



# THE YARE VALLEY SOCIETY

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### NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

Let us hope that 1991 will be a year in which our beautiful river valley retains its tranquility and developments which occur only enhance the pleasure of those who visit, live in or care for it.

### OPEN MEETING OF THE NORFOLK SOCIETY

*A date for your diary...*

Ian Hart, the Director of the National Rivers Authority, will be addressing an open meeting of the Norfolk Society on Wednesday 20th February in the Edwards Room at Country Hall, Martineau Lane.

We know that water quality is an issue which many of you are concerned about, so I would be grateful for a short report of the meeting, to publish in the next newsletter from anyone who attends!

### CONSERVATION WORK IN THE VALLEY

Members are invited to help Bob Cronk of the Norwich Fringe Project with some tree planting in the valley. It should take just the morning.

The chosen date is the 10th March and those interested should meet Bob at the car park at the beginning of the Yare Valley Walk, near Cringleford Bridge, at 10.30am.

Many people have been concerned with the amount of debris in the river near Cringleford Mill so Bob Cronk suggests that we also all take a look at the river at this point and make an assessment of the problem then.

### AGM - ADVANCE NOTICE

The AGM of the Society will be held in March and we welcome new volunteers. The only qualification you need to have is a love of the valley and a care that its beautiful landscape should be preserved.

If you can spare a little of your time for about 10 meetings or so a year please consider volunteering to be on the committee. Details of the arrangements for the AGM will be in the next Newsletter.

## NO WINNERS IN UEA PLANNING DECISION \*

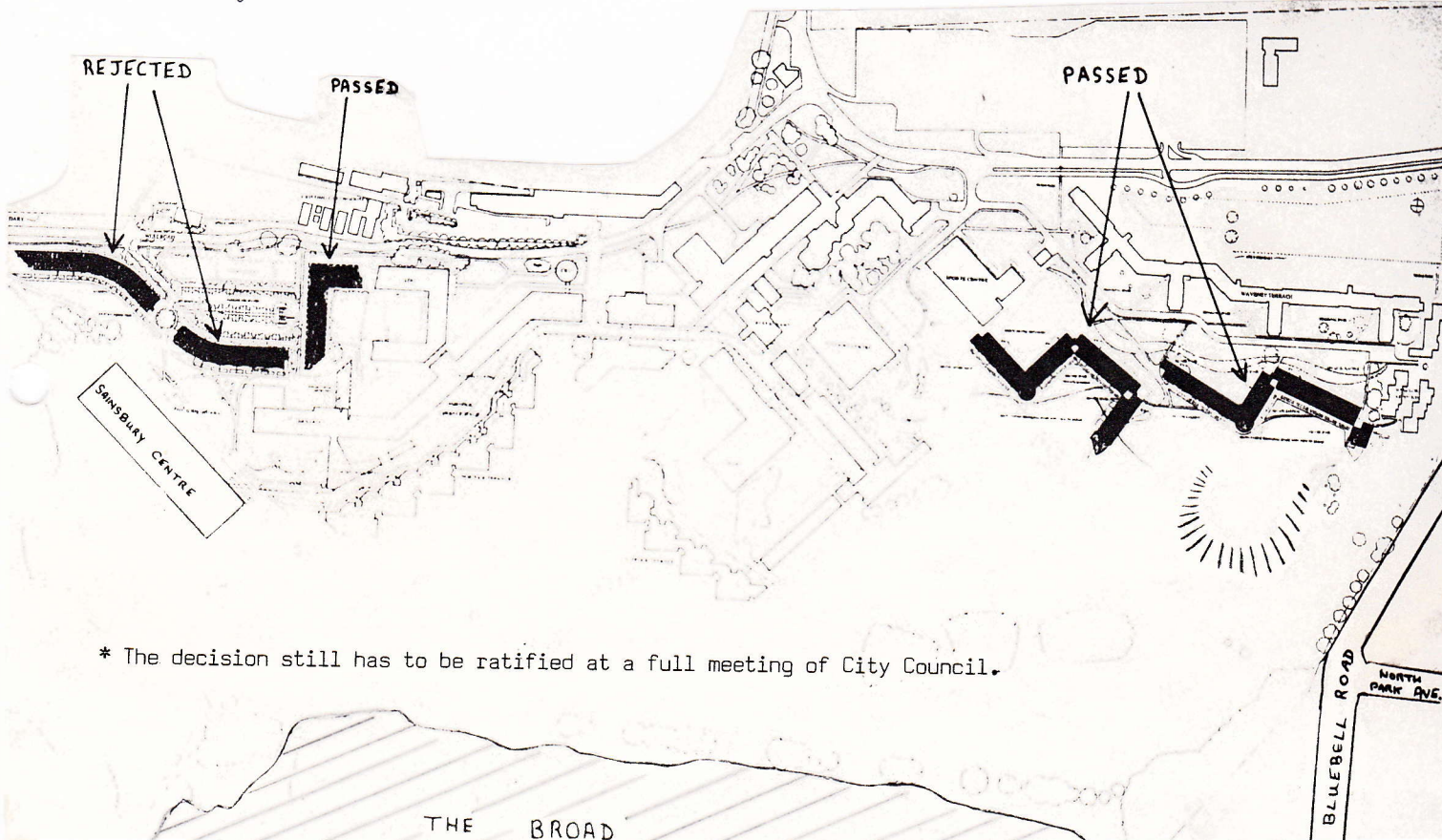
The City Planning Committee has finally made its decision about the building proposals for the UEA Campus.

Our Society, and other environmental groups, opposed the siting of some of the proposed buildings. The grounds for objection seemed to have been strengthened by the publication of the draft Local Plan for Norwich, which designated some of the land as being within the area marked as 'river valley of high landscape value' and hence protected.

However, the City Planners gave only partial recognition to this, and the result is a compromise decision with which no-one is happy.

- \* **None** of the residential blocks on the west of the campus, near the Sainsbury Centre, will be allowed.
- \* The teaching building on the research rabbit colony has been passed, planners having taken the view that the internationally important research is 'not a planning matter' and is for the university to sort out internally.
- \* Residential buildings on the east of the Campus have all been allowed. The open space as seen from the pedestrian entrance at North Park Avenue will be reduced.

The result of all this that both UEA and environmental groups have won part and lost part of their respective cases. The rabbit research workers seem to have lost, their only crumb of comfort being a possible delay in execution.



\* The decision still has to be ratified at a full meeting of City Council.

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