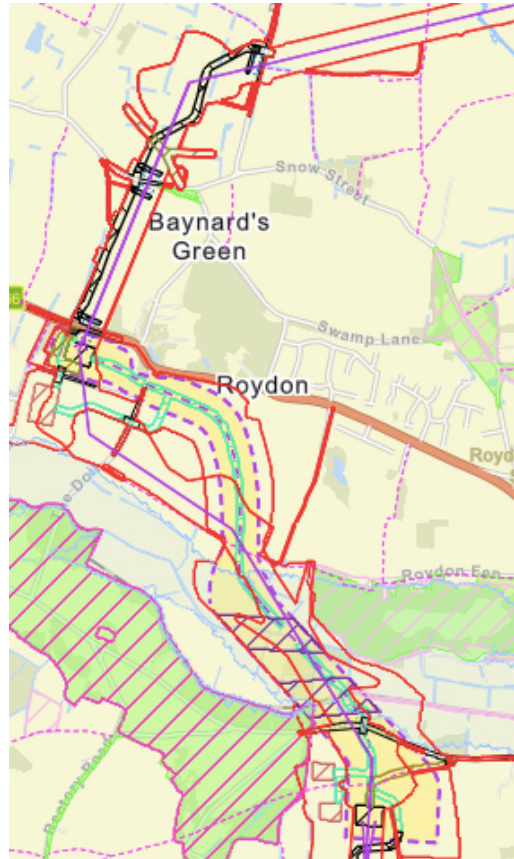
Come and have your say on pylons plan

National Grid's plans for a pylon network running from Norwich to Tilbury through Roydon will be discussed at a special parish council meeting on **Monday 20 May at 7.30pm at Roydon Village Hall**.

Come and help shape the council's response to the plans, which are going through the statutory consultation following two unofficial consultations. Whether you've had your say before or not, this consultation is crucial.

National Grid have not added any alternatives to an onshore grid into this consultation, such as an offshore solution that campaigners have been calling for.

They have, however, put forward **two options for the Waveney Valley** following concerns raised about the visual impact of pylons.



This alternative includes substituting pylons for 2kms of trenches and underground cables. Some residents have been mailed the proposals with a response form by National Grid but everyone can respond online. **The deadline for responses is 18 June.**

It's important to remember that **works associated with building pylons or cabling will be significant**. In addition to using existing roads to bring materials, additional temporary or permanent roads will be built and land taken all along the route for storage - the extent of this in Roydon is shown in the picture here.

To decipher it, go to the project website at bit.ly/roydon-grid and follow the link to the interactive map. This website has further background information as well as details on how to send in your views.

Join us for Roydon's Big Green Week and litter pick

Roydon's Big Green Week runs from 8-16 June, with a series of free events including walks and talks around the parish.

The day begins with the **summer litter pick** on Saturday 8 June from 9.30am to 11.30am. Meet at Roydon Village Hall at 9.30am to be allocated a location, and to collect rubbish bags, grabbers and hi-viz vests. There'll be a pop-up cafe at the village

hall in the morning with free refreshments available for litter pickers.

All residents are welcome to come along but we ask non-pickers for a donation for refreshments.

[See over for Green Week details](#)

The full list of Roydon Big Green Week events

Here are the events planned for Roydon Big Green Week. Keep an eye on our website - bit.ly/rpc-sn - and Facebook page for further updates and any changes.

Saturday 8 June: Litter Pick at Roydon Village Hall, 9.30am with pop-up cafe.

Saturday 8 June: Talk by Helen Baczkowska of Norfolk Wildlife Trust - Nature recovery in Norfolk and how local action (from gardens upwards) contributes to this. Roydon Village Hall 7pm-8.30pm.

Monday 10 June: Fox Wood Forest School Sunset Session. Explore this special place from 8pm-9.30pm. Entrance signed opposite 11/12 Brewers Green.

Tuesday 11 June: Open Evening at Heron Meadow (by Doit Bridge). Learn what happens at this lovely spot from 6pm-8pm. If you want to join a guided walk through the Waveney Valley to the event at Heron Meadow, meet Trevor Ault and

others at the Roydon Fen car park, ready to leave at 5.15pm.

Thursday 13 June: Electric Fields. A walk along the route of the proposed pylons around Roydon (National Grid's Norwich to Tilbury Plan) led by Trevor Ault, meet at Roydon Fen car park 6.30pm.

Saturday 15 June: Scything Workshop at Quaker Wood (Factory Lane) 10am-3pm. Book via quakerwooddiss@gmail.com Covers scything and scythe maintenance, and is suitable for novices and those with some knowledge. Bring lunch.

Saturday 15 June: Highs & Lows of Roydon – a walk led by Andrew Daniels. A stroll visiting significant places and historical points in the village. Starting at 2pm. Meet at the village sign by the village hall.

For queries please phone Trevor Ault on 07535314852 or email cllr.trevor.ault@roydon-southnorfolk-pc.gov.uk

Pam Murton retires

Cllr Pam Murton has retired from Roydon Parish Council after around 46 years of service.

During that time, she served for a period as Chair.

All of us on the Parish Council want to thank Pam for all her hard work and valuable contribution to Roydon over the years. Her knowledge and experience will be missed.

Dates for your diary

Litter picks: Saturday 8 June and Saturday 12 October, meeting at 9.30am at Roydon Village Hall. Hi-viz jackets, bin bags and litter grabbers will be provided.

Roydon Big Green Week: 8-16 June at various locations in the parish. Details above.

Parish Council meetings: These are usually on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Parish Room at St Remigius Church. There are no meetings in August or December. Changes plus agendas are posted on our website.

Roydon Parish Council website:

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

Roydon Parish Council on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/roydondissparishcouncil/

Flooding update

Summer may be upon us but the Parish Council continues to work on flooding hot-spots in the village.

Several issues, such as on Fen Lane and Bellrope Lane, have been solved - at least for now!

Councillors met with South Norfolk's flood specialist this month for an update on other problems in the parish, mostly related to blocked ditches. Landowners are being contacted in the coming weeks to discuss next steps.

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