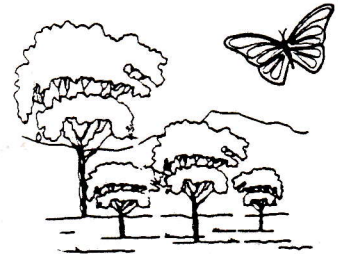


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Planning Applications

Flats in Eaton Village

The application to build 21 flats in two blocks off Chestnut Hill, Eaton has been rejected by the City Council. Thank you to all the members who wrote to City Hall about this - the development would have been inappropriate in scale so near to the village Conservation area.

Roy's Roof Rumpus Rumbles on....

Also in Eaton, the saga of the unauthorised ventilation plant on Roy's roof continues...

Roy's were ordered by City Council to remove the eyesore. They have now applied for permission instead to screen the structure by raising the existing roofline. They hope to create the illusion of a deeper tiled roof with (false) dormer windows on the side facing Eaton Street.

Two members of your committee have looked at the plans and feel that this provides a barely satisfactory alternative. We have some doubts as to how well the new structure would screen the plant from the higher ground of the slip road.

We have written to the City Council accordingly.

Softley Drive Safe!

Plans to build in Softley Drive, Cringleford have been rejected. Peter Hunter, our Press Officer and Softley Drive resident, spoke at the enquiry. The D.O.E. Inspector said:

'I conclude that the potential noise and disturbance from the 3 proposals would have a harmful impact on the amenities of neighbouring residents'

... so it certainly pays to object to development!

A Greenbelt around Norwich

This idea was discussed by the County Council two years ago and a proposal was included in the revision of the County Structure Plan as a discussion draft.

A decision about whether a greenbelt will be formally adopted as County Council policy is now imminent. There will be an 'Examination in Public' of this and other proposals at County Hall on September 17th - 19th. We have consistently supported a greenbelt for the city and have written again to the Department of the Environment on the issue.

Footpath on Eaton Marshes

Most members will already know that our application for a footpath on the edge of the marsh was accepted by the Council earlier this year. Some of you will have seen the notices placed there.

As expected, the landowner has now lodged an objection to the establishment of the right of way and it could be next Spring before the matter is finally sorted out. A public enquiry will be held, with the County Council very much on our side this time!

Ken Rhead

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Ken Rhead, one of our members and also a leading member of the Poplar Avenue Residents Association. Our sympathy to his family.

Forthcoming Events

Don't forget the **Countryside Festival** at the Gressenhall Museum on the weekend of 14th/15th September.

Advance notice of two events for Yare Valley Society Members - please make a note in your diary. More details will be sent out later.

- * A guided woodland and farm walk at Easton on the afternoon of Sunday October 6th.
- * A guided tour of the archaeological remains under the new magistrate's court in Whitefriars. Our guide will be Frank Tucker, the County Architect who was responsible for the preservation of this most interesting part of Norwich. Date to be fixed, probably in November.

and finally...

- * Yare Valley in the Autumn, an Autumn ramble along the Yare Valley with the City Parkland Ramblers, at 2pm Sunday September 22nd. Wear stout footwear/boots or wellies and meet at Earlham Park carpark.

Further events are currently being planned for the Autumn and Winter by the Norwich Fringe Countryside Project. We'll keep you informed.