

**BROADLAND GREEN PARTY**

**GREEN NEWS**

**THE PLUMSTEADS & THORPE END**



**Cllrs Jan Davis & Eleanor Laming with local Green Party member James Harvey**

**Autumn 2022**

## **Little Plumstead, Great Plumstead and Thorpe End**

There are widespread concerns at the scale of house and road building across Norfolk, especially in the Greater Norwich area encompassing Thorpe End, The Plumsteads, and major developments in Rackheath. Vital green spaces, woodland and agricultural land are being lost, forever.

We need affordable houses for people trying to get on the housing ladder. But new housing should be built on brownfield and old industrial sites, rather than destroying rare habitats and agricultural land we need for the UK's food security. Securing a reliable food supply and support for local farmers will be key to helping to combat the cost of living crisis.



**Thorpe Woods where housing is planned**

### **PRESERVING OUR GREEN SPACES**

Tragic biodiversity loss must be addressed. Conserving nature, reducing carbon emissions, enhancing our wellbeing are supposed to be key government objectives, we are told, and yet the current planning system works against us.



**James Harvey making his views clear**

Even the schemes implemented to mitigate the impact of new roads and houses are not properly maintained. Many trees planted along the route of the Northern Distributor Road (NDR), now the Broadland Northway, have been lost due to poor aftercare.

Working with parish councils, Broadland tree wardens, landowners and through the planning system we are working hard to preserve existing sites and identify locations where biodiversity can be supported.

At a by-election in Brundall Ward last year residents voted in the first Green Party councillors in Broadland. Since then Green Party Councillors, Eleanor Laming and Jan Davis, have been working hard, asking questions and exploring solutions. If you have concerns you can raise them through your local councillors.

**THE GREEN PARTY WORKING HARD FOR YOU**

# SUPPORT FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES

## Planning system needs an overhaul

Local people make their views known but lack power to change the system.

Communities across the land are concerned about similar issues, namely loss of green space and biodiversity, reduction in numbers of affordable houses at late stages of the planning process.

These are the developments that suit the house builders, not those who live in the area, and certainly not the wildlife whose habitats are lost.

Cllr Eleanor Laming  
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With increased housing there is anxiety and concern over the availability of essential services: doctors, NHS appointments, school places, care for the elderly, and the list goes on.

Overdevelopment means not only a loss of green spaces but further damage to nature. Algal blooms due to nutrient overload impacts our fisheries and water ecology. We have actively engaged and commented in the press on a recent initiative to put a temporary stop on further development until workable solutions can be found.

Members of your local Green Party Team in the Walled Garden, Little Plumstead



## Working with parish councils

Andrew Cawdron, parish councillor of many years, comments: "We need a mindset that enables us to thrive, a social foundation offering dignity, opportunity and community for the sake of our children and future populations. I support the Green Party in its protection of the environment".



Andrew Cawdron working for the community

## LOCAL PROBLEM? WHERE TO FIND HELP

BINS & RECYCLING	01603 430534
POTHoles, PAVEMENTS & ROADS	0344 800 8020
HOUSING BENEFIT	01603 430602
PLANNING PERMISSION	01603 430509
CITIZENS ADVICE	0800 144 8848
ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR 101 OR	01603 430488
DOG FOULING	01603 430534

Issues can be reported via the council website: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/>

Alternatively, you can contact the council directly using the numbers above, or phone General Enquiries: **01603 431133** You can also email: Broadland District Council: [reception@broadland.gov.uk](mailto:reception@broadland.gov.uk)

To report highways issues: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>

## HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

**WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

The Broadland Green Party team can be even more effective working on local issues with your help. Could you:

- Let us know which issues matter to you
- Help deliver newsletters to a street near you?

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