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Timetable set for Parham Wind Farm decision



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Suffolk Coastal has set itself a target of October 5 for the date it will make its formal decision on whether six wind turbines will be given planning permission for erection on Parham airfield.

Saxon Windpower Ltd submitted its application in March for the construction of six 100 metre high wind turbines and since then Suffolk Coastal has been consulting with the public and various organisations.

“This is a major application and the first of its type in our district and has stimulated a great deal of debate, with so far over 355 comments received from members of the public, with 277 against and 73 in favour,” said Cllr Gordon Laing, Vice-Chairman of the Development Control Committee.

“A great deal of technical information has been supplied by both the applicants and those responding to the plans, and we have sought specialist reports from experts to assess the environmental and noise implications of the proposals.

“Our planning officers are still poring over this wealth of information, but I expect that next month councillors will be able to agree what are the key issues to be addressed, with a site visit to an existing wind farm and to Parham in September, before we meet probably on October 5 to reach a decision on these significant proposals,” added Cllr Laing.

The schedule is currently that the Development Control North Sub-Committee would meet on Wednesday, August 17, with a site visit currently planned for September 7.

Suffolk County Council is one of the many official consultees who have been asked for their views on the application and it is due to meet this month to decide its stance. The only other body from whom a response is still awaited is the Suffolk Preservation Society.

“If everything sticks to plan, then we expect to hold a special meeting of the Committee in a large and suitable venue close to Parham on Wednesday, October 5 so that as many people interested in the application can attend.

“However, that is just our target date, and if we need to put it back another month in order to ensure that all the relevant details are available so councillors can make a fully informed decision, then we will do so.

“The official closing date for comments from the public on the application has closed but if anyone does still want to air their views, they can still do so right up to the day of the meeting as we are interested in everyone’s opinions,” added Cllr Laing.

More information on the plans can be found on the Council’s website – www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk – where there is also an on-line comment form. Emails can also be sent to dc.north.windfarm@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or letters can be sent to Development Control at Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1AU quoting the application’s reference number CO5/0400.

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Recycling habit can be helped with extra brown bins



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Over 3,200 tonnes of garden waste have been collected from residents across the district since April's expansion of the Council's Coastal Ploughback scheme and now there is a chance to sign up for an even better service.

Virtually every home in the district with a garden has been offered a brown wheelie bin to help them get into the recycling habit, but many people have said they would like an extra one because they have large gardens.

"The good news is that Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd, who collect waste on behalf of the Council, can now offer residents the chance to have an extra brown bin for only £29.38 a year," said Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the environment, natural and built.

"Residents across the district have been using Suffolk Coastal's brown wheelie bins to recycle their garden waste every fortnight, but many people have asked if they could have a second one because they are producing too much for one bin and/or their compost bin.

"People across the district have been excellent in getting into the recycling habit, and I hope people will either take the chance to get an extra brown bin, or perhaps get a bargain-priced compost bin to continue this district's drive to cut down the amount of waste going into landfill sites," added Cllr Nunn.

Compost bins are available for as little as £5 thanks to a Government-funded initiative backed by WRAP, the Waste Resource Action Programme. Suffolk Coastal's efforts to promote home composting has already seen nearly 500 bins bought at a discounted rate by local residents during April and May. Call WRAP on 0845 077 0759 for details.

The Council's Coastal Ploughback service has seen over 99 per cent of homes in the district offered a wheeled bin service for garden waste and since the start of April over 3,200 tonnes have been collected. This has helped push current recycling rates in the district to over 30 per cent.

In April, the Coastal Ploughback brown bin service was extended to nearly 19,000 more homes, meaning that over 50,000 are now served with a fortnightly collection.

The material is taken by Suffolk Coastal Services to Viridor Waste (Suffolk) Ltd who turn it into soil improver available at the County Council's household waste recycling centres at Felixstowe, Foxhall and Leiston, or directly from Viridor in large quantities for agricultural and horticultural use on 01473 624199.

To find out more about obtaining another brown bin, or for more information about recycling in Suffolk Coastal, call the recycling team on 01394 444000 or email waste.management@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

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Council remains committed to quality toilets



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Suffolk Coastal's policy of modernising its public toilets has seen it invest nearly £550,000 since 2001 and this week's Cabinet meeting agreed to spending a further £126,000 this year.

This latest commitment from the Council will mean that in the coming months three more blocks of toilets at Framlingham's Crown and Anchor Lane, Bawdsey Ferry, and Sizewell Road, Leiston will be upgraded to meet tough quality standards. It was recently agreed that a new toilet block would also be built for the Woodbridge Riverside area.

"Over the last four years we have brought 16 of our 37 blocks of toilets up to modern standards, with facilities such as hot and cold water, soap dispensers, hand driers, baby changing facilities, access for disabled people, and good quality lighting. Public surveys confirm the fact that we have managed to provide a quality service," said Cllr Sherrie Green, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

"We remain committed to providing quality public toilets. We are ready to invest further to bring about more improvements, but have also recognised that our finances are severely limited because of external pressures like the Government's failure to properly fund our services.

"As a result, we have reviewed our overall service level, and agreed that seven of our existing toilet blocks can no longer be funded as they are not being used often enough to really be value for money, or require major repair works in the near future," added Cllr Green.

The blocks earmarked for closure are Allenby Park, Walton High Street, Cliff Road portaloo, and West End Hut in Felixstowe, the Maybush in Waldringfield, Elmhurst Park, Woodbridge, and Dinsdale Road, Leiston. It is also planned to close Felixstowe's Langer Park toilets between November and March each year.

Talks about the changes are planned with each relevant town or parish council, including Woodbridge Town Council regarding specifically the future of the Elmhurst Park facilities. The toilets at Waldringfield are on land leased from the adjacent pub, and alternative provision will be investigated.

"Our financial plight does mean that we have to take tough decisions on our spending. We are still going to have more toilet blocks than the vast majority of councils, and most of these have been brought up to the modern standards that our residents and visitors expect and deserve.

"This Council wants to continue to provide quality services but it must also show that it is offering value for money. These changes to our toilets have been carefully thought through so that only those which are comparatively under-used, need major investments or where there are adjacent modern facilities will be lost," added Cllr Green.

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Cabinet backs drinking bans for Leiston and Woodbridge



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Suffolk Coastal's Cabinet has given its go-ahead for the police to be given extra powers to tackle anti-social drinking in public in parts of Leiston and Woodbridge town centres.

The police, local landowners, licensees of pubs and the public were consulted over the proposed designation order and the Council is now in the process of implementing the bans following Cabinet approval at their meeting last month.

"This is a lengthy process, but we are now getting closer to the stage when we can give additional powers to local police to take action against people drinking in public places in parts of Leiston and Woodbridge. This is a deliberate attempt to improve the quality of life of those who live in and visit those towns," said Cllr Sherrie Green, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

In the designated areas the police would have the power to require someone to stop drinking alcohol if requested and to hand over the drink. Failure to comply would be an arrestable offence, with a potential fine of up to £500.

The designated areas would be clearly marked by special signs, with 60 planned for Woodbridge and 30 for Leiston.

"In both instances, the local town councils and the police have identified that they have a problem with anti-social behaviour linked to drinking in public places and we are pleased to support their initiatives," added Cllr Green.

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Partnership will put crime in the picture



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A new mini-network of cameras are being installed tomorrow (Tuesday, July 12) to help combat problems with petty crime around Felixstowe Leisure Centre.

Local police, Suffolk Coastal, and Suffolk Coastal Community Leisure Association Ltd (SCCLA), who manage the sports centre for the Council, have joined together to help fund the CCTV (closed circuit television) project that aims to tackle local vandals.

“At 2pm on Tuesday four or five cameras are going to be installed on the outside of Felixstowe Leisure Centre in a move to catch those who have been indulging in petty vandalism and other anti-social behaviour around the building,” said Cllr Sherrie Green, Chairman of the Suffolk Coastal Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, and Suffolk Coastal Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

“The total cost is only £2,500, which could be recouped within a year if it succeeds in capturing on tape those who have been plaguing the area by causing minor damage. The cameras are also likely to have a deterrent effect as well, which will be good for the centre and its neighbours.

“This is a low-cost CCTV option, as it will be taping rather than being monitored around the clock which would involve expensive cabling links to a control centre and on-going charges. What is being put in place here will hopefully bring to an end the spate of problems the centre has been suffering and give the police filmed evidence of any offences in the future,” added Cllr Green.

Felixstowe Town Council and other local agencies have been consulted about the proposals. Simon Tappenden of SCCLA, Sgt Richardson of Felixstowe Police, and Ian Abery, Suffolk Coastal’s anti –social behaviour officer, along with Cllr Green, will be at the centre on Tuesday at 2pm when the cameras are installed.



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Skate into summer with Active Leisure!



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Young people aged eight or over should get their skates on for a really good summer with a visit to Suffolk Coastal's new mobile skatepark.

The Council's Active Leisure team has recognised the unmet demand across the district for skating facilities and is this month unveiling a mobile skatepark which fits into a transit van and can be transported to sites across the district.

"The skatepark will provide a supervised, safe and enjoyable environment with basic coaching with lots of safety tips, and skateboards, helmets and pads which can be borrowed on the day. I am sure this will be a big hit with our young people, and it is just one of a host of summer activities from Active Leisure," said Cllr Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

The venues for the skatepark during the summer holidays are Kesgrave High School on Mondays July 25, August 1, 8, 15 and 22; Leiston Leisure Centre car park on Tuesdays July 26, August 2, 9, 16 and 23, Farlingaye High School, Woodbridge on Wednesdays July 27, August 3, 10, 17 and 24, and Saxmundham Middle School on Thursdays July 28, August 4, 11, 18 and 25.

On each day there are coaching sessions between 11am and 12 noon, and skating sessions from 12.15pm to 3pm. Each session costs £1 per person, and skateboards and safety gear can be borrowed on the day as well.

The equipment was 'road tested' last year by youngsters in Felixstowe to check out its suitability and received an enthusiastic thumbs-up on the day. The skatepark is available for hire by community organisations, with the trained back-up of Active Leisure staff to ensure that everything runs smoothly and safely.

The skatepark is one of the many attractions of Active Leisure's summer programme of fun aimed at youngsters across the district. For more information about the summer sessions or how to book it for a session anywhere in the district, call Active Leisure on 01394 444652, or send an email to active.leisure@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

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Courts deal with more benefit fraudsters



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Two more Suffolk Coastal residents have been before Magistrates Court at Ipswich after being caught out by the Council's benefit fraud detection team.

Mandy Tweed, currently living in Bromeswell with friends, failed to notify the Council that her Income Support claim had ended and for three months continued to cash the giro cheques sent to her.

"Mrs Tweed was overpaid £1,173.72 in housing benefits and £160.85 in Council Tax benefit because she did not notify us of her change in circumstances. We discovered her fraudulent actions because we carry out regular data checking with the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP), and the Court found her guilty in her absence," said Cllr Chris Slemmings, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Housing.

"Highly professional officers using new systems and procedures, and in close co-operation with the DWP and other agencies, are now finding mistaken claims and payments more quickly and more accurately. Where these errors are found to be due to fraud or deception we will always take the appropriate action, including going to the Courts.

"It is important that people receiving benefits should notify the Council on 01394 444838 if there is any change in their circumstances – this can sometimes mean that they receive more, rather than less, benefit," added Cllr Slemmings.

The Court heard that Mrs Tweed (also known as Webb) had started a new job and she was given on Monday (July 11) a 12-month conditional discharge. The Council will be reclaiming the £1,334.57 overpayment from her.

William Dinnie of Booth Lane, Kesgrave also recently appeared before Ipswich Magistrates and received a community punishment order of 50 hours, plus £50 costs, after pleading guilty.

He had been overpaid £1,129.96 of housing benefit and £610.88 of Council Tax benefit after he failed to tell the Council that he had two part-time jobs. He also hid the existence of the bank account into which went the earnings from the two jobs.

Because of his actions, Mr Dinnie was charged on the more serious offence of dishonesty, rather than knowingly making a false statement the charge on which most benefit cases are taken to Court.

The Council's Fraud Hotline for residents to call confidentially and report suspected benefit frauds is 01394 444444, available 24-hours a day, or they can email fraud.investigation@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

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Behaviour order slapped on Felixstowe youth



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A 15 year old Felixstowe youth was given an interim anti-social behaviour order (ASBO) by magistrates in Ipswich last week (Wednesday) after calls from Suffolk Coastal and local police.

The ASBO will be in force for four weeks, and bans the youth from entering Holland Road in Felixstowe, or from being drunk, using alcohol or offensive words in a public place. He has also been instructed not to cause harassment, alarm or distress or help others to do so.

“The Police and the Council have found that this youth has been at the heart of many incidents in the Felixstowe area and I am pleased that the Courts backed our joint request for an ASBO,” said Guy Richardson, Suffolk Coastal’s Community Safety Officer.

“This youth will now be under the spotlight, and the consequences could be severe if he is found to have broken the conditions of the ASBO laid down by the Court. The Court will decide again in the next month whether to extend the ASBO so people should think that this is just a temporary measure.

“Suffolk Coastal is committed to working with the police to tackle all aspects of crime and disorder in this district. The Council’s anti-social behaviour officer and the police are ready to use ASBOs to help those parts of the community blighted by the uncivilised actions of a few individuals,” added Mr Richardson.

Anyone who would like to report a problem of anti-social behaviour should first report it to the police, dialling 999 if it is a serious incident. If there has been a pattern or regular problems with anti-social behaviour then call Ian Aberly, anti- social behaviour officer, or Guy Richardson, on 01394 444322 or by e-mail on guy.richardson@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

Information on how to combat anti-social behaviour, along with a copy of a special reporting form, can be found on the Council’s website

<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/communitysafety/anti-social/>



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Having fun around the district



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Twelve different venues around the district will be visited by the Coastal Playscheme this summer with its brand of fun activities once again bound to prove a big hit with children.

Suffolk Coastal's Active Leisure team attracts hundreds of children every year to enjoy the mixed menu of options which include puppet making, table football, face painting, volleyball, stories, spongeball, junk modelling, board games and drawing. Each session costs £1 per child, can be paid for on the day and is aimed at children aged 6 and over.

"Thanks to the support of Suffolk Heritage Housing Association we are able to take the Coastal Playscheme to areas across our large district to ensure that children have something to do with their parents knowing they are somewhere safe and supportive," added Cllr Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

The full programme for the summer is as follows:

Kyson School, Woodbridge
Mondays 10am-11.55am July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22.
Village Green, Rendlesham
Mondays 1.30pm-3.25pm July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22.

Kesgrave Millenium Sports Ground
Tuesdays 10am-11.55am July 26, August 2, 9,16, 23.
Langley Avenue, Felixstowe
Tuesdays 1.30pm-3.25pm July 26, August 2, 9,16, 23.

Rendham Road, Saxmundham
Wednesdays 10am-11.55am July 27, August 3, 10,17, 24.
Village Green, Wickham Market
Wednesdays 1.30pm-3.25pm July 27, August 3, 10,17,24.

Recreation Ground, Aldeburgh
Thursdays 10am-11.55am July 28, August 4, 11,18,25. August 10am-11.55am
Victory Road, Leiston
Thursdays 1.30pm-3.25pm July 28, August 4,11,18,25.
Village Green, Grundisburgh
Fridays 10am-11.55am July 29, August 12, 26
Sutton Heath Sandlings Primary School
Fridays 1.30pm-3.25pm July 29, August 12, 26
Pagent Field, Framlingham
Fridays 10am-11.55am August 5, 19.
Walberswick Village Hall
Fridays 1.30pm-3.25pm August 5, 19.

For more information about the Coastal Playscheme residents can call Active Leisure on 01394 444652, email active.leisure@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or visit the Council's website <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourfreetime/summerfun/>

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Serving up a smashing treat this summer



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Did Andrew Murray's recent feats make you want to pick up a racquet rather than make a racket? Is Britain's own female star with Russian roots, Elena Baltacha, your role model or do you aim to be a Maria Sharapova? These are some of the questions that Suffolk Coastal's Active Leisure team can help resolve this summer.

Tennis courses are being held at seven venues across the district, with a Lawn Tennis Association licensed coach on hand to offer expert advice.

"Coastal tennis is open to all young people, whether they have no experience of the game but want to try their luck or whether they are regular players but need help to fine-tune their skills," said Cllr Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

"There is always a surge in interest every year after Wimbledon and after the emergence of Andrew Murray I expect there may be a lot more young people who are tempted to come along to one of our courses where there is an emphasis on fun as well as tennis.

"These are five-day courses, aimed at children aged eight and over, and cost £25 for those with a Coastal Card, or £30 without one. At this month's Suffolk Youth Games, our tennis players won gold as they beat off the best of all the other districts, and we would like to foster that success by encouraging even more to take up and prosper at this sport," added Cllr Wilson.

Places are going quickly so people are urged to book by calling Active Leisure on 01394 444652 or email active.leisure@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk For more about Coastal Card, visit <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourfreetime/leisure/coastalcard/> or visit any of the four Council-owned sports centres.

The full programme of courses is:

Beginners course for people who want to learn the basic strokes.

Yoxford tennis courts

Monday, July 25 – Friday, July 29 10am to Noon.

Saxmundham tennis courts

Monday, August 1 – Friday, August 5 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

Aldeburgh tennis courts

Monday, August 8 – Friday, August 12 10am – Noon.

Improvers Course for those with experience but want to learn more.

Yoxford tennis courts

Monday, August 8 – Friday, August 12 1.30pm-3.30pm.

Saxmundham tennis courts

Monday, August 22 – Friday, August 26 10am-12Noon.

Aldeburgh tennis courts

Monday, August 22 – Friday, August 26 1.30pm-3.30pm.

Beginners and Improvers course

Wenhaston tennis courts

Monday, July 25 – Friday, July 29 1.30pm- 3.30pm.

Framlingham tennis courts

Monday, August 1 – Friday, August 5 10am-12noon.

Rushmere St Andrew tennis courts

Monday, August 15 – Friday, August 19 10am-12noon.

Orford tennis courts

Monday, August 15 – Friday, August 19 1.30pm-3.30pm.

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Council's popular website is now easier to use



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Councillor Stephen Burroughes logs on to the new website

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The whole wide world can now enjoy a redesigned and friendlier version of Suffolk Coastal's website following the successful launch of a new version that will make it even easier to find the information that people want.

Interest in the Council's website – www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk – has never been higher, with usage figures showing that record numbers of visitors have been using the site. Over 800,000 were recorded in 2004/05, while April, May and June all resulted in the highest figures ever for those months.

"The website was originally launched in October 1999 and while more and more useful information has been put on to it, there was a great need to give the site a facelift and make it easier to use, updating it in line with the latest standards," said Cllr Stephen Burroughes, Cabinet Member responsible for communications.

"Over the last year we have taken the chance to review not only the content, but also the structure, making it easier for people to find what they want.

"We had 805,355 hits to our site last year, over 60 per cent up from the previous year, and it is clearly becoming an ever more important and popular way for people to access information about their Council 24 hours a day, seven days a week," added Cllr Burroughes.

The new site now has its information in categories such as your home, your district, your council and your business. On the new home page are items on important local initiatives and issues such as the Active Leisure programme of summer activities for children across the district, details of Coastal Card, the Council's passport to discounted leisure, and a reminder to licensees about the important August 6 deadline.

The home page also offers instant links to popular sections such as jobs, what's on, agendas and minutes, making an online payment, planning permission, and councillors.

"Our message is to watch out for more improvements over the next few months, including much on planning, for example the ability to make planning applications and comments about them directly on-line. I am confident that once people get used to the new site they will find it much easier to use and to navigate their way around. It will be interesting to see the comments from the public.

"We would also like to hear from anyone who has suggestions about other information they would like to see included on the site. The website is an increasingly important way for us to communicate with our residents, but it is not the only way and we recognise that not everybody has access to a computer. That is why CoastLine, our own magazine delivered to every home in the district, is so important and the summer edition is out this week," added Cllr Burroughes.

Anyone who has any comments or suggestions about the website can email

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Kick off the holidays and score with Active Leisure



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The friendlies are already underway, the serious games start next month, and the countdown has already begun to next June's World Cup finals – football is more than ever an all year sport and the district's children do not have to miss out.

Boys and girls can practice their tackling, dribbling, passing, shooting and scoring skills throughout the summer with Active Leisure's Coastal Football courses being run across the district.

"These football courses are becoming more popular, with girls increasingly coming forward to join under the helpful supervision of fully qualified coaches. The aim is to offer coaching, tricks and tips, with small-sided games, so that everyone comes away having had some fun and learnt something new," said Cllr Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

At each venue, there are sessions aimed at three different age groups, with under 8s between 10.00am-11.00am, 9-12 years old 11.30am-12.30pm, and 13 years old and over from 1.30pm-3.00pm. Each session costs £1 per person that can be paid on the day, and children are asked to bring their own drinks with them.

The full programme for Coastal Football is as follows:-
 Cavendish Park, Felixstowe on Mondays July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22
 Pagent Field, Framlingham on Tuesdays August 2, 16
 Sandlings Primary School, Sutton Heath on Wednesdays July 27, August 10, 24
 Victory Park, Leiston on Wednesdays August 3, 17
 Millennium Sports Ground, Kesgrave on Thursdays July 28, August 11, 25
 Melton Playing Field on Thursday August 18
 Langer Park, Felixstowe on Fridays July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26
 Carlton Park, Saxmundham (Jack Revell Junior Football Coaching session)
 Tuesdays July 26, August 9, 23

For more information, residents can email active.leisure@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or call 01394 444652 or visit the Council's website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk where the full summer programme of Active Leisure can be found off the home page.



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Performing now and getting better



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Councillors have approved the latest annual report setting out Suffolk Coastal's vision and how well it is achieving its goals of providing quality value for money services.

The Best Value Performance Plan and Corporate Scorecard 2005/06 (BVPP) restates the Council's vision for the future of Suffolk Coastal, the part that the Council hopes to play in achieving those goals, and its priorities for improving services.

"The purpose of this document is to show how the Council is performing in delivering a better quality of life for the people of this district. Included are a summary of the findings of the Local Futures group which has given this district a high ranking in comparison to the rest of the country," said Cllr Ray Herring, Leader of Suffolk Coastal.

"I am pleased that our BVPP reports that 23 of our 37 key performance indicators have improved compared to last year as this shows that we are being successful in our commitment to provide quality value for money services.

"The report also sets out our priorities for the next three or four years, our medium term goals, that we have identified as being those areas on which we should focus our attention in order to meet the needs of this district," added Cllr Herring.

The Council's priorities are listed as:

- tackling anti-social behaviour
- increasing access to housing to meet local needs
- improved waste management – greater recycling and less waste going to landfill
- coast and estuary management that would enable key assets to be retained
- strengthening the economy through facilitating key investments – the commencement of the Suffolk Innovation Park, investment allied to the extension of Felixstowe Port, and job creation to offset the decommissioning of Sizewell A
- a robust and efficient planning system that protects and enhances the environment while furthering the prosperity of the district
- consideration of the potential benefits for the district of the University Campus of Suffolk.

The BVPP document also includes the Corporate Plan with the Council's strategic objectives for the next ten years, and details the contribution the Council is going to make to achieve the Community Strategy's vision for the district alongside its partners. It also includes plans for improvement under the key perspectives laid out in the Corporate Scorecard and the priorities for improvement following last year's Comprehensive Performance Assessment. The BVPP can be found on the Council's website -

<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/performance/bvpp/> - or in the reference section of the district's libraries.



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Please recycle, don't burn message from Council



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Residents are being asked to show consideration to their neighbours by recycling their garden waste in brown wheelie bins, rather than polluting the atmosphere with bonfires.

An asthmatic resident of Falkenham contacted Suffolk Coastal last week asking the Council to make the plea as he was suffering in his home from the fumes generated from a neighbour's bonfire.

"This resident's understandable complaint was that the bonfire was to get rid of garden cuttings that could just as easily been put out for recycling in a brown wheelie bin for collection by the Council," said Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Environment, natural and built.

"Thanks to our fortnightly Coastal Ploughback collection of garden waste, there really is no excuse for being anti-social to your neighbours by having a bonfire, or doubly hurting the environment by causing smoke pollution and burning something that could have been recycled.

"I would ask people to show more consideration and think twice about having a bonfire, particularly at this time of year when people are most likely to want to have their windows open. Most items these day can be recycled by just making a little effort that will both help the environment and make you a more popular neighbour," added Cllr Nunn.

Bonfires produce smoke, toxic chemicals and can cause annoyance to neighbours. Lighting a bonfire should be a last resort when there is no other suitable means of disposal.

Suffolk Coastal has produced a leaflet about bonfires which can be found on its website at www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/envhealth/nuisance/smoke/

There is also advice for people who believe that smoke from a nearby bonfire is causing them a nuisance. The first and often best suggested means of action is to politely inform the person responsible, perhaps suggesting a more appropriate time for you both when a bonfire would be acceptable.

If this does not solve the problem, it is suggested that a record of the date and time of the bonfire and its effect is kept, which can then be sent to the Council's Environmental Protection Team, whose officers will assess if a statutory nuisance is being caused. An abatement notice may be served if advice is ignored. Ultimately, the Council may take legal action and on summary conviction a court can fine the person responsible.

Any resident wanting further advice and information can contact the environmental protection team on 01394 444624, or email environmental.protection@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or write to them at the Council's Melton Hill offices, Woodbridge Ip12 1AU. More information about recycling can be obtained by calling 01394 444000.



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Suffolk Coastal gardeners show their true colours



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Suffolk Coastal gardeners are not afraid to show their colours, and at this time of year with gardens in full bloom the district's residents are showing just how green-fingered and green-minded they are.

Suffolk Coastal has with partners across the county made home composters available to gardeners at very special prices. As part of a Government funded initiative, through the Waste and Resource Action Programme (WRAP), home composters are available from as little as £5 including delivery.

In the first two months of this latest initiative to encourage home composting, gardeners in Suffolk Coastal have purchased 500 of these composters, almost 80 more than residents in any of the other districts in Suffolk. Over 8,000 discounted compost bins have been bought by Suffolk Coastal residents over the last few years and anyone who wants to join in can order their own by calling WRAP on 0845 077 0759.

"Gardeners in Suffolk Coastal can be proud to be seen as leading the way in caring for the local environment. Their efforts to use their garden waste for home composting, so diverting this waste away from landfill, shows that our residents really do care for the environment", said Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the environment, natural and built.

Suffolk Coastal expanded its brown bin collection scheme in April to bring garden waste collection services to as many residents as possible in the district. The collection scheme is designed to support, rather than compete with home composting, and collects garden waste that is then composted by Viridor Waste (Suffolk) Ltd on behalf of the Council.

Since April, this scheme has diverted more than 3,200 tonnes of garden waste away from landfill. Soil improver made from this material is available in large quantities for agricultural and horticultural purposes by contacting Viridor on 01473 624 199, or in small quantities by collection from the household waste recycling centres throughout the County, including Leiston, Foxhall and Felixstowe.

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Working to maintain the quality of the district's air



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The Council's on-going commitment to the quality of life in its district has seen it complete an in-depth review into air quality across Suffolk Coastal for which it is now awaiting official backing from the Government.

The Council is legally required to carry out periodic reviews of current and likely future air quality in its area, based on Government guidance and looking at seven key pollutants.

"National policies on air pollution are expected to deliver significant improvements in air quality throughout the country, while recognising there are things that can be done locally as well, which is where our investigations come in. Our latest findings again indicate that the air in this district is generally good but there are a couple of areas that we are monitoring closely and which may exceed target levels," said Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Environment Natural and Built.

In 2001, Suffolk Coastal completed an entire round of review and assessment for the district, which consisted of three stages of reporting. The reports concluded that the air quality objectives set for all seven pollutants would be met in all areas of the district and that no serious action was necessary. Its latest full review has now been completed and the findings sent to Defra – the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Once this report has been accepted by Defra, a period of public consultation will follow.

Suffolk Coastal's latest monitoring of the district's air quality shows there are now only two local sites that require further investigation where air quality objectives may be exceeded in the future.

"We have carried out a detailed assessment which confirmed that the air quality in this district is as good as you would expect, with just two locations identified which require further monitoring. These are a busy road junction in Woodbridge and around the Port of Felixstowe, and we will continue to check them against the standards set for air quality," added Cllr Nunn.

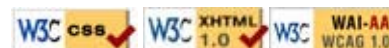
Guidance regarding measuring air quality is laid down by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs which has to approve the local monitoring results. If a site is identified as unlikely to meet the Government's targets, it must be declared an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and an Action Plan has to be drawn up by the Council to make the necessary improvements.

"It may be that after further investigation, some of which are currently underway, we may have to declare one or both of the sites as an AQMA but this will then bring into place an action plan of measures to ensure that the air quality meets the tough national standards in the future. Depending on the Government's views, I expect that we will be able to come back with an update on the Woodbridge site in September," added Cllr Nunn.

The identified problems have been emissions of nitrogen dioxide from traffic using the junction of Lime Kiln Quay Road, The Thoroughfare, and St. John's Street in Woodbridge, and emissions of nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide and particulate matter from activities on and associated with the Port of Felixstowe.

The full report, together with all reports produced to date, is available on the Council's website <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/envprotection/airquality/> or can also be viewed at the Melton Hill offices in Woodbridge.

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Angling for something to do?



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Fishing remains one of the most popular leisure activities in the country and this year Suffolk Coastal's Active Leisure team is again offering young people the chance to learn some basic skills or improve on existing ones in a safe and fun environment.

Coastal Angling is being held at Breakaway Lake, Melton and is aimed at youngsters aged eight and over, whether they are beginners or already have some experience of the sport.

Three-hour taster sessions for children aged eight to 11 who just want to have a go, will be held between 9am and 12 noon from Monday, August 8 to Friday, August 12 and between 1pm-4pm from Monday, August 15 to Friday, August 19. The cost per session will be £10 for Coastal Card holders or £12.50 for non card holders and all equipment will be provided.

Children getting hooked on fishing can join one of the five-day camps being held each week during August. These will run from 9am and 12 noon or 1pm and 4pm depending on the week and costs £50 for Coastal Card holders or £60 for non card holders.

One-day, two-hour family sessions for all abilities are being held Wednesdays and Thursdays, August 3, 4 10 and 11 from 4.30pm-6.30pm. The cost for one parent and child per session is £10 for Coastal Card holders or £12.50 for non card holders.

"Thanks to the support of the Environment Agency we have been able to include once again fishing in our summer activities programme. Last year was the first time we offered youngsters the chance to take part in this sport, and the sessions proved very popular," said Councillor Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

Children aged 12 and over, who want to take part in the sessions must have a fishing licence which can be obtained from their local Post Office. This licence must be brought to each session.

To find out more, or to book a place call Active Leisure on 01394 444652 or email active.leisure@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk For more about Coastal Card, visit <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourfreetime/leisure/coastalcard/> or visit any of the four Council-owned sports centres.

The full summer programme of Active Leisure can be found on Suffolk Coastal's website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk



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FLICK for fun in Kesgrave this summer



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28 Jul 2005

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Fun and leisure in central Kesgrave (FLICK) is being provided free for young people aged 14 and over by Suffolk Coastal's Active Leisure Team during the summer holidays thanks to a special partnership.

Meadow Green, near Ropes Drive on Tuesday evenings between 7pm-9pm is where youngsters can meet up, learn and practise skills and burn off their energies at one of the many supervised activities.

"Suffolk Coastal has teamed up with the Community Police, Suffolk County Council and the Kesgrave Youth Forum to give the young people in the area something to do during the summer holiday break," said Councillor Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

"With the longer, lighter summer nights, teenagers want and need somewhere local where they can have fun and meet up with their friends in a safe environment. This programme of activities will give youngsters the opportunity to get together at least once a week to take part in different sports," added Councillor Wilson.

Activities on offer will be football, rounders, cricket, volleyball, tennis, tri-golf, dodgeball, spongeball, basketball and badminton. Equipment will be provided, all young people need to do is to turn up. There is also an opportunity to have the mobile skatepark at one of the sessions.

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Learn to slam dunk in Felixstowe this summer



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02 Aug 2005

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Young people in Felixstowe wanting to get to grips with the jargon and skills needed to become an ace basketball player can join a five-day course being held at Brackenbury Sports Centre.

The course, organised by Suffolk Coastal's Active Leisure team, runs from Monday, August 15 to Friday, August 19, and is open to young people aged 12 to 16 who want to develop their skills whether they are a beginner or have league experience. Coaching will cover how to become a better player, improve fundamental skills and fitness levels and develop game knowledge.

"Keeping young people occupied during the summer holidays can sometimes be a problem. This basketball course is a great way for them to learn new skills, get fit and to meet up socially," said Councillor Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

The course will run from 10.30am – 12.30pm each day and costs £25 for Coastal Card holders or £30.

To find out more or to book a place contact Active Leisure on 01394 444652 or email active.leisure@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk The full summer programme of Active Leisure can be found on Suffolk Coastal's website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

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Who will win this year's FA cup?



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02 Aug 2005

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The Felixstowe Area (FA) Cup will be up for grabs again on Sunday, August 28 when seven-a-side teams from all over Suffolk Coastal will be battling it out at Cavendish Park, Felixstowe.

The tournament, organised by Suffolk Coastal's Active Leisure team with support from Felixstowe Town Council and Councillor Ann Rodwell, will be split into three age groups – under 11, under 13 and under 16.

“This competition has now become a regular event in our programme of summer activities with teams entering from all over the district and everyone playing well and in a very sporting way,” said Councillor Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

“We would like even more teams to enter this year and make this the top football event for the youngsters of our district,” added Councillor Wilson.

The tournament is open to all abilities and kick off will be at 10.30am. The cost of entering a team is £5 to be paid in advance.

Teams of seven who would like to enter should contact Active Leisure on 01394 444652 or email active.leisure@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk for a booking form. Entries must be received by Monday, August 22.



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Firm counts the cost of ignoring Council



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An electrical contracting firm has been ordered to pay £1,000 in fines and costs by Magistrates in Ipswich this week (Monday) after pleading guilty to failing to provide information to Suffolk Coastal's food and safety team.

Brett Guiliano, a partner of Bremins of Maylandsea, Chelmsford in Essex was prosecuted by the Council for repeatedly failing to give information about advice his firm had given to a residential care home where Suffolk Coastal had identified significant safety issues surrounding the electrical installation.

"As duly appointed Inspectors under Health and Safety at Work legislation, our officers have the powers to investigate work-related health and safety issues and to enable them to do this they can request answers to the questions they raise," said Cllr Sherrie Green, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

"We have an ongoing investigation of a care home where, under caution, the proprietor claimed he had made decisions not to carry out remedial work on the basis of information provided by Bremins. Since January we have been trying to test that claim but Mr Guiliano and Bremins failed to respond, frustrating our work at the care home.

"We had no option but to take this case to the Courts, and Magistrates recognised the significance of the company's failure to comply with our requests by fining them £550, with £450 costs, and giving Mr Guiliano seven days to pay. This should be a warning to all companies that failing to co-operate with health and safety inspectors is an issue which this Council and the Courts take seriously," added Cllr Green.

Suffolk Coastal first wrote in January 2005 to Mr Guiliano, requesting certain information to verify what advice had been given to the care home. Further letters and a telephone call were made over the course of the next three months requesting a response. It was not until after the summons to appear in court for failing to provide the information had been served in June 2005 that a response was provided by Mr Guiliano.

The Council's inspectors are legally entitled to seek necessary information to progress their investigations into possible breaches of health and safety regulation. This prosecution was brought for an offence under Section 20 of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974.

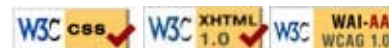
"While we do not prosecute on every case when our requests for information are ignored, in this instance what we had asked for related to issues that were not trivial. By his actions, Mr Guiliano has held up an investigation into safety standards at a residential care home by six months.

"This has implications for the proprietor of the care home, as well as this Council, because legal action might be taken against the proprietor of the residential care home," added Cllr Green.

Now that this issue has been resolved Suffolk Coastal's food and safety team can continue its investigation into health and safety standards at the residential care home which is in the north of the district but cannot be named at this stage because of potential legal action against it.

Bremins is a portable appliance testing company, and its website <http://www.bremins-pat-testing.co.uk/> says it began trading in 1998.

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Working together to further improve planning service



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Suffolk Coastal's on-going commitment to provide better planning services to the public has seen it working closely with Government-appointed consultants.

Discussions between the Council and Addison & Associates have been held to identify how the current improvement plan for the service can be fine-tuned to ensure speedier and more effective results.

"Our planning team has had to deal with a 40 per cent increase in the number of planning applications over the last four years, which has coincided with us not hitting all the Government targets for the time taken to determine those applications. We have been positively addressing this, although I do not think, in fairness, that the statistics reflect our real performance levels. They only measure the time taken to determine the application rather than take into account our local priority of quality decisions to protect and enhance our environment," said Cllr Rae Leighton, Cabinet Member responsible for Planning.

As part of the Best Value inspection carried out in 2003, the Council agreed an improvement plan, the implementation of which was last year backed with over £450,000 of Government grant, with an additional £200,000 this year.

Many improvements to the overall service have already been put in place, such as improved information on the website, more planning officers, and a planning help desk at the Council's main Melton Hill offices.

"The facts are that we have been achieving some impressive improvements but we now want to ensure that we can consolidate and maintain these upward trends," added Cllr Leighton.

The vast majority, about three-quarters, of Suffolk Coastal's planning applications are officially classified as 'other' of which 69.4 per cent in 2004/05 were determined within eight weeks.

"Meeting the Government's targets for major and minor applications is now being addressed. This has been more difficult because we have had some very large proposals such as the Felixstowe Port extension to deal with, and recruiting experienced staff has taken time as there is a national shortage of qualified planning officers.

"We firmly believe that the foundations in place will bring us up to all the national standards. We are ready to take on board any advice and help that will speed up that process. It is a difficult balancing act to meet the targets required by Government while protecting both the quality of local decision-making and our environment but I am confident that we will continue to protect the interests of our district," added Cllr Leighton.

The report by Addisons & Associates concludes that 'the building blocks for improvement are being put in place and the signs are promising, but the improvement planning process now needs to be effectively monitored and closely managed to make sure that the service achieves the targets it aspires to. Officer caseload and delegation remains a real concern'. "These aspects will be dealt with," said Cllr Leighton.

The Council is set to keep the Government informed on a quarterly basis about its progress towards meeting the national targets of 60 per cent in 13 weeks for major applications, 65 per cent in eight weeks for minor applications, and 80 per cent in eight weeks for other applications by March 2007.

In 2004/05, Suffolk Coastal received 2,330 applications, up by over a fifth from 2001/02. Of these one in forty were major applications, 28 per cent were minor, and 70 per cent were other, which were dealt with in 30 per cent, 40 per cent and 68 per cent against their national targets.





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It's easier than ever to recycle paper and catalogues



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Thanks to the efforts of Suffolk Coastal's residents more paper than ever is being recycled in the district and diverted away from landfill.

Since the beginning of January 2,370 tonnes of paper have been collected through the Council's fortnightly green crate recycling service.

"It's not just newspapers, magazines, letters, junk mail, paper bags and wrapping paper that can be recycled, directories and catalogues can also be put out for recycling," said Councillor Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Environment, Natural & Built.

"Companies are keen to keep us up to date by issuing new catalogues and brochures on a regular basis, but there is no problem disposing of the old ones as residents can just pop them into the green crate with the other paper," continued Councillor Nunn.

Every household in the district now has a green crate for paper recycling and in April Suffolk Coastal expanded its brown bin collection scheme to bring garden waste collection services to as many residents as possible.

"Putting paper and green waste out for recycling is making a difference to the environment and thanks to the efforts of our residents the Council's recycling and composting rate for April to June has increased to 37.9 per cent, up nearly 10 per cent from last year" added Councillor Nunn.

For further information on recycling contact Suffolk Coastal's recycling team on 01394 444000.



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Meeting the licensing deadline!



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Eighty-six per cent of licensed premises in Suffolk Coastal who were expected to apply for their new licence under the Licensing Act 2003 managed to make last Saturday's deadline.

Applicants had a period of six months in which to submit their forms but almost half applied during the last six weeks of this period, testing the hard-pressed licensing team to the limit.

The pressure is now on to determine large numbers of applications within the two-month period allowed by the Government. If this deadline is not met the application is automatically rejected but the applicant can appeal to the Magistrates' Court.

A review of the applications received show that 60 per cent of licensees have decided that they are not interested in opening for longer hours or offering more by way of entertainment and have merely 'parachuted' their existing licence into the new regime without further ado.

However, over 180 applicants have decided to vary their licences at the same time as conversion. They have had to copy their applications to responsible authorities, such as the police, fire brigade, trading standards and other services at Suffolk Coastal - planning, food and safety and environmental protection. The applications will also be advertised in local papers and at the premises themselves, allowing a 28-day period for representations.

If no representations are made the licence will be granted as applied for. Otherwise there is a short period within which the applicant can negotiate a resolution so that representations are withdrawn before a Licensing Sub-Committee weighs up the representations and evidence before making its decision. Both the applicant and those who have objected have a right of appeal to the Magistrate's Court if they do not agree with the decision that is made.

Once granted, licences remain in force for the lifetime of the business unless they are called in for review. Licensees can also apply to vary the terms of the licence at any time, but they would have to go through the advertisement procedure again to allow for objections to be made.

"I am pleased that local businesses have come forward in such numbers but I think particular praise is due to the efforts of our licensing team because the number of applications made is above the 66 per cent target the Government was anticipating last week," said Cllr Norman Bugg, Chairman of the Licensing and Health Sub-Committee.

"Over the last few weeks our team have attempted to personally contact every one of the 550 premises in this district that we thought needed to meet the deadline, and this initiative backed up with extra local publicity, has I think helped to produce this excellent take-up.

"There are over 90 businesses that have not yet applied. Many of these may decide to change the way they operate so that they do not need a licence. However, those that do, need to make sure that it is in place before November 24, otherwise they will no longer be able to trade legally. Our team is now contacting all these businesses and I am sure that they will be grateful for the advice and support that is available." added Cllr Bugg.

The Licensing Act 2003 brings together the six previous licensing systems that control rules

governing the drinking of alcohol, dancing and live music, theatre or cinema. Some of these were handled by Magistrates but will be transferred to the Council when the Act comes into force in November.

Local people now have a more direct say in controlling the behaviour of their nearby clubs, pubs, halls and other licensed premises. The new law makes it clear that premises have a major duty in controlling crime and disorder.

All premises providing a licensable activity, including selling alcohol, need a licence. There are more details about the Licensing Act on the Council's website at:

<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourbusiness/licensing/>

or businesses can call the licensing team on 01394 444802.

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Courts extend ASBO on Felixstowe youth by two years



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A 15-year old Felixstowe youth was last week (Tuesday) given a two-year anti-social behaviour order (ASBO) by magistrates in Ipswich after calls from Suffolk Coastal and local police to extend an interim 28-day order issued last month.

The confirmed ASBO bans the youth from entering Holland Road in Felixstowe, or from being drunk, using alcohol or offensive words in a public place.

“The Police and the Council have found this youth to have been at the heart of many incidents in the Felixstowe area. I am pleased that the Courts not only backed our joint request for an interim ASBO but on hearing the evidence agreed that it should be extended for two years,” said Cllr Sherrie Green, Cabinet Member for Community Safety.

“This youth now knows that for the next two years he will be firmly under the spotlight, and the consequences could be severe if he is found to have broken the conditions of the ASBO laid down by the Court.

“Suffolk Coastal is committed to working with the police to tackle all aspects of crime and disorder in this district. The Council’s anti-social behaviour officer and the police are ready to use ASBOs to help those parts of the community blighted by the uncivilised actions of a few individuals,” added Cllr Green.

Anyone who would like to report a problem of anti-social behaviour should first report it to the police, dialling 999 if it is a serious incident. If there has been a pattern or regular problems with anti-social behaviour then call Ian Abery, anti- social behaviour officer, on 01394 444763 or by e-mail on ian.abery@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

Information on how to combat anti-social behaviour, along with a copy of a special reporting form, can be found on the Council’s website

<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/communitysafety/anti-social/>



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It's easier than ever to recycle your Yellow Pages



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Residents across Suffolk Coastal are being urged to recycle last year's Yellow Pages as the new 2005/06 edition of the directory is delivered to their doors over the next few weeks.

In previous years old copies of Yellow Pages could only be recycled at a few specific locations, but this year it will be even easier as they can now be taken to any of the 91 paper banks provided by Boltons, in partnership with Suffolk Coastal, sited across the district.

"We have had an impressive collection rate of Yellow Pages in the past and with even more recycling banks available, I am hoping that this will be a record year for the number of copies recycled" said Councillor Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Environment.

"Although we have made it easier for our residents to recycle paper, directories and catalogues by providing a fortnightly collection of this waste, we are unable to collect the Yellow Pages through our green crate service because of the way they have been printed. I hope that people will make that extra little effort to take their old Yellow Pages to their nearest Boltons paper bank," continued Councillor Nunn.

Over two-thirds of the district's paper banks are supplied by Boltons and residents can find out where these are sited by phoning Suffolk Coastal's recycling team on 01394 444000, or get more recycling news on <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/waste/>



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Views wanted on maintaining local air quality



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The Council's on-going commitment to quality of life means it is now seeking views on its in-depth review into air quality across Suffolk Coastal that has now been backed by the Government.

Periodic reviews of current and likely future air quality are legally required to be carried out by the Council. This is based on Government guidance and looks at seven key pollutants.

"National policies on air pollution are expected to deliver significant improvements in air quality throughout the country, while recognising there are things that can be done locally as well, which is where our investigations come in. Our latest findings again indicate that the air in this district is generally good but there are a couple of areas that we need to monitor closely as they could exceed target levels," said Councillor Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Environment Natural and Built.

In 2001, Suffolk Coastal completed an entire round of review and assessment for the district. The reports concluded that the air quality objectives for all seven pollutants would be met in all areas of the district and that no serious action was necessary.

The latest monitoring shows there are now only two local sites that require further investigation where air quality objectives may be exceeded in the future.

The identified problems are emissions of nitrogen dioxide from traffic using the junction of Lime Kiln Quay Road, The Thoroughfare and St John's Street in Woodbridge, and emissions of nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide from activities on and associated with the Port of Felixstowe. Additional reports on these sites and whether any further action needs to be taken will be published during the next 12 months.

The full report, together with all reports produced to date, is available on <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/envprotection/airquality> or can be seen at the Council's offices at Melton Hill, Woodbridge and Undercliff Road West, Felixstowe. Comments are welcomed from residents on the report, and should be emailed to environmental.protection@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or alternatively use the response sheet available on the website. The closing date for comments is January 31, 2006.



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Town Council to take over responsibility for Elmhurst Park public conveniences?



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The public conveniences in Woodbridge's Elmhurst Park are set to stay open if Woodbridge Town Council agrees proposals to take over the responsibility for them after in-depth talks with Suffolk Coastal.

Suffolk Coastal carried out a detailed review of public conveniences and it concluded that Elmhurst Park was one of seven of the Council's 37 blocks across the district that could no longer be funded by the district council.

"This Council has invested nearly £550,000 since 2001 in modernising our public conveniences and is spending another £126,000 this year, but the harsh financial reality is that the Government's failure to properly fund our services means we have to reduce our expenditure on discretionary services," said Cllr Sherrie Green, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

"As a result, we have thoroughly reviewed our current service level and agreed that seven of our existing blocks can no longer be funded as they are not being used often enough to really be value for money, or they require major refurbishments in the near future.

"Elmhurst Park was one of these seven facilities, but I am pleased that Woodbridge Town Council is now looking at a firm proposal to take on the responsibility for this block. We are also due to have talks in the near future with Felixstowe and Leiston Town Councils regarding their public conveniences," added Cllr Green.

Suffolk Coastal has offered to transfer the Elmhurst Park toilets to the Town Council and to give Woodbridge Town Council the £8,000 that demolition would have cost the district council. A meeting of the Full Town Council on September 13 is due to decide whether to accept the offer from Suffolk Coastal.

Other blocks earmarked for closure are Allenby Park, Walton High Street, West End Hut in Felixstowe, the Maybush in Waldringfield, and Dinsdale Road, Leiston. It is also planned to close Felixstowe's Langer Park toilets between November and March each year. The toilets at Waldringfield are on land leased from the adjacent pub, and alternative provision will be investigated.

Suffolk Coastal's Cabinet has stated that talks about the changes would be offered with each relevant town or parish council. As part of Suffolk Coastal's modernisation programme, over the coming months three more blocks of toilets at Framlingham's Crown and Anchor Lane, Bawdsey Ferry, and Sizewell Road, Leiston will be upgraded to meet tough quality standards. It was recently agreed that a new toilet block would also be built for the Woodbridge Riverside area. Current proposals for the South Seafront and the Landguard Fort Visitor Centre both include more public conveniences for Felixstowe.

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Getting the community involved in planning the future



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Views are wanted on a draft statement that sets out how Suffolk Coastal intends to involve all parts of the community in helping it draw up new planning blueprints that will define how the district will develop and be protected in the future.

Suffolk Coastal is working on drawing up a Local Development Framework (LDF) for the district, under the new system introduced by the Government to replace Local Plans that set out the planning rules for the area.

“We have now produced a draft statement of community involvement which details how we intend to work with the residents, businesses and other interested parties in this district,” said Cllr Rae Leighton, Cabinet Member for Planning.

The general aim will be to ensure that all sections of the community have full opportunities to contribute to the planning process from an early stage. It makes clear how communities will be a part of the production of new or revised plans, who will participate and when. This also covers community involvement for planning applications.

“We want to achieve greater levels of community engagement in the planning process, so local communities, stakeholders and other organisations can contribute more to the shaping of their local environment and addressing key local challenges, such as affordable housing and access to services.

“By working in this way, it is considered that there will be an enhanced level of local ownership and understanding in planning and thus a more flexible, inclusive and streamlined process.

“This draft document is a statement of our intention, but we now want the views of the district on whether we are doing it right. I hope people will take the time to make their comments as we want to make sure that in future we can involve as many people as possible in a way that will help protect and enhance the quality of life in this district,” added Cllr Leighton.

The draft Statement of Community Involvement can be found on the Council's website at <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/sci/> and copies have been sent to over 250 local and national organisations for their views. Comments should be made by Friday 14 October 2005. A downloadable consultation form is available on the website.

The Government's intention is that the new system of LDFs will simplify the local planning process and become more accommodating to any required changes. In addition to greater community involvement, there is also a greater emphasis to be given towards the environment and sustainable development.

Until the new documents are finalised and adopted, the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan (incorporating the First Alteration) – adopted in 2001 will remain valid in determining planning applications. It will be supplemented by a Second Alteration during 2005.

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New plans soon for Felixstowe South Seafront



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Exciting new plans are set to be officially received in the next few weeks by Suffolk Coastal from its partner Bloor Homes for the leisure-focussed redevelopment of 17.5 acres of derelict land at Felixstowe South Seafront.

The new plans include more leisure and green space, a bigger and better choice of play equipment, a refreshment kiosk, new modern toilets, and over 260 car parking spaces.

“This application has been drawn up following months of careful analysis of the responses and feedback the Council had from a large number of people from a very wide area during the two years of in-depth consultation that resulted in an unsuccessful attempt to gain planning permission,” said Cllr Rae Leighton, Cabinet Member with responsibility for the South Seafront.

“These amended proposals specifically and positively address the areas of concern that remained from the previous scheme. They also include a commitment by Bloor Homes to pay for the repair and refurbishment of the Martello Tower in a much more open area than first planned.

“The proposed scheme presents a real opportunity for Felixstowe. It would provide a wide range of services and recreational facilities for residents of the site and the surrounding area, as well as visitors to the resort. The variety of highly desirable public facilities will be funded by a modern, creative approach to the residential part of the scheme,” added Cllr Leighton.

Bloors will be building 158 homes, 51 fewer than previously proposed, of which 16 will be social housing. Less than one-third of the site will now be used for residential purposes.

The play equipment will be at the heart of the scheme, offering entertainment for children of all ages, with an adventure trail, multi-play slides and climbing rocks for junior and toddlers, an infant play area including see-saws, springing items etc., plus a more adventurous ‘spacenet’ for more active play, and an eight-pad water-splash feature.

An Ancient Monument Consent has already been gained by Bloor Homes so the unsightly garages can be removed from next to the Martello Tower. The Consent will also lead to an archaeological examination of the historic moat around the tower. While the former Royal Observer Corps bunker will be preserved, as recommended by English Heritage, the previous proposal for an amphitheatre has been deleted. Demolition of the Herman De Stern building is assumed as it is seen too expensive to renovate and re-use.

Progress on a potential planning appeal by Bloor Homes against the refusal in July 2004 for its first application has been put on hold while it has focussed on submitting this revised scheme.

“These proposals have been welcomed by Cabinet and the special Task Group of councillors set up for this scheme, and endorsed by our Corporate Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The park, with its maritime theme, and the high-quality residential development, promises to be a multi-million pound addition that will be central to the much-needed regeneration of the resort.

“I hope as many people as possible take the chance to comment on these proposals when they

are submitted, and I have asked that a special exhibition be held at the Felixstowe Leisure Centre after the plans have been received,” added Cllr Leighton.

A planning applications is also expected shortly for the long-term coast defence scheme involving new groynes and beach improvements for the area between Landguard and the pier with works set to start in Spring 2006.

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Council powerless to prevent Ramsholt rave



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The size of the crowd at the weekend's illegal rave held at Ramsholt prevented Suffolk Coastal's environmental health out-of-hours service from using its powers to seize musical equipment.

Local police advised that it was too dangerous for the Council to attempt to tackle the source of the noise, and instead specially equipped and trained teams from the police tried to seize the sound equipment and generators.

"Our out-of-hours emergency service received 25 calls over the weekend from residents complaining about noise from the site in Ramsholt, with the first call taken at 8am on Saturday morning," said Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cabinet Member for the Environment Natural and Built.

"Our environmental health team took these calls, and others passed on by the police, and visited some of the callers in Shottisham to confirm the scale of the problem. Under the law, this Council does have the power to seize sound equipment if it is causing noise disturbance to residents, but we were unable to take action because of police concerns about the safety of our staff.

"It has been reported that the police were pelted with bottles and stones by part of the crowd, so I fully understand and accept police advice. This Council sympathises with the obvious frustration of local residents that the long holiday weekend has been spoiled by the illegal and anti-social activities of the organisers of this rave.

"The sheer scale of this event, with estimates of 1,000 people being on site, made it difficult for us and the police to use our existing powers successfully. It is hard to see what else we could have done, but I do hope that people will come forward and confirm the identify of those responsible for organising this event so that they can be made to pay both legally and financially for ruining so many people's weekend," added Cllr Nunn.

The Council will be talking with the police to see if there is anything more that can be done to help local landowners combat the problem of illegal raves and parties in the future.

Suffolk Coastal operates an out-of-hours emergency service every day of the year outside of normal office hours so that residents can still get help or advice if they need it. The number to call is 07771 816535, or people can ring the main switchboard number of 01394 383789 where there is a recorded message advising them of this emergency number.

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Counting the cost of ignoring training



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A building supplies company is counting the cost of allowing an employee to operate a forklift truck without the appropriate training.

At Lowestoft Magistrates Court last week, Leiston Building Supplies Ltd. pleaded guilty to allowing one of their employees to drive the equipment without providing him with the statutory training, and was fined £1,000 plus costs of £490.56 awarded to Suffolk Coastal.

Suffolk Coastal's Health & Safety team investigated a complaint that an employee at the company had broken his hand while using the forklift truck. The employee had not received adequate training or had any previous experience of forklift driving with other companies.

The Council had, in the past, reminded Leiston Building Supplies Ltd. of their responsibilities to their employees under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998, but investigation into the complaint revealed that the company's training fell short of what the law and the industry's good practice required.

"We had no option but to take this case to the Courts, and Magistrates recognised the significance of the company's failure to comply with health and safety legislation by fining them heavily," said Councillor Sherrie Green, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Food and Safety.

"There was no excuse for this offence as last year the Council wrote to Leiston Building Supplies Ltd. and other similar local businesses advising them of, among other things, the need for forklift truck operator training.

"This time the employee suffered a broken hand, but it could have been far more serious for him, other employees of the company or visitors to the site.

"This case demonstrates that it can be costly for firms who ignore health & safety legislation, not only in financial terms, but also to their reputation as a business and as an employer," continued Councillor Green

Suffolk Coastal's Health & Safety team is able to provide advice to local businesses on health and safety legislation and good practice and can be contacted by telephoning 01394 444357 or visit Suffolk Coastal's website <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourbusiness/healthsafety/>

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Public drinking bans for Leiston and Woodbridge



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From this week, the police have extra powers to tackle anti-social drinking in parts of Leiston and Woodbridge Town Centres that will be clearly indicated by specially erected signs.

The first of 40 signs for the Woodbridge area went up yesterday (Tuesday) with the ban coming into force on Thursday, September 1, with a further 35 in Leiston on Friday with the ban taking effect on the following day. The ban was initiated by Leiston and Woodbridge Town Councils, and was backed by the Suffolk Coastal Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. Following consultation with the police, local landowners, all licensees and the public over the proposed designation orders, the ban was approved by Suffolk Coastal's Cabinet.

"There have been a lot of legal hurdles to jump over, but we are now giving the police additional powers to take action against people whose drinking is anti-social in public places in parts of Woodbridge and Leiston," said Cllr Sherrie Green, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

"I would emphasise that this is not a ban on everyone drinking in those places, but it gives the police the authority to take action against those who are acting in an anti-social manner.

"This is something which those living around these town centres have wanted, and I hope it will improve the quality of life of those who live in and also those who visit these towns," added Cllr Green.

In the designated areas the police will have the power to require someone whose behaviour is deemed to be anti-social to stop drinking the alcohol and, if requested, hand over the drink. Failure to comply is an arrestable offence, with a potential fine of up to £500.

"Local councils and the police are aware of concerns in the community relating to alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour and we have been working together to tackle these issues through initiatives such as the ongoing Operation Nightsafe campaign," said Inspector Terry Byford, Woodbridge sector commander.

"A substantial proportion of crime and disorder is linked to alcohol abuse and, although Woodbridge and Leiston are relatively safe when compared to many similar areas, we hope that this measure will give officers additional powers to tackle the minority who act in an anti-social manner after having too much to drink," added Inspector Byford.

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New community partnerships given big boost



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Efforts to set up three community partnerships that are drawing up projects to bring about real improvements to the quality of life in the towns of Framlingham, Leiston and Saxmundham have been given a major £10,000 boost.

The funding comes from the East of England Development Agency (EEDA) and has been given the go-ahead by the Suffolk Development Agency that has recognised the potential in the scheme.

“Suffolk Coastal Community Partnerships is the collective name for three locally led groups who are hoping to learn from the successes at Wickham Market and attract funding for, and interest in, new projects in their areas,” said Cllr John Perry, Cabinet Member for the Economy.

In March EEDA funded a series of workshops that were held with representatives of the three towns by leaders of the Wickham Market Partnership who spelt out how community participation had helped shape and drive its goals, and how external funding opportunities worth over £1 million were identified and approached.

Since then, the Grants Task Group of Suffolk Coastal agreed to provide £6,000 towards the cost of the development of the new partnerships, who have also gained backing from the three local town councils, plus a contribution from the former County Councillor Joan Girling’s locality budget.

“Thanks to this latest contribution, all the funding is now in place for a development officer to be recruited to give these three budding partnerships the support so they can learn from Wickham Market, attract funding from regional and national sources, and have a positive impact on their communities,” added Cllr Perry.

The Leiston Partnership is already able to point at the town’s new skatepark as a major local success, and between them the three towns have already accumulated a list of projects that they want to bring to fruition over the coming years to boost the quality of life in their areas.

“On behalf of the three partnerships, I would like to thank Dawn Easter and Suffolk Coastal for their help in enabling us to tap into expertise and funding which could prove very important for our future development.

“These partnerships are about making a difference in our communities based on using the involvement and support of our local people to unlock the national pots of resources that can be used to put in place the projects our residents want and need,” added John Rayner, Town Clerk of Leiston Town Council and current secretary of the Leiston Community Partnership.

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Vandals cause damage to model yacht pond



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Vandals have caused at least £1,000 worth of damage this summer during another wave of attacks on Woodbridge's popular model yacht pond at The Avenue.

In July, vandals attacked the supply cable to the pump resulting in water going into the internal mechanism and meaning that the pump had to be replaced at a cost of £800.

The new pump was then damaged last week when a large tree branch was used to thump and dislodge it from its fixing brackets. The pump has been removed for examination at a cost of £200 and if it has to be replaced then the cost will rise to £800.

"Earlier in the year the Council cleaned the pond and repaired the joint seals which had been vandalised last summer. While the pool was empty we used the opportunity to improve the quality of the water by fitting a £700 ultrasound transducer to eliminate algae growth," said Councillor Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

"These latest incidents of mindless vandalism have not only been costly, but could have had very serious consequences not only to the people causing them, but to members of the public, including children, who use this very popular yachting pond," continued Councillor Wilson.

Suffolk Coastal has taken precautions to warn the public about possible danger. The junction box on the pond wall has an electrical warning sign on it and is locked and padlocked. The supply cable in the pond is sheathed and secured down to the floor and the pump has a full protective cage on it and is bolted down to the floor.

"If the vandalism continues, the Council will have to consider removing the pump which will mean that algae will build up and reduce the quality of the water, making it less enjoyable for the many people who like to sail their model boats on the pond," added Councillor Wilson.

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Revised plans in place for Felixstowe South Seafront



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Bloor Homes, the Council's partner, have officially submitted their revised plans for Felixstowe South Seafront that are set to regenerate 17.5 acres of derelict land with a leisure-focussed scheme providing a major open air activity park for all the family, plus some much-needed new housing.

Two-thirds of the site is aimed at the public, with a maritime theme running throughout the development that will have the Martello Tower as a key focus point.

"These plans positively address the responses and feedback that the Council received during the two years of in-depth consultation that accompanied the first unsuccessful attempt to gain planning permission," said Cllr Rae Leighton, Cabinet Member with responsibility for the South Seafront.

"I think they provide a really exciting multi-million pound opportunity for the resort, with a much-needed injection of leisure facilities and other services that should be attractive to residents and visitors alike, all funded by a modern, creative approach to the housing part of the scheme.

"Our partners Bloor Homes will be funding the leisure development to a cost of £2,466,000, which will include the provision of new public facilities, including the repair and refurbishment of the Martello Tower, and agreed to share their profits if the scheme becomes more successful than anticipated," added Cllr Leighton.

The revised plans were officially received on Thursday (September 15) and include more leisure and green space than before, with a bigger and better choice of play equipment, a refreshment kiosk, and new modern toilets. There will also be 261 additional car parking spaces which according to over 240 surveys carried out at peak Sunday times, will be sufficient to meet the new demand.

Bloor also want to build 158 homes, 51 fewer than previously proposed, most of which will be in three-storey terraces, with four storey corner units. On Manor Terrace, the ten homes will be three storeys. There will be 16 homes available for rent from a housing association that will be of the same design as the rest of the housing, and in total less than one-third of the project area will be used for housing.

"The park is the main focus of the development area and will create a significant attraction for family members of all ages, both residents and visitors. It will be a high quality environment that will enhance the existing South Seafront and be a significant step in linking the town and the rest of the resort with Landguard Fort," said Andrew Marns, Land Manager of Bloor Homes.

"The inspiration for the public park is drawn from the seafront and the heritage of Felixstowe but with a contemporary maritime character, a philosophy which has also influenced the style of our proposed housing. We have taken great care to respect and enhance the setting of the Martello Tower, an official ancient monument, after detailed discussions with English Heritage. The proposals have been agreed to return it to the way it looked two centuries ago with a dry moat around it.

“This is a very important development site, which has been reflected by the amount of comments received on our first application. I believe those comments have been considered constructively by ourselves and the Council in these revised plans which promise to offer a major enhancement for the resort with both its leisure facilities and housing,” added Mr Marns.

The proposals show a series of play spaces with a wide variety of equipment for different age groups and abilities, offering a mix of traditional or challenging and stimulating play including multi-play slides, spring animals, climbing rocks and a large trampoline. An exciting interactive feature of water jets will also add play value during the summer months.

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“Now it is the time for everyone else to give their views and I hope as many people take the time as possible to give a detailed consideration to these exciting proposals. We plan to hold an exhibition of the plans during the next month, there will also be details of them on our website and normal Development Control procedures will of course apply, including a period for the submission of people’s views right up to the day before the committee meets to consider the merits of the application,” added Cllr Leighton.

An exhibition will be held at Felixstowe Leisure Centre, the precise details of which will be confirmed in the next few days.

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A night of expert advice for landlords


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More and more people are becoming landlords as they take advantage of a potential investment opportunity and Suffolk Coastal is keen to keep them as informed as possible about the legal obligations that face them and their tenants.

Next month offers a free chance for some expert advice and information at Suffolk Coastal's annual seminar for landlords and agents which is being held on Tuesday, October 11 in the Council Chamber at the Council's Melton Hill offices.

"We have had a packed room in recent years with landlords finding out all the latest news. Landlords have an increasingly important role to play in providing quality rented accommodation for the people of the district and this Council is ready to help them," said Cllr Chris Slemmings, Cabinet Member for Housing.

"The seminar offers an informal environment which gives landlords a chance to learn something new and also to meet and quiz our officers and some local experts.

"We would like to see more rented accommodation being made available to local people and landlords may not be aware of the assistance we can offer, particularly if they are willing to rent to those in receipt of housing benefit. This is probably an ideal chance for anyone thinking about letting their property privately to come along and find out more," added Cllr Slemmings.

The event should be useful to both individual and corporate landlords as well as owners of single properties and properties in multiple occupation. Suzie Lacey of the Energy Saving Trust Anglia Advice Centre will talk about energy efficiency, Tessa Shepperson of Landlord-Law will discuss tenancy agreements, and John Zebedee, a benefit consultant, will explain local housing allowances and benefit reforms.

The seminar is being held in Suffolk Coastal's Council Chamber at its Melton Hill Offices, and runs from 5pm through to 7.30pm. Places are limited and going fast so advance bookings can be made by calling 01394 444838, by emailing benefits@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk or faxing 01394 444554.

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A chance to see revised Felixstowe South Seafront plans



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This weekend, Felixstowe Leisure Centre will be hosting for three days the revised plans that have just been submitted for the leisure-focussed scheme to regenerate 17.5 acres of derelict land at the resort's South Seafront.

On Saturday and Sunday anyone interested in the proposals drawn up by the Council's partner, Bloor Homes, can visit the Centre and see for themselves all the attractions that are being planned for the site.

"The exhibition will also be open on Monday, and on this day there will be officers and councillors from Suffolk Coastal on hand to try to answer any questions that people have on these quite comprehensive proposals," said Cllr Rae Leighton, Cabinet Member Member with responsibility for the South Seafront.

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"I would encourage as many people as possible to come along and see for themselves what is proposed. These are developments that will have a positive impact on the whole resort. I am sure that the changes made to the scheme, as a result of the previous consultation and examination, will be appreciated," added Cllr Leighton.

The exhibition will be staffed on Monday between 11am and 1pm, 2pm and 4pm, and 6pm and 7pm. There will also be a comment book for people to fill in over the three days so people can give their views on the exhibition or raise questions that they would like answered.

The formal consultation period is underway and anyone wanting to comment on the planning application should write, quoting the application reference of 05/1723, to Development Control, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1AU or email DCadmin@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

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Fire at Felixstowe's Herman De Stern



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Fire engines were called out this afternoon (Sunday) to deal with a blaze in Felixstowe at the Herman De Stern building which is Council-owned and has been empty for a number of years.

On Saturday afternoon, local police were called out three times by Suffolk Coastal initially after a group of youths were seen inside the building. A broken window had been boarded up earlier in the week following a break-in.

Saturday's incident started around 3pm when youngsters were spotted throwing objects out of the windows. A Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd worker who attempted to board up the building after the first police visit had to call them back after he was continually threatened by the youngsters.

Initially, there appeared to be up to six 11-16 year olds involved, but by the third time that the police were called to the scene there was thought to be up to 20 youngsters. There are reports that the police arrested three of them.

At this stage, it is clearly impossible to know whether today's blaze had any connection with yesterday's incidents as investigations have not yet been concluded as to the cause of the blaze.

The building is now unsafe and has been cordoned off by the emergency services, and a security firm will be checking on the site during the night. Contractors will be on site tomorrow fencing it off and experts will be called in to assess the state of the building.

The Council would request everyone to stay away from the building and is also asking anyone who saw anything to call the police and the fire brigade if they have information that may help them with their investigations.

The above statement was issued by Suffolk Coastal on Sunday 25 September.

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No decision yet on demolition of Herman De Stern



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A decision on whether or when to demolish the fire-ravaged Herman De Stern building in Felixstowe may have to be delayed as the building is not yet safe for a detailed inspection.

Emergency staff were still on site today (Monday) dampening down the smouldering building that was described as being badly damaged by the Suffolk Fire Service.

“Our contractors were on site this morning putting up protective fencing around the whole of the site as clearly safety is the first priority at the moment,” said Cllr Ray Herring, Leader of the Council.

“This appears to be a sad end for what was the prominent building on the South Seafront as it seems very likely that the building will need to be demolished. However, that final decision cannot be made until the experts say it is safe to carry out a detailed inspection.

“If the expert view is that the building should be demolished then we want to get on site as soon as possible to clear up the site for health and safety reasons, removing something which is both potentially dangerous and sadly now going to be an ugly eyesore,” added Cllr Herring.

Fire crews from across the county were called out yesterday to deal with the blaze at the Council-owned building that was originally built in 1902 as a convalescent nursing home for the London City Hospital Board following a donation by Herman De Stern. It was subsequently bought by Suffolk Coastal in 1979 from the Government, who no longer needed it as a nursing home, so that an overall scheme for the development of the site could be prepared.

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Conditional okay recommended for Parham Wind Farm



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27 Sep 2005

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Councillors are being recommended by Suffolk Coastal's planners to approve the application by PAWF Ltd to construct six 100 metre high wind turbines at the former Parham Airfield.

There has been over two years of lengthy public debates on this issue and next week's Committee has a 44 page summary of all the responses, as part of a 89 page report, gained during the consultation period on the proposals.

"This is a very detailed and significant application with a great deal of supporting evidence which is why we have taken so much care to ensure that everyone could have their say prior to the meeting and thanks to everyone who has taken part. I can assure them that their views will be properly considered next week," said Cllr Ivan Jowers, Chairman of the Development Control Committee.

"I would offer the reminder that planning applications cannot be judged on public opinion alone. As councillors we have a legal duty to take account of all the presented evidence and, even more importantly, how the application relates to national and local planning policies.

"It is now up to all the members of the Committee to come to a conclusion on strictly planning grounds on what is the right decision on this application. As always, whatever we decide will disappoint one side or the other, but we must take care to ensure that it is the correct decision which can legally be fully justified," added Cllr Jowers.

The Development Control Committee is meeting at 10am at The Riverside Centre in Stratford St Andrew on Wednesday, October 5 and is due to determine the planning application for the proposed wind farm.

The application site is on part of a 310 hectare farm in the parishes of Parham, Great Glemham and Marlesford and the application seeks permission to site the six turbines for 25 years. The applicants say that the wind farm would generate enough energy to meet the average needs of 4,047 homes, without producing the emissions that are blamed for global warming.

The Council encouraged the debate by setting aside a special section on its website, as well as having an exhibition in its reception. So far over 600 comments have been received from members of the public, with views split evenly between those for and against, although with a strong majority against from those living locally.

The Development Control Committee visited the site of the application and its surrounding area earlier this month, and Swaffham's wind turbines in Norfolk.

"We have to judge each and every application on its merits, taking account of national and local planning policies so that we can be seen to be consistent, fair and legal. Philip Ridley and his planning team have done an excellent job with the consultation, using expert help to give us the best possible advice on the application, and in summarising the findings," added Cllr Jowers.

The report says that there is no dispute that the turbines would be prominent structures in the landscape seen from some distance as well as the surrounding villages, and that the significant level of local opposition is acknowledged and understood.

However, the evidence presented which has been thoroughly assessed and challenged (including engaging consultants) concludes that the provision of energy from renewable sources as set out in national planning policies carries considerable weight. 'At this site the proposal would not have such an adverse impact upon the qualities of the landscape (including historical landscape) nor would they seriously impair the amenities of nearby residents,' states the report.



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Experts visiting the Herman De Stern site



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Specialist contractors have been on site at the fire-ravaged Herman De Stern building in Felixstowe continuing to make it as safe as possible.

A loss-adjuster from the Council's insurers also visited the site, and will be reporting back to his company in a few days. A decision on the future of the building is still uncertain as no one can gain safe access to it.

"The whole site has been made secure, with fencing all around it, but I would stress that it remains a dangerous structure and so would urge everyone to both keep out and to let us or the police know if they see anyone attempting to climb in," said Cllr Ray Herring, Leader of the Council.

"As well as being structurally dangerous, some parts of the building contained asbestos boards that were disturbed by the fire. We have called in experts to give us all the advice we can get, but the presence of asbestos on the site is another important reason why the message of 'keep out' must be obeyed.

"Extra care and attention is being taken in respect to the safe demolition of the building and officers will continue to monitor the site to ensure public safety is maintained," added Cllr Herring.

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Animal Farm meets Farmers' Market



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The call has gone out to all readers in the district or members of a book group to get involved in next month's Big Read which is being organised locally with support from Suffolk Coastal's arts and heritage development officer.

This year's book chosen by the Suffolk Book League is George Orwell's Animal Farm and the highlight of October's activities is a Big Read / Big Draw Bonanza which is being held at Easton Farm Park on Saturday, October 22 to co-incide with the monthly farmers' market.

"Animal Farm is a good choice as Orwell always believed in never using a long word where short ones would do, and this particular novel has always managed to attract readers of all ages," said Cllr Maggy Wilson, Cabinet Member for Community Well-being.

"The event at Easton Farm Park should be a perfect one for all the family as there will be an artist and storyteller who will introduce people to the book. There is also the chance to try out drawing in a fun and relaxed environment.

"We support Big Read's aims of encouraging a reading community, and among their initiatives they will be distributing free books in some cafes and trains so people can pick them up, read them and pass them on. I hope as many people as possible will turn over a new leaf and get involved with Big Read who want to show how much fun can be gained from books," added Cllr Wilson.

The Big Read / Big Draw bonanza will include storyteller Nikki McDonagh and visual artist Jevan Watkin-Jones. The free sessions run between 10am and 4pm and entry to the park is free before 1pm, and is half-price between 1pm and 4pm.

Informal evening receptions for book groups are also being planned so they can discuss Animal Farm and Woodbridge library hopes to set up a reading and writing group for young people.

Any resident wanting to get involved, perhaps setting up a book group, can contact Rachel Nightingale on 01394 444294 or email rachel.nightingale@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk There is also more information about the Big Read on the Council's website <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourfreetime/bigread/>