

Report to Holkham Parish Council 10th November 2025
from Peter, Your North Norfolk District Councillor

Fly Tipping

We are lucky to enjoy plenty of beautiful landscapes here in North Norfolk. Maintaining a space that residents and visitors can enjoy requires a collective responsibility to look after our environment, which includes ensuring waste is disposed of responsibly and safely.

When a fly-tip occurs, North Norfolk District Council will always investigate, and endeavour to take action against perpetrators. It is important to note that when a fly-tip occurs on private land, the Council cannot be responsible for its removal, as this responsibility lies with the landowner under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA 1990).

Under Section 59 of the Act, the Council has powers to require landowners to remove unlawfully deposited waste from their land, but the legislation does not permit the Council to clear or dispose of waste on private property at public expense.

A spokesperson for the Environmental Protection Team said:

“We understand that fly-tipping can be distressing and frustrating for landowners. The law prevents councils from clearing waste from private land.

However, our Environmental Protection Team will investigate all reports of fly-tipping, and where possible, take action against those responsible.

Do remember that there are things landowners can do to help facilitate that process to increase the chances of a successful outcome.”

The Council encourages landowners to:

- **Report fly-tipping** incidents immediately.
- Avoid disturbing the waste, as it may contain hazardous materials.
- Record details such as photographs, vehicle registration numbers, and dates/times to assist with investigations.
- Arrange safe removal of waste through a registered waste carrier — you can **check licences on the Environment Agency’s website**.

Fly-tipping on public land or highways should still be reported to North Norfolk District Council, who will arrange for removal where appropriate.

By working together, residents, businesses, and landowners can help keep North Norfolk clean, safe, and free from illegal dumping.

Find out more information on fly-tipping and waste responsibilities.

North Norfolk Housing Need

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North Norfolk District Council has seen a significant boost to its five-year housing land supply thanks to work undertaken in preparation for the district’s upcoming new Local Plan. This stronger position means the

Council is better placed to meet housing needs and manage development in a planned and sustainable way.

The Council's updated Five Year Housing Land Supply Statement confirms that North Norfolk can demonstrate a 7.3-year supply of housing land, measured against an annual housing requirement of 557 homes. This figure reflects the applicable standard method used in preparing the emerging Local Plan and includes housing site allocations identified in it.

The Government requires councils to identify sufficient land for new homes to help address local and national housing shortages. The Council's position shows it is meeting this challenge while ensuring development protects and enhances the local environment and meets the needs of local communities.

The new Local Plan will continue to address significant challenges for North Norfolk, including the delivery of affordable housing, meeting the needs of a growing and ageing population, and responding to the impacts of climate change.

Cllr Andrew Brown, portfolio holder for Planning and Enforcement, said:

“Thanks to the hard work of officers in the Planning Policy Team, and the advanced progress of our Local Plan, we are now able to demonstrate a 7.3-year supply of housing land based on an annual requirement of 557 homes. This is an important milestone. It gives the Council greater control over where

and how new homes are built, protects the district from speculative development, and provides a strong foundation for adopting the new Local Plan once it is found sound by the Inspector.

"Adoption of the Plan will be vital to maintaining this robust position, ensuring we continue to meet local housing needs in the right places while protecting North Norfolk's special character and environment."

Council to Convene meeting with digital network operators

North Norfolk District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed on Wednesday 15 October to convene a meeting with digital network operators and providers to work together to ensure modern, resilient and improved communications coverage. North Norfolk's strong and vibrant economy needs reliable digital coverage and connectivity. The district's residents need uninterrupted access to the vital services they rely on.

Councillor John Toye, portfolio holder for Sustainable Growth, said:

"I am delighted that we have an opportunity to progress this important issue by engaging with providers and installers to deliver the services our businesses and residents need, now and in the future. "There are so many vital applications and activities that rely on good connectivity - having rural defibrillators are not much use when you can't phone to get the access code." The Council is now working to convene a meeting in the New Year with a clear focus on the areas of greatest challenge and the outcomes desired.