

## **North Norfolk District Council Report** **4th July 2022 to Wells Town Council -**

### **Stearmans Yard Toilets**

- Ventilated ridge installed in preparation for roofing works
- Zinc roofing starting 4<sup>th</sup> July 22
- Carpenter on site 4<sup>th</sup> July
- Kings and Braham 2<sup>nd</sup> fix 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Plasterboard installation 4<sup>th</sup> July
- Kings and Braham test connections 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Hygienic cladding and flooring contractors pre-start meet 11<sup>th</sup> July

### **Council Tax Energy Rebate £150**

90% of grants have been paid. Remaining eligible households who have not made a claim by the 30<sup>th</sup> June cut off date will have their council tax account credited.

### **Natural England - Nutrient Neutrality**

A competitive tendering process was undertaken to deliver a mitigation strategy for the Broads and Wensum catchments, Royal Haskoning have been appointed to the role. The consultants provide regular updating notes which give commitment to completion of a short term strategy no later than February 2023. Royal Haskoning have been involved in the South West on similar problems.

### **New Affordable Homes**

Housing associations provided 160 new affordable homes in 2021/22 - 64 affordable rent and 96 shared ownership. Our development pipeline for 2022/23 is unfortunately a lot smaller. We anticipate 52 affordable homes during the current financial year.

The reduction is due to:

Being at the end of the current local plan with few sites left available to provide section 106 affordable homes.

A large site in Stalham which will provide 101 affordable homes including 61 extra care flats is delayed due to the impact of Nutrient Neutrality.

### **Grant Fund for Energy Efficiency Improvement Works**

NNDC as part of Norfolk Warm Homes Consortium of five Norfolk districts has been successful in a bid for 3.85 million of government grant to provide energy efficiency improvement works to home occupied by low-income household. The funding is part of the government's sustainable warmth programme.

Our new Energy Officer started with us in March and has been promoting the scheme. To date Norfolk Warm Homes has sent out 117 application forms to people likely to be eligible. So far 14 applications have been approved. For further information on grants:

<https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/news/2022/april/warm-homes-grant-available-after-successful/bid/>

### **Homes for Ukraine**

Seventy one accommodation checks and forty seven welfare checks have been under taken as of the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 22.

Based on the data from hosts we know that seventy five adults and fifty children have applied to come to North Norfolk. A significant number of these guests have arrived as the the process to grant visas has improved. A Akrainian/Russian speakingCommunity Development Officer has been appointed. Ukrainian Welcome meetings are held bi-weekly at NNDC.

### **Greenbuild**

The council's first live Greenbuild event for 3 years will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September in Fakenham Town Centre as a one day event. There will also be a number of virtual and satellite events in the week leading up to the main day. Announcements of speakers and organisations contributing to the event coming soon.