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**City of Norwich Local Plan**

As you will know, preparation of this Plan is well under way. It is a plan that, when finalised, will be used to guide development on the Norwich City side of the Yare Valley for roughly the next ten years. In the light of this, it will be no surprise to you that your committee is spending a lot of time considering it and entering into discussion with the City planners about it.

Many of you, like the Society, took the opportunity back in the summer to register objection to certain proposals affecting the Yare Valley. Since then, we have had lengthy talks with the City and have taken some professional advice. As a result, the City has made certain alterations to their Plan, but also, we have seen fit to withdraw our remaining objections to the coverage of policy NE10 on the proposals map.

However, we consider that it is extremely important to continue to promote policy NE3, which is specifically about protection of the river valleys. Therefore we intend to defend its extent, as originally defined on the proposals map, **vigorously**, as well as to press for clarification of its wording.

*If you would like further details about any of these decisions, please contact us.*

The next stage in the process of preparing the Plan is for all objections (several hundred of them!) and supporting representations to be presented to a Department of the Environment Inspector who, acting as arbiter, will within the next year or so, recommend what is to be done about them. The opportunity is also available to explain reasons for them more fully, either in writing or by speaking at a Public Inquiry, beginning on December 1st and continuing until the end of January.

Our next task, therefore, is to prepare our evidence. This will now, in fact, be in support of the City - which also seeks strongly to defend the river valleys.

We shall tell you more about this in our next Newsletter. Meantime, if you have any queries or ideas, we are always glad to hear from you.

## **New District Hospital**

Our meeting with David Walker on September 21st was attended by over 30 members, which was a good number because the weather was bad. We were able to recruit several new members on the night. Mr Walker gave us an informative talk about the timescales and the impact that the hospital would have on our area, and we were able to make several constructive points to him, especially on the worry that is felt in the area about the likely future traffic flows and the necessity for upgrading the local services infrastructure, namely the sewers through the valley which have only just been redone.

Mr Walker has since written to thank us and to offer us a chance to be involved in an environmental impact study of the area which they may be starting soon. We have been pleased to accept his kind offer.

## **Footpath Enquiry**

We have some disappointing news to report, in that the Public Enquiry into the footpath on the marshes below Bartram Mowers has been unsuccessful and the County Council's recommendation to have the path registered has been turned down.

The decision was made principally on the grounds that the construction of the Cringleford Bypass in 1974 had diverted the line of the original path and that it was therefore not possible to prove the necessary 20 years of continuous use of a path on the same route. On such legal niceties are such things determined. The Society had strong support from the County Council, but this was insufficient to persuade the Department of the Environment.

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