

Two Councils - One Team

Town and Parish Council Forum

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Introduction from our Managing Director Trevor Holden

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COVID-19

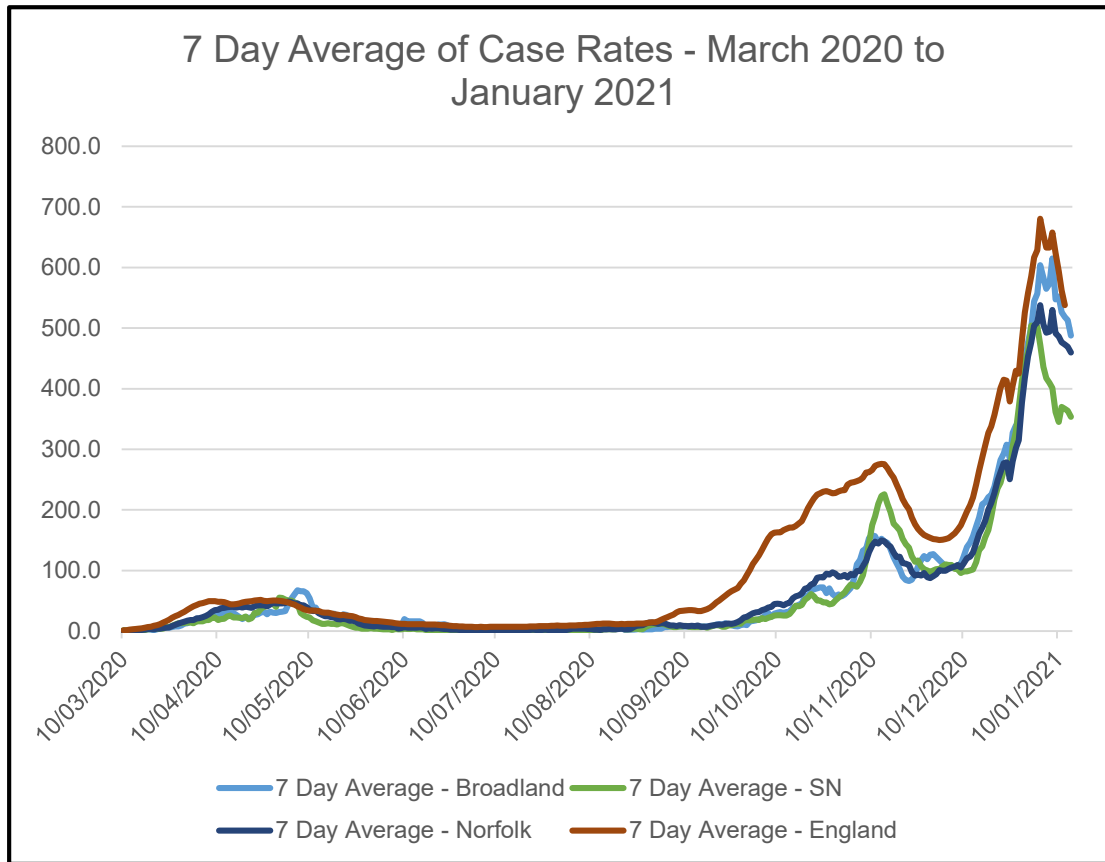
response and recovery

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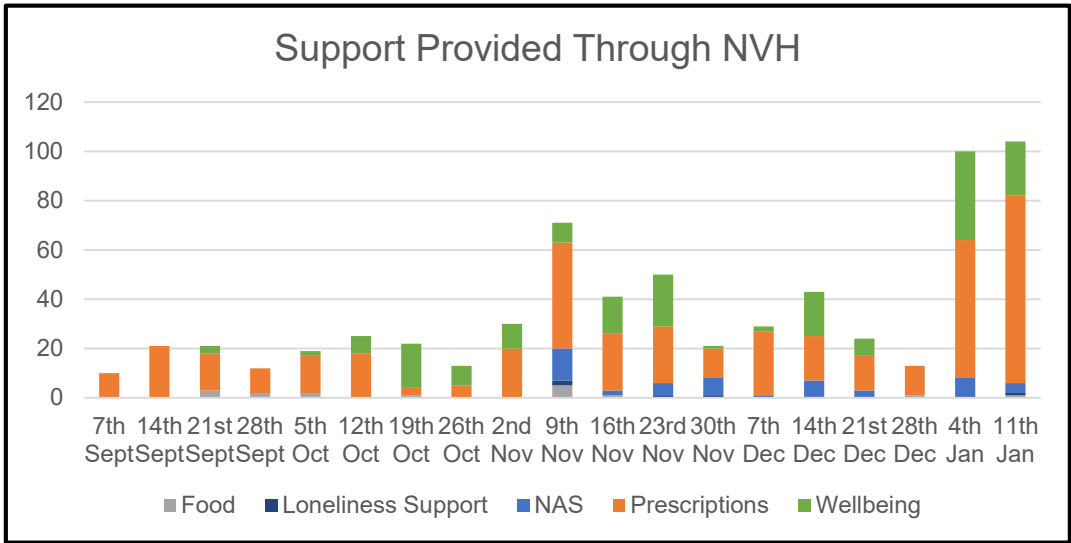
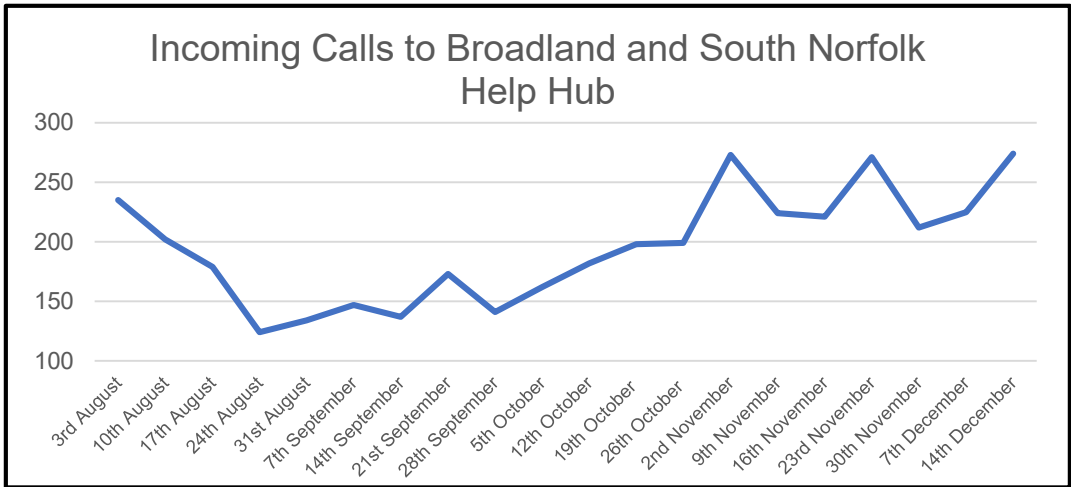
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Coronavirus Case Rates



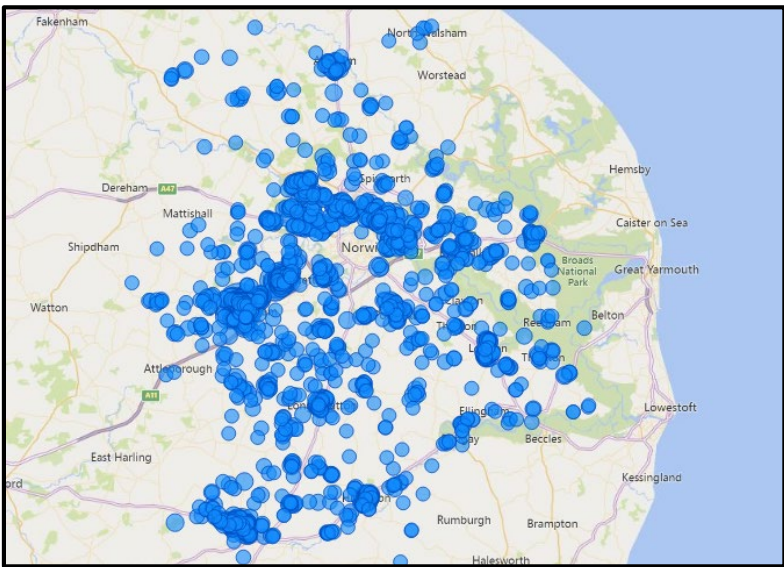
- On the graph, we can see case rates increased significantly before the November lockdown and during December. They are now starting to slowly decline
- Case rates have generally been lower in our areas than nationally, but trend in the same direction
- Whilst each lockdown appears to have been successful in reducing the spread, it has led to a number of residents requiring support

Service Demand

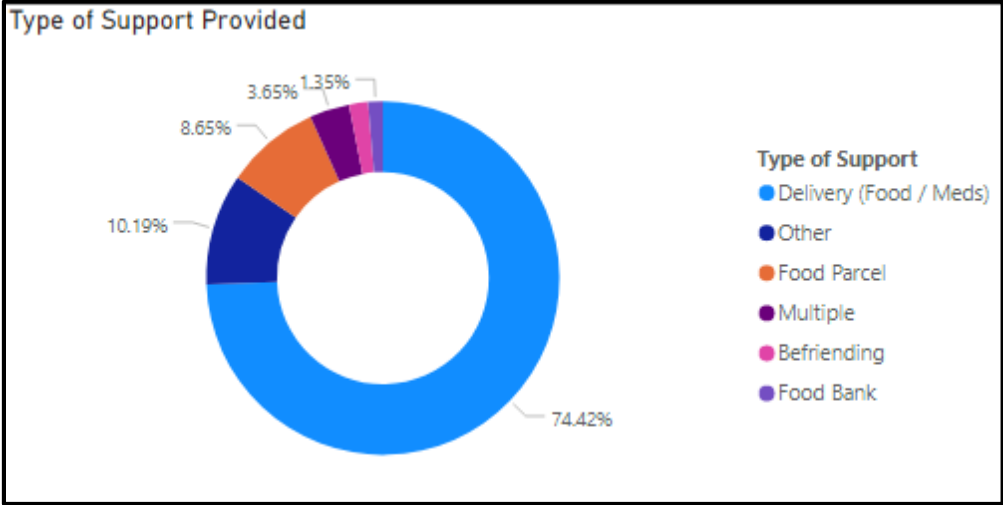


- Calls into the Help Hub have been increasing since August for community based support, such as for accessing food, prescriptions or wellbeing support. This was higher at the start of the pandemic
- Community support was still required over Christmas, albeit at a lower level
- We have seen a post-Christmas increase in demand. Most of this demand is for support collecting prescriptions, as we saw at the start of the second lockdown

Community Support



- Almost 70% of residents requiring support have been assisted by parish and town councils or local groups
- The vast majority of that support has been in assisting with deliveries of food or medication
- A majority of those requiring support have not contacted the Help Hub again, as many have continued to be supported in their local community
- Over 8,000 residents in South Norfolk and Broadland have been supported through the Help Hub. Much of this support has been provided by local volunteers



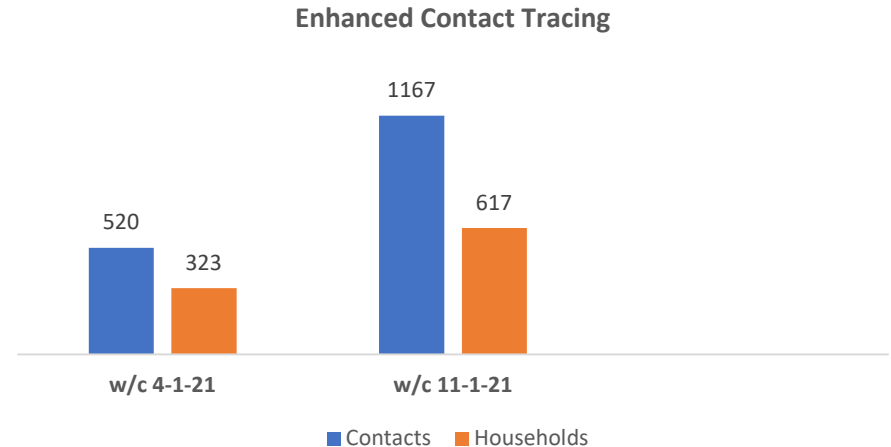
Local Interventions

- We have employed 21 Covid support advisors, to ensure businesses and residents follow covid restrictions and can advise on responsibilities
- These have been targeted through local intelligence and case rates in certain areas, meaning that they have been deployed where they have been needed the most. This is coordinated with the Police and other Council teams



Enhanced Test and Trace

- Went live on 7th January.
- In the first full week of operation (W/C 11-1-21) 1167 contacts were visited in 629 households.
- The rate of contacts referred from PH remains constant at between 190 and 260 a day.
- The service operates seven days a week.



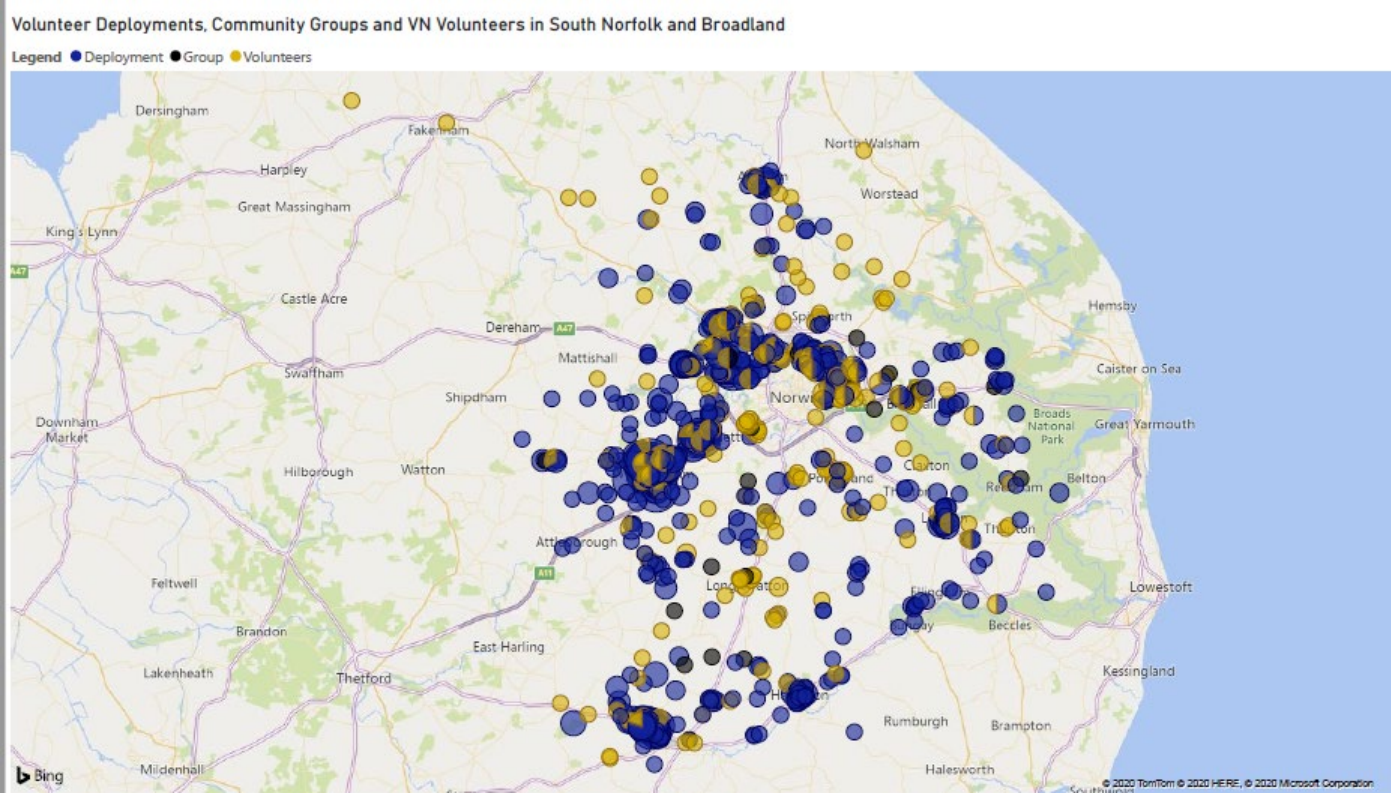
Other Support Available

- We can provide help to residents that need financial support to self-isolate when asked by Test and Trace, both for those on qualifying benefits or for those who could not otherwise afford to self isolate
- We have spent £27,500 from our Hardship Fund to support residents with short-term need that was not covered by any existing scheme
- The Norfolk Assistance Scheme is also available to Norfolk residents who have been adversely financially affected by the pandemic, providing support for everyday essentials or for help to pay bills during this period
- We also provide debt and welfare advice, to help residents plan budgets and work out their eligibility for benefits. We have supported 250 residents in South Norfolk and Broadland through this service in the last three months.

Working with Communities

- Working with mutual aid groups to respond to community need, MAGS now responsible for picking up the majority of low-level need across the districts
- Developed South Norfolk and Broadland Community Links, now a 43 group strong offer spanning across South Norfolk & Broadland representing 4000 volunteers
- SNAB group leads meet monthly to update and share intelligence, Police engagement and NCC also attend.
- Raising extra funds via Community Lottery

COVID-19



Working with NNUH

- Aim to free up immediate capacity for beds and resource to cope with the increased in cases due to COVID19. This capacity issue is immediate and likely to continue for around 26 weeks until pressure release through vaccinations kicks in.
- Focus is on those who are ready to be discharged and are medically optimised.
- Existing District Direct provision is a service finding housing solutions to enable discharge in the NNUH
- Working across five districts: South, Broadland, Norwich, Breckland and North
- Recruiting at present for 7 day a week service

Business Support

- We have provided direct financial support to local businesses via a number of Central Govt grant schemes
- 'Confidence Campaign' in market towns and retail centres to promote social distancing and ensure a clean, safe and secure shopping environment
- We have provided information, advice and support to businesses seeking clarity and interpretation of Covid legal requirements and guidance
- Licensing support to businesses looking to adapt their terms of operation in order to ensure compliance and continue trading
- Delivery of targeted activity in retail areas and market towns to identify and support businesses that may be struggling with compliance



Waste Update

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Waste behaviours have changed during the pandemic

- Spike in residual waste
- More awareness around food waste
- Reduced usage of textile banks
- Changes in waste composition

2019/20

Broadland recycling rate 49.6%

South Norfolk recycling rate 42.5%

Let's work on increasing the amount we recycle

- Getting recyclables out of the residual waste bin
- Using recycling banks (would you like to host a textile bank?)
- Use available materials on the Norfolk Recycles website
- Get in touch if you have any questions

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Infographics available on NorfolkRecycles.com



How is your recycling sorted?

Please check norfolkrecycles.com for a full list of items you can recycle.

Please make sure your recycling is clean so it doesn't contaminate other items during sorting.

Non-recyclable items like plastic bags are removed by hand

Glass falls through a screen and is crushed, ready to be recycled

Cardboard is separated and sent off to be baled

Cans and foil are removed by a magnet

Plastics are sorted based on their 3D shape - keep your lids on your bottles!

Paper and magazines are sorted and sent to be turned into newsprint





What does your recycling become?

Please check norfolkrecycles.com for a full list of items you can recycle.

Paper & Card
Cardboard goes on to become new boxes, whilst paper gets turned into newspapers, books or magazines.

Plastic
Plastic bottles could be turned into fleece jackets, t-shirts or insulation for sleeping bags (or new bottles).

Metal
Drinks cans can become new cans or parts for cars. Food tins could be new tins, bike frames or pipes.

Glass
Glass can be recycled repeatedly, so your jars could come back filled with your favourite products!



What can/cannot be recycled?

YES PLEASE



PAPER

- Newspapers
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Cardboard boxes
- Envelopes
- Directories
- Shredded paper
- Cartons

GLASS

- Bottles
- Jars
(including lids)

RIGID PLASTIC

- Bottles
- Pots
- Tubs
- Trays
- Sprays
- Punnets

METAL

- Steel cans
- Aluminium cans
- Clean foil
- Foil trays
- Aerosols

NO THANKS



- Plastic bags
- Nappies
- Cling film
- Tissues or kitchen roll
- Dirty or greasy paper
- Crisp packets
- Soft plastics
- Clothes & textiles

**MAKE SURE IT'S CLEAN,
DRY & DON'T BAG IT!**



Parish Precepts and the Taxbase

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The Parish Precept

- As independent democratically elected bodies, towns and parishes decide how much they want to spend. And consequently how much they want to collect in Council Tax from their residents (known as the precept).
- Unlike BDC / SNC and NCC there are no limits on how much parishes can collect.
However the precept must be a reflection and estimate of what is actually required by the parish.
- The role of BDC / SNC is to collect monies from taxpayers on behalf of the town and parishes and pay the precepts over to them.

Number of Towns and Parishes

| | BDC | SNC |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Number of Parishes | 63 | 118 |
| Smallest Parish | Beeston St Andrew Taxbase 16 | Holverston Taxbase 13 |
| Largest Parish | Sprowston Taxbase 5,764 | Wymondham Taxbase 5,879 |

Taxbase

The taxbase is a mathematical estimate **by parish** – it is not an exact science.

| | BDC | SNC |
|--|--------|--------|
| Number of properties on List | 59,254 | 63,545 |
| Less those properties that do not pay council tax or have been demolished | -960 | -1,107 |
| Less 'properties' that get discounts Eg single person discount | -4,665 | -5,354 |
| Less 'properties' that get Council Tax Support (has seen increase this yr) | -4,092 | -4,791 |
| Add allowance if pay CTax premium | 130 | 38 |
| Add estimated growth | 1,007 | 820 |
| Total Properties after discounts | 50,674 | 53,151 |

Band D Taxbase – part 2

| | BDC | SNC |
|---|--------|--------|
| Total Properties after discounts | 50,674 | 53,151 |
| Converted into the average number of band D properties ie - A Band A property pays 6/9 of what a Band D property pays - A Band H property pays twice what a Band D property pays. Etc | 47,105 | 50,739 |
| 1% Allowance as we are unlikely to be able to collect all the Tax due | -471 | -506 |
| MOD Properties | 26 | - |
| Council Taxbase | 46,660 | 50,233 |

The Effect of the Tax Base on the Parish Council Tax Charge

- Often there have been new properties build so tax base growth.
- This year, due to the pandemic, we are estimating less growth and more Council Tax Support so more chance of seeing a reduction in tax base.
- Effect will vary by parish, very small parishes can be effected by very small changes.

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| Parish Precept | £5,000 | £5,000 | £5,000 |
| Taxbase (properties) | 95 Properties demolished, more discounts, more CTS | 100 | 125 New properties, less discounts, less CTS |
| Council Tax Charge per Av Band D Property | £52.63 | £50 | £40 |

Questions

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Short break

Update on Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP)

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Update on Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP)

Recap:

- GNLP will be replacing the current Joint Core Strategy and plans for the housing and economic needs of the area until 2038
- When adopted will become part of the Development Plan alongside other approved documents such as Development Management Policies and Neighbourhood Plans
- Already carried out consultation on the sites put forward (Regulation 18) and comments received have been taken into account
- Two parts of the GNLP - Strategy element and the Sites Document

Next steps:

Recap:

- It has been agreed to publish the GNLP under regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012
- Enable representations to come forward that can be considered at the Examination stage
- Publication runs from **1 February to 15 March 2021**
- Not a consultation per se but allows stakeholders to submit representations in respect to whether the plan is:
 1. Legally and procedurally compliant
 2. Sound (positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy)
 3. In compliance with the Duty to Cooperate

Timetable (also known as the Local Development Scheme (LDS))

1 February to 15 March 2021 – Pre-submission
Publication of the Plan (Reg 19)

July 2021 – Submission to Secretary of State for
Independent Examination (Reg 22)

September 2022 – Adoption of the Plan

All documents and supporting documentation will be
published on the GNLP web site : www.gnlp.org.uk

Elections Update

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Planning for 6 May 2021 from **Broadland Offices**

- **Police and Crime Commissioner**
- **County Council Elections**
- **Parish by Elections**
- **Neighbourhood Planning referendum**

Parish by-elections

- **Hellesdon South East Ward – 2 vacancies**
- **Hellesdon North West Ward – 2 vacancies**
- **Taverham North Ward – 2 vacancies**
- **Old Costessey Ward – 1 vacancy**
- **Queens Hill Ward – 4 vacancies**
- **Wymondham and North Wymondham – 2 vacancies**

- **Campaign**
- **Polling Stations**
- **Webpage**
- **Verification and count**

Key Dates:

- **Notice of election – 29 March**
- **Nomination papers – 30 March to 8 April**
- **Deadline to register – 19 April**
- **Notice of poll – 27 April**
- **Polling Day – 6 May**
- **Count – 7 May**

**Final
questions/comments?**

Thank you

**Thank you for joining us
today**