

Stoke Holy Cross District Councillor Report 18th July 2024

Grants

Applications for member ward grants have now reopened. Contact your District Councillors for further information.

The new parish partnership scheme has been launched with bids due by 6th December 2024. A full explanatory letter has been sent to parish council clerks.

Supplementary Planning Document - Design Code

Following adoption of the Greater Norwich Plan, work is starting on the preparation of a Supplementary Planning Document to be entitled the South Norfolk Design Code. This will provide a set of illustrated design requirements that provide parameters for the physical development of a site or area. The draft document is planned to be available for public consultation in April/May 2025. **There is an online workshop for Town and Parish Councils on Tuesday 23rd July 2.30 to 4.30 pm.**

Other Supplementary Planning Documents

Three further supplementary planning documents are soon to enter the preparation phase. **The Self and Custom Build SPD** is for building outside of development boundaries and is planned for public consultation in February/March 2025. **The Green Infrastructure SPD** is planned for public consultation in June/July 2025. In future major developments will need to include a Sustainability Statement and **a Sustainable Communities: Sustainability Statements SPD** will be drafted for next year for public consultation in November/December 2025.

Self-Build Custom Register

South Norfolk Council is required to maintain a register of individuals wishing to self-build in the district, and to ensure enough sites become available to meet demand from those with a local connection. At present, there is no charge to join the register and no local connection test. The Council is proposing to change this from 31st October 2025. The [on-line consultation](#) on this proposed change closes on 2nd August.

Town & Country Forum

The Council provides a monthly online update for Parish Councils. The next meeting is scheduled for 2pm on Wednesday 7th August. The main topic will be "Natural Flood Management", featuring speakers from a recent conference. **An in-person event is planned for 9.30 am -12.30 pm on Wednesday 13th November.**

Glass bottle recycling scheme

A glass bottle recycling adopter scheme is to be introduced by South Norfolk Council. A survey is to be sent to parish councils in the next few days to establish interest in the scheme.

'Norwich to Tilbury' Update

As a result of the announcement of the General Election, the consultation period for National Grid's proposed electricity transmission network has been extended until Friday 26 July 2024.

Full information can be found on the National Grid's consultation website. Finally, documents can be inspected at Long Stratton Library and Norwich Library.

PylonsEastAnglia are continuing to develop their campaign against the pylon proposals and have put together some high-level advice for Parish Council's wishing to object to the Norwich Tilbury proposal. For further information visit <https://pylonseastanglia.co.uk/actions>

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