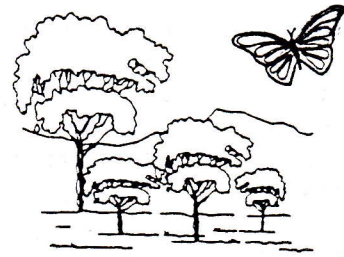


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I'm too late to wish you all a Happy Christmas but I can certainly wish that the New Year will prove both happy and prosperous for all our members. We thank you all for your support in 1992 and hope you will feel able to continue and strengthen this in 1993.

How you can help us in 1993

- * Recruit a new member - more about this over the page
- * Keep telling us about the things that concern you about the Valley
- * Send us press cuttings or photos - these are always needed for Inquiries. Press cuttings are important as they demonstrate to Planning Inspectors and other officials that there is a lively interest in what is happening in our area.

City of Norwich Local Plan

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

The lengthy work of this Autumn in preparing our submissions to the Public Enquiry is nearly over. As promised in our October Newsletter, the Yare Valley Society has prepared and submitted written evidence. This is in the form of two documents supporting the City in its protection of the river valleys with particular reference to the Bartram Mowers Site and UEA.

The submission about the Bartram Mowers Site, with its appendices of photographs and press cuttings has been delivered to the City Hall and our evidence has been considered.

We also prepared a submission in support of the original proposals map covering the UEA Campus. We will support the City Planners in their opposition to the University's proposed revision to the boundaries of the NE3 and NE10 designated land. We have offered to be present to substantiate what we have said in evidence, though it is up to the Inspector to invite a representative to do so, if he thinks it necessary. *We urge you to attend this session of the Inquiry in moral support of the river valley policies both of the City Council and the Yare Valley Society. The session will be held at the Council Chamber, City Hall on January 14th at 2.00pm. Your support will be most welcome.*

Norfolk Structure Plan

The long-awaited modifications to the Structure Plan by the Secretary of State for the Environment became available in December. The overall effect on the Structure Plan seems fairly radical as far as housing and protection of the countryside are concerned in the County as a whole.

However, the need for a statutory 'green belt' around Norwich has not been accepted. An alternative policy has been proposed to protect the historic setting of the City of Norwich. It contains some important elements of national green belt policy and continues to refer to specific areas of importance, including the Yare Valley. Also there is reference to the protection of the landscape setting of the Southern Bypass.

This policy needs to be made as strong as possible to protect the important and vulnerable environment of the Yare Valley. *We also need to say so!* The County Council will take comments on this and other issues concerning the Structure Plan before policies are finalised. It is on these policies that future planning decisions will be based, so it is vital to put our point of view as strongly as possible at this stage. Comments to The Director of Planning and Property, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, by 22nd January, please.

South Norfolk Local Plan

This is the plan that affects more detailed future development on the South Norfolk side of the River Yare. Its finalised version is now subject to consideration of Structure Plan modifications by the District Council on 20th January. So, it will no doubt be many more weeks before the Local Plan is published, but again there will then be an opportunity for further comments to be made. We will keep you posted.

Roy's Car Park Proposal

Following on from Roys Roof Rumpus, we now have the Case of the Creeping Car Park. As many of you who have seen the exhibition in the Foyer of the store will have seen, Roy's is intent on greatly increasing the size of its car park by extending it towards the river. This will destroy even more of the valuable river valley landscape and narrow the gap between the built-up areas of Eaton and Cringleford. Statutory policies already protect the valley from such intrusion. Also, with increased parking, an already dangerous situation on the access roads from turning traffic would be made much worse.

We strongly advise you to write as soon as possible, objecting to any further increase in parking space to The City Planning Officer, City Hall, Norwich.

To take out a Subscription

Please contact Pam Ford, Membership Secretary, 35, Brentwood, Norwich and ask her to register you or your new recruit as a subscriber to the Yare Valley Society for the year 1993. Membership costs £1 for a family subscription and it is helpful if you give us the names of all family members.