

TJ sends her apologies. May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and our best wishes for 2017. Our thanks go to all of the Community for making this town the wonderful place it is to live, visit & work in. Special thanks to our Town Clerk, Lori and the cllrs.

Wild Bird Surveillance 2016

The Chief Veterinary Officer has declared a Prevention Zone to help protect poultry from a strain of Avian Flu in Europe.

This now requires keepers of poultry and other captive birds across England to keep their birds indoors, or take appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds. Information on the new measures can be found here.

Poultry keepers are advised to be vigilant for any signs of disease in their birds and any wild birds, and seek prompt advice from their vet if they have any concerns. Bio-security advice can be found here.

Trading Standards Service is responsible for the enforcement of the provisions relating to animal disease control and are working with DEFRA to publicise this precautionary measure and encourage keepers to comply with the Prevention Zone measures.

The following guidance is also available:

- How to spot avian influenza (bird flu), what to do if you suspect it, measures to prevent it, and the Prevention Zone – <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>
- Biosecurity and preventing disease in captive birds within a Prevention Zone - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#biosecurity>
- Clinical signs that poultry keepers should look - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#about-avian-influenza>

Suffolk Trading Standards are providing up-to-date advice and information on their social media accounts (Twitter and Facebook), as well as via their weekly email alert. If you would like to receive this email, please complete the following form.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact TradingStandards@suffolk.gov.uk telephone via SCC

Suffolk Coastal Christmas bin collections

Christmas bin hangers will soon be distributed to all households, providing Suffolk Coastal residents with details about bin collections during Christmas and New Year, together with a calendar advising when to put out which bins during 2017.

During the week commencing Monday 26 December, collections will be made one day later than normal. Residents are asked to always ensure that the appropriate bin is out for collection by 6am.

Normal day of collection	Collections will now be made on
Monday 26 December	Tuesday 27 December
Tuesday 27 December	Wednesday 28 December
Wednesday 28 December	Thursday 29 December
Thursday 29 December	Friday 30 December
Friday 30 December	Saturday 31 December

From Monday, 2 January 2017 all normal collection days will resume.

Food trail will tempt visitors to east Suffolk

A new 'food tourism' trail will celebrate local food businesses and encourage visitors to explore undiscovered parts of east Suffolk.

The 'East Suffolk Food and Drink Trail' will be developed by Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils, supported by a Defra 'Championing Food Tourism' grant. Funding of £22,000 will help develop the trail, highlight key food-related destinations and encourage more visitors to the local area.

Environment Secretary Andrea Leadsom said:

"From independent butchers, bakers and farm shops to neighbourhood pubs, cafés and fine dining restaurants, east Suffolk already attracts thousands of visitors each year.

I want food to be at the heart of our tourism trade which is why projects like the East Suffolk Food and Drink Trail are so important in encouraging people to explore new areas, while also bringing a welcome boost to the local economy."

We are extremely fortunate to have a wealth of independent food and drink producers in east Suffolk and we know that food tourism is a major draw to visitors. We are confident that the trails will encourage visitors to explore different parts of east Suffolk as well as showcasing these businesses to local people, highlighting the excellent produce available on our doorsteps.

Cllr Geoff Holdcroft, Suffolk Coastal's cabinet member for Resources and Tourism said:

"We have a diverse range of shops, producers, cafés and restaurants along the coast and in our thriving market towns. Promoting artisan food producers and unique places to eat will attract visitors to east Suffolk throughout the year."

A series of interactive food trails will be available online, allowing visitors to explore the area and plan their visit before they arrive. As well as raising the profile of local food outlets and producers, the online trails will also link with other tourism trails, festivals and markets.

The grant forms part of a wider Defra campaign to celebrate the UK's world class food industry and culture, drive growth and jobs in the sector, boost exports and establish Britain's reputation as a great food nation.

Out of the 65 national projects which applied for the funding, the Councils were amongst just 10 successful applicants. Businesses will be able to register for the trails for free and further details about how to sign up will be available early next year.

Communities react to Sizewell C development stage 2 consultation

From a community leaders summit held yesterday, a clear message has emerged for EDF Energy – there is still much work to be done before Suffolk gets the deal it deserves.

Almost 80 town and parish council representatives and members of the Joint Local Authority Group (JLAG) were in agreement that although plans have moved on, not nearly enough progress has been made since EDF Energy's first stage of consultation closed almost four years ago.

The key areas raised by the community as part of the event were:

- Accommodation – concerns were voiced relating to having a single accommodation campus in the suggested location due to a lack of infrastructure supporting the local area. The transport needed to move workers around would overload the local roads
- Community – some were not satisfied that EDF fully understands the communities of East Suffolk. For example, there are already significant pressures on local facilities including health services and leisure facilities and it will be important to see further investment to make sure that services are there for generations to come.
- Construction – delegates raised concerns around EDF's proposals to have spoil heaps 35 metres high (equivalent to a 10 storey building). The potential for visual, noise and dust impacts for those living and visiting the area is likely to be significant and there is not yet clear what the mitigation for this will be. Delegates also said there is still no clear indication how much material will be brought in via the different methods – road, sea and rail. EDF needs to make this clearer so communities can understand the impact on roads in the area.
- Economy and skills – it will be important that there is the necessary transport options in place to enable local young people to attend post 16 education centres to gain the skills needed to benefit from the employment opportunities that Sizewell C would offer. Delegates were also keen that EDF committed to not simply 'bussing' in workers from elsewhere in the country, bypassing the local workforce

- Transport – there remains strong support for SEGway (4 Village Bypass), including from both councils.
- Environment – the consultation highlights an increased height of platform from 6.3 metres to 7.3 metres. This has the potential to have significant impact on coastal processes

Suffolk County Councillor Guy McGregor, Chair of Sizewell C Joint Local Authorities Group (JLAG) said:

“Events such as these are extremely important to ensure that we can understand and represent the views of local communities in the very best way possible. The resounding view in the room was that much more detailed information is still required from EDF Energy to enable local communities and us as local authorities to effectively respond to the proposed development. “As a Joint Local Authority Group, we are working hard for Suffolk people. However, it is important that as many people as possible provide their views to EDF Energy. I would urge all local communities to submit views ahead of the Friday 3 February 2017 deadline.”

As part of stage one of EDF Energy’s consultation, JLAG set out the key areas that Suffolk people had said were the key elements of the project that EDF Energy needed to address. These were:

- Sizewell C to be managed as an environmental exemplar project
- The design of the facility to be fitting with the coastal location and the area of outstanding natural beauty that it would be located within
- The need for a four villages bypass on the A12
- The environmental and community impacts for Yoxford, Middleton and Theberton that would come with the predicted substantial increase in traffic on the B1122 must be fully addressed by EDF Energy.
- Effective mitigation to be made in relation to the impact of the construction phase
- A clear explanation is needed as to why a single campus is less damaging than alternatives
- Maximum education and employment benefits for local people
- An effective community impact strategy to be in place

Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Geoff Holdcroft, Vice Chairman of Sizewell C Joint Local Authorities Group (JLAG) said:

“The discussions yesterday have been extremely valuable and informative and has helped to reinforce views previously gathered. I would like to thank all those that took the time to attend. The views we have heard will inform the response that we send back to EDF Energy. “The construction and operation of this nuclear power station will bring a massive boost to the economy of east Suffolk, but we need to make sure we get it right for our local communities. I would encourage everyone to make sure they get actively involved in the consultation. Local people need to make sure they have their say, as this project will affect their lives for years to come.”

Suffolk Energy Gateway funding

Suffolk Coastal has welcomed the news in the government's Autumn Statement announcing £1m in business case development funding for the Suffolk Energy Gateway.

Cllr Geoff Holdcroft, Suffolk Coastal District Council's Deputy Leader and chairman of the Sizewell Task Group, welcomed the news, saying:

"We are extremely pleased to hear about the announcement of the funding to create a business case for the Suffolk Energy Gateway Scheme. This project has the potential to open up the entire east coast of Suffolk, increasing accessibility and boosting the all sections of the economy, bringing new growth, housing and helping our businesses. Obviously, this also has to be seen in the context of EDF Energy's proposal to build a two villages by-pass, which has the potential to significantly reduce our costs and make the whole project much more affordable. However, this is just the first step, we have a long way to go before we can deliver this scheme and Suffolk Coastal remains committed to continuing to work with our partners to develop this proposal and make a clear business case to show the great value for money this improvement to our local infrastructure will have across the east coast."

Suffolk County Cllr Guy McGregor "We welcome the news from government today that they have announced business case development funding for the Suffolk Energy Gateway. We put forward a request of £1million to take this project forward. The scheme is to a build the bypass for Farnham, Stratford, Glemham and Marlesford, and we can now push on with further scheme preparation immediately. We will now be formulating the case which furthers Suffolk County Council's, and my, commitment to the residents of those four villages."

Suffolk Coastal has completed its move into new office premises at Riduna Park in Melton.

The new purpose built offices provide a contemporary and comfortable place for our staff to work and allow for improved flexible working for both staff and members.

UK Power Networks – extra support in a powercut.

Please could you pass this information on, post the below on your websites/newsletters/notice boards and email to other groups etc.

Do you or someone you know need extra support during a power cut? Although power cuts don't happen very often when they do they can be worrying. UK Power Networks is the electricity network and it provides a 'Priority Services Register' for people who might need extra help in a power cut. Older people, families with very young children, and people with specific medical conditions are among the many people who are eligible to register for free support. You can find more details and register by visiting ukpowernetworks.co.uk/prioritysupport or calling 0800 169 9970.

Affordable Housing Consultation 10th December.

TJ attended the consultation at the Fairfield Centre on the 10th regarding Flagships plans for the police station site. All those that attended were asked for their feedback on the initial plans either via the forms or on line.

Planning events? Reminder -Temporary event notices

Temporary event notices (TENs) are a way of providing permission for small, occasional events at a premises or area (including outdoor places) where licensable activities are not normally allowed.

Licensable activities include one or more of the following:

- Retail sale and supply of alcohol (this includes alcohol supplied as part of an admission ticket, and pay bars at private functions).
- Provision of 'regulated entertainment' (which includes live and recorded music, dancing, indoor sporting events, the performance of plays, and the exhibition of films).
- Provision of hot food or hot drink between 11pm and 5am.

As a rule of thumb, if an event includes any of the above activities and is open to the general public, it is licensable. However, there are some exceptions, and we suggest that you contact us for advice if you are in any doubt about whether the proposed event needs a temporary event notice.

Common exceptions are garden fetes, bazaars, etc, which are generally exempt from requiring a licence for regulated entertainment - so long as the event is not held for private gain. Music that is incidental to a non licensable activity (e.g. a fashion show or keep fit class) is also exempted. There are also exemptions for regulated entertainment when it takes place as part of a religious service or at places of public religious worship (e.g. nativity plays during a service anywhere, choral works or a play in a church even where not part of a service).

There are no exemptions for the sale of alcohol, which will always require a licence.

Is there a fee?

The fee is £21 each time a temporary event notice is submitted to the Council.

What are the main rules?

There are very strict limits on temporary event notices:

- There must be no more than 499 people at a TEN event at any one time (this includes organisers, stewards, performers, etc, as well as audience and spectators).
- A premises can hold no more than 15 TEN events per calendar year.

- The maximum length a TEN event can last is 168 hours. However, the combined duration of TEN events at individual premises must not exceed 21 days per calendar year.
- Personal licence holders can submit up to 50 temporary event notices per calendar year.
- Anyone over the age of 18 who is not a personal licence holder can submit up to 5 temporary event notices per calendar year.
- Multiple temporary event notices can be submitted at the same time but each event requires a separate notice with a separate fee payable.

Is there a deadline for submitting a temporary event notice?

The Licensing Team, the Environmental Protection Team and the police must receive copies of the completed notice with at least 10 working days* notice of the proposed event. Because of the very tight time scales involved we would welcome the forms as early as possible to ensure the safe and effective running of the event.

'Late' TENs may be received no later than 5 working days, but no earlier than 9 working days before the event. The number of 'late' TENs that can be given in any one calendar year is limited to 10 for personal licence holders and 2 for non-personal licence holders (and these count towards the total number stated above).

* A 'working day' is defined as any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday. '10 working days' notice means 10 working days exclusive of the day on which the event is due to start and the day it is received by us.

How do I submit a temporary event notice?

- [Temporary Event Notice guidance information](#)
- <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Business/Licensing/Alcohol-and-Entertainment/TENs-Guidance-Notes.pdf>

The notice can be downloaded and printed, or you can request that one is posted or emailed to you.

- [Temporary Event Notice Application](#)
- http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/business/licensing/alcohol-and-entertainment/temporary-event-notices/?utm_content=buffer8b616&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

How will I know if the temporary event notice has been granted?

Providing the temporary event notice is approved, the Licensing Team will return an endorsed copy of the notice to you and a covering letter confirming that the event can go ahead.

Can anyone object to a temporary event notice?

Only the police or an environmental health officer may object to a proposed TEN event, if they have concerns that it could cause crime or disorder, and they must do so within 3 working days of receiving their copy of the notice. Should this happen, the person submitting the temporary event notice will be contacted with a view to

mediation to try and resolve any difficulties identified. If mediation is unsuccessful the notice will be placed before the Council's Licensing Sub-Committee for a decision.

There is no recourse to a hearing with respect to a 'late' TEN. The police or Environmental Health Officer's decision will be final.

If you are a local resident who has been affected by activities authorised through a temporary event notice you should refer to our [complaints procedure](#) for advice on what to do.

Merry Christmas

TJ & Maureen.