

Yare Valley Society Newsletter



The objects of the society are to protect the natural landscape and wildlife habitats of the Yare Valley south and west of Norwich, principally between Harford and Bowthorpe. We oppose any development that would detract from its natural qualities and support projects which would preserve the valley for the benefit of all.

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UEA playing fields proposals – next steps

The Norwich Rugby Club's plan to site a large car park; floodlit arenas; new road and large club house in the heart of the Yare Valley on the UEA playing fields, has had high profile press coverage recently. It has been condemned in forthright terms by noted local naturalist and columnist Mark Cocker; by the Chief Executive of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Brendan Joyce, and by distinguished UEA Alumni Sir Andrew Motion and Ian McEwan.

See The Guardian:

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/sep/07/uea-university-east-anglia-development-criticised-ian-mcewan-andrew-motion?CMP=share_btn_tw ,

and EDP 9th September and EDP Weekend 3rd September.

http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/environment/warning_over_threat_to_wildlife_from_carpark_and_sport_s_area_at_uea_in_norwich_1_4683144

The planning application will be determined by the Development Management Committee of South Norfolk Council at its meeting in the council offices in Long Stratton on October 12th.

What more can the Society and we, as individual members, do?

The Society

- has registered its objections, twice, with South Norfolk Council
- is seeking a meeting with council officers prior to the October 12th meeting
 - is planning to cooperate with other objectors, such as parish councils, in order to present a joint case at the October meeting.

Individual members - *you still have a part to play!* For example:

- Write to the UEA Vice Chancellor, stressing the damage being done to the University's environmental reputation
- Contact South Norfolk Council* if you have not already done so, quoting ref. no. 2016/0233. (Thank you to the many members who have already done this).
- Use social media to alert other sympathisers
- Attend the meeting in Long Stratton on 12 October

ACT NOW TO SAVE AN IRREPLACEABLE LANDSCAPE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

*to make your comments on the scheme please use the attached link.

<https://info.south-norfolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=O1O9ZCOQM3W00>

Alternatively, comments by post should be sent to Tracey Lincoln, Senior Planning Officer, South Norfolk Council, Cygnet Court, Long Stratton, Norwich. NR15 2XE, quoting ref. no. 2016/0233.