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Welcome to my monthly newsletter

News Just In

East Suffolk Council acknowledges today's decision by the Secretary of State for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to grant a Development Consent Order for Sizewell C new nuclear power station promoted by EDF Energy at Sizewell, Suffolk. The project will provide up to 3.2 GW of low carbon energy once constructed helping achieve the Government's Net Zero target. This decision which was previously expected in May was delayed to allow further information to be provided by the applicant and interested parties in response to additional post examination consultations.

East Suffolk Council will be reviewing the Examining Authority's report, Secretary of State's decision letter and Development Consent Order over the coming days and weeks. These are lengthy documents which contain a significant amount of detailed information regarding the decisions made and the reasoning behind them which will be important to understand.

The project will soon move into a new phase following the decision, with a focus on delivery and discharging the requirements. East Suffolk Council recognises the challenges this will bring as a result of the scale of construction works associated with the development, the provision of the required mitigation and compensation measures in a timely manner will therefore be vital.

"East Suffolk Council looks forward to continuing working with the applicant, key stakeholders and the local community to ensure that appropriate mitigation is in place to help lessen the impacts of the project during the construction phase."

East Suffolk Council elects new Chairman for 2022/23



The Council has elected its new Chairman for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Jenny Ceresa, who represents the Carlton Colville ward, was appointed to the role at the annual meeting of the Full Council.

Cllr Ceresa takes over from Oulton Broad councillor, Keith Robinson, who was elected in September 2020 and chaired the council during the Covid-19 pandemic.

She was voted in as councillor for Carlton Colville in 2015 and has since served as a member of the planning committee and scrutiny committee. She was also elected to Suffolk County Council, for Lowestoft South, in 2017, and chairs the county council Development and Regulation Committee. I am sure she will be an excellent role model .

First light weekend caps incredible summer for Lowestoft

With the return of First Light Festival and several major projects approaching completion, Lowestoft is enjoying incredible summer, and East Suffolk Council is playing a leading role. Tens of thousands of people attended the two-day First Light Festival, organised by First Light CIC and held on Lowestoft's award-winning South Beach.

East Suffolk Council supported the 24-hour event with £200,000 of funding agreed last September. The funding helped ensure that an exciting programme of arts activities, including music, dance, theatre and performance, was available for everyone to enjoy.

Wayne Hemingway, one of the founders of the festival and a champion for the reimagining of Lowestoft said: "It is a credit to East Suffolk Council that they have shown the confidence and imagination to enable the festival, helping us to deliver something this special and on this scale."

The weekend also saw the opening of the refurbished East Point Pavilion as a contemporary food and entertainment venue, owned by East Suffolk Council and operated by First Light. The beach also has a new boardwalk, enabling people with disabilities to access the South Beach more easily, thanks to a scheme led by the Waveney Disability Forum, working closely with East Suffolk Council.

Additionally, 72 contemporary beach huts, known as Eastern Edge, are approaching completion on the seafront.

Distinctive benches unveiled at Langer Park



Visitors to Felixstowe's Langer Park are now able to enjoy the use of two newly unveiled and uniquely designed benches, installed as part of a series of improvements commissioned by East Suffolk Council.

Each was handmade by furniture designer and maker Tim Germain, using oak felled locally on a needs-must basis at an area of mature woodland, called The Grove, by Greenways Countryside Project volunteers.

The unveiling is just the latest element of a wider project to improve the park by creating a welcoming, green space that can be used by residents and visitors to relax, exercise, catch up with family and friends, or admire the local wildlife.

Deben clean up continues

As I travel around my ward I try and take note of needed improvements

I sent the road sweepers into Eyke to clean up the pavements :



And I flagged up the broken sign in Hollesley



Residents invited to have say on new planning document

East Suffolk residents are invited to have their say on a new planning document covering small-scale residential development in the countryside.

A consultation on the draft Housing in Clusters and Small-Scale Residential Development in the Countryside Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which provides guidance on the development of small-scale housing of up to five dwellings, has been launched .

The draft SPD covers a range of topics including an outline of the necessary characteristics for sites to be appropriate for development, considerations on the potential impact on character of the area, the requirements for public engagement and how these policies relate to other policies in the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan and the Waveney Local Plan.

All comments received by 5pm on 5 August will be considered and taken into account when finalising the Housing in Clusters and Small-Scale Residential Development in the Countryside SPD, which will be adopted later in 2022. Once adopted, the SPD will be a material consideration in determining planning applications.

You can view and comment on this consultation at eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning-policy-consultations.

Community Safety Ambassador events well received by participants



Dozens of people benefitted from attending two Community Safety Ambassador events staged by this Council.

The events brought together professionals from a range of organisations to share knowledge with people who regularly work to address the needs of older residents.

A total of 44 people left feedback following the events, with everyone agreeing that the content was practical to their needs and interests; that the training will be useful to share in their communities, and that the events increased their knowledge of everyday safety issues. The awareness raising events were a chance for individual volunteers and organisations to pick up free advice on numerous topics, from home security and personal safety, to preventing the risk of falls around the home.

Both Community Safety Ambassadors events were organised by East Suffolk Council and funded by an underspend in councillors' collective Enabling Communities Budgets for 2021/22.

The events took place at the Hotel Victoria, in Lowestoft, and the Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, in Kesgrave.

In attendance were representatives of Suffolk Constabulary, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, Suffolk's Warm Homes Healthy People project, Suffolk Trading Standards, the Cassius digital care technology team and East Suffolk Council's antisocial behaviour lead.

And finally our annual report summary can be found on youtube here :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cbEMRkBzrow>

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