

August 2017 report for the Thredling Division from Cllr Matthew Hicks

Suffolk County Council calls on EDF Energy to think again about accommodation campus

SCC has published a report that highlights possible alternative locations for providing accommodation for 2,400 of the workers that would be needed for the construction of the proposed Sizewell C power station. As part of our joint response to EDF Energy's second stage of consultation earlier this year, SCC together with Suffolk Coastal District Council, raised concerns around its preferred location for an accommodation campus close to the small village of Eastbridge due to issues around its environmental impact. The Councils want EDF Energy to carry out a thorough review of potential alternative sites for the accommodation campus, to consider whether or not there are credible alternative sites in proximity to the development site, which may be considered to have less environmental impact, more legacy potential and/or better community integration. As a contribution to the review we have asked EDF Energy to work with consultant firm, Boyer and Cannon Consulting Engineers, looking at an independent study of potential alternative sites for the accommodation campus looking at locations adjacent to existing developments in Leiston and Saxmundham, together with other options further away from the two towns against a series of criteria. These included the need for an efficient location for construction workers, but also environmental impacts and legacy opportunities for the period once the power station is completed. The county council understands it will be EDF Energy's final decision to make. However, the council commissioned report demonstrates there are other locations for the development that could achieve better outcomes both for local communities and the environment and the council is calling on EDF Energy to carry out further examination of the suggested location for the campus, which could include these sites or others.

Suffolk County Council launches its new Strategic Priorities

On the 20th July Suffolk County Council adopted its new Strategic Priorities document. This outlines SCC's Priorities for the next four years building on the Conservative manifesto from the recent County Council elections, in addition to several carefully considered strategies already in place. At its heart are three core principles – inclusive growth, health care and wellbeing and efficient and effective public services. The Council will focus energy and resources on these priorities, now and throughout this administration. Sound financial management, careful planning, and a passion for finding new ways to deliver and protect frontline services are all fundamental to the approach. These priorities are deliverable because of the hard work and commitment of councillors and staff - working with partners, businesses, and residents to make Suffolk a healthier and more prosperous place to live and work. The document can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/council-and-democracy/our-aims-and-transformation-programmes/Suffolk-County-Council-Priorities.pdf>

Getting your Recycling Right

All recyclable waste collected from Suffolk households is taken to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Great Blakenham, where it is sorted and baled before being sent on for recycling. If the wrong items are delivered they must be removed, sometimes by hand. To ensure the correct items are put into their recycling bins, residents are being asked to remember the following points to combat contamination: Food waste, glass, electrical items, and batteries are just some of the common contaminants found. These items cannot go in your recycling bin at home but they can be recycled elsewhere. Textiles and clothes can no longer go in the recycling bin, either bagged or loose. Instead people are asked to donate their clothing to charity shops, or to take it to their nearest recycling banks. Some people are even putting used nappies in their recycling bins. These must always go in the rubbish bin. Anything smaller than 4cm, such as loose bottle tops or shredded paper, won't get recycled they fall through the sorting process. However, bottle tops can be recycled by simply washing and squashing plastic bottles and putting the tops back on. Aluminium foil should be rolled into a tennis ball size before being placed in the recycling bin. For further information, please visit www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk

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