

BROADLAND GREEN PARTY

GREEN NEWS

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM



**Local Green Party supporters at
Lingwood Village Hall**

Autumn 2022

Lingwood, Burlingham Green, North and South Burlingham Connecting Communities

The planned dualling of the A47 through our parish demonstrates how local concerns are not being taken into account by central government and their agencies. National Highways (formerly Highways England) have clearly not listened to our views on the need for a safe crossing of the planned dualled section at Burlingham Woods.



A safe crossing of the A47?

Lobbying by the parish council, concerned individuals and a petition of over 1,000 signatures for a footbridge or underpass for the public footpath from Lingwood Community Wood to North Burlingham fell on the deaf ears of National Highways.

Broadland Green Party has worked hard to raise this issue by giving evidence at the Examination into the proposed dualling. Green Party councillor for Brundall Ward, Cllr Jan Davis, strongly argued on BBC Radio Norfolk for the inclusion of a safe crossing by foot and cycle. It would encourage active travel and provide a wildlife corridor across this busy road.

Too Many Large Housing Developments

There are widespread concerns at the scale of house and road building across Broadland. It adversely impacts the character of our local villages. 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 former 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 help combat the cost of living crisis.



Too much housing?

At a by-election in Brundall Ward last year residents voted in the first Green Party councillors in Broadland. Councillors Eleanor Laming and Jan Davis have been working hard, listening carefully, voicing residents' concerns, and offering workable solutions.

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
EDP 25/04/2022

With increased housing there is anxiety and concern over the availability of essential services: doctors, dentists, NHS hospital appointments, school places, care for the elderly, and the list goes on. Greens will continue to call for a plan and funding to provide these essential services.

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.

A healthy economy needs a healthy environment

There has been widespread concern and anger at government plans to remove protections for our environment. Opposition has come from many sources ranging from the RSPB and National Trust through to Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Friends of the Earth, and the Bishop of Norwich. Broadland Greens have written to local Conservative councillors asking them not to support the government in the removal of legal protections.

Think Global, Act Local - Lingwood Recycles!

Tina Johnson was District Council Environmental Champion of the Year in 2020 for establishing a village Terracycle scheme - recycling items that wouldn't normally be recycled and raising funds for our local community. Tina is supported by another volunteer, Mike Ingram, who does much of the sorting and packing. Tina also promotes a "Plastic Free Lingwood".

The public drop-off point for Terracycle is Lingwood Village Hall.

For information on what can be recycled see:

[Lingwood Recycles! \(Terracycle\) Facebook page](#)



Local volunteers Tina Johnson & Mike Ingram promote Terracycle

Contact Broadland District Council on council-related problems or issues via the council website:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/>

Alternatively, phone General Enquiries: **01603 431133** OR email: reception@broadland.gov.uk

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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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