

Revised local plan [Housing target increase]

The councils revised local plan has been approved by the independent government inspector with amendments, the council planning policy team are working on the implications of the changes once this work is completed a further public consultation exercise will be scheduled later this year.

With respect to the plan for small growth villages , there are no changes that affect the Stibbard ward with Stibbard and Ryburgh identified as potential small growth villages. Local Government Reorganisation.

A consortium of district councils together with NNDC have submitted a proposal for three unitary authorities to replace the existing 5 plus Norwich CC, as the preferred local government organisation to meet the governments unitary authority strategy.

A decision on the various proposals will be made early next year.

Digital switch over .

A national telecare campaign has been launched with the objective of keeping people safe and supported during the switch over, parish councils are reminded to assist residents that have a telecare provision to identify their requirements to their telecare provider .

The campaign includes a toolkit to assist local authorities and voluntary and community organisations to share the message locally and support residents during the switch over, the campaign runs to 31st August for further information or assistance email digital.voice.comms@bt.com.

Future Norfolk Posters

I have forwarded separately posters to encourage residents to participate in expressing their views on how the future of Norfolk should be developed , this is your opportunity to have your say !

Housing Shortage .

I attended an excellent presentation given by the housing team at NNDC , I was very impressed by the range of issues that the various department covered and the helpful inclusive way that officers tried to handle some delicate situations, it will take me some time to get my head around the issues raised in the presentation , and to understand what more that parish councils can do to assist with this difficult problem.

In the meantime, one way that you can help is in identifying any empty houses in your village that have been empty or derelict for more than 6 months .

NNDC have a dedicated officer that can help with this process , he has an excellent track record of bringing such houses back into the housing stock, please use me as the original point of contact and I will make contact the officer on your behalf.

Kind Regards,

Cllr Mike Hankins.

Stibbard Ward

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