

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT - JUNE 2026

LATEST NEWS FROM COUNTY HALL

The Government confirmed last year that the existing two tier (County and District) local government system for over 50 years would be abolished and replaced with a 3 single “Unitary Councils” by April 2028. The new areas are Greater Norwich, Eastern Norfolk and Western Norfolk. Exact titles for the new councils have yet to be confirmed.

Following the inaugural meeting of the County Council, Reform UK (as the single largest party albeit without an overall majority) took control thanks to support from Restore also known as Great Yarmouth First enabling them to secure a narrow majority.

Reform UK supported by South Norfolk DC have launched an immediate legal challenge against the proposed Government reforms via a review process in the courts which could take several years to decide by which time the Government could be facing electoral defeat before a decision is reached.

The Reform administration have announced the following policy changes to date:-

- Ordering council officers to stop work on local government re-organisation immediately
- Abolished political research assistants for the 3 main parties
- Axed net zero commitments and announced an investigation into climate spending
- Abolishing the display of any flags other than the Union Jack and Cross of St George, removing the Ukraine flag from County Hall.

BRIDGE ROAD WORKS

Road works on Bridge Rd near the junction with Warren Ave due to a burst water main repair by Anglian Water from 2-8 June with possible restriction until 22 June.

DE NERFORD and CLEY ROAD PARKING

NCC Highways are intending to create new parking restrictions to avoid congestion in this location popular with motorists who prefer to avoid parking charges visiting the town.

LATEST ON THE PROPOSED SCHOOL

With the support of Steffan Aquarone MP the Lib Dems are seeking a review as a matter of urgency to persuade the new administration to set a date for the school to start. The fact that housing has been built ahead of the school is scandalous.

SUPERMARKET UPDATE

NNDC planning authority have been advised by barristers to deal with the two applications from Lidl and Aldi at the same Committee on 16 July. Retail analysts, Nexus, have as expected recommended that there is capacity for only one new supermarket in Holt.

CALL FOR SITES

On 1 June NNDC have launched an appeal to local landowners for small building sites as part of a review of housing numbers in our new Local Plan. The appeal closes on 13 July. Details can be provided by email to planning@north-norfolk.gov.uk.

NCC COMMITTEE ALLOCATION

I have been appointed to the Planning and Infrastructure Committee which deals with County wide strategic planning decisions across the County.

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