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There is currently a public consultation on the emerging Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) which started on Monday the 8th of January and runs till March 15th 2018. The consultation will include a Growth Options document, setting out the broad housing numbers required to 2036, six main distribution options, and a significant number of questions on various policy areas (such as air quality, landscape and affordable housing). Also published will be the Site Proposals document, listing sites submitted for consideration for various uses through the plan, along with a settlement summary for those parishes where sites have been submitted. In addition, the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) in the evidence base has more detail on the sites submitted for potential inclusion in the GNLP. Other evidence studies, along with the Interim Sustainability Appraisal, will also be available for comment. It is very important to note that this is a consultation stage – no final decisions have been made on any policy choice or site. About 25 roadshows at various locations in Greater Norwich have been planned to take place during the consultation period. The venues and dates will be published on www.gnlp.org.uk

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Work has started to improve the safety of A146 Hales junction, with the addition of a new roundabout among the changes at the cost of £1.6m. Funded by the government's new National Productivity Investment Fund, the changes will see a roundabout replace the current junction, along with the addition of new lay-bys to allow buses to safely serve the village. The junction was identified as one in urgent need of improvement, with Norfolk County Council assessing its accident record and finding it to be the most dangerous in the county.

Almost £3 million of funding has been allocated to rural businesses in Norfolk and North Suffolk through an initiative managed by Norfolk County Council and there is still time to apply for the remaining funding. This funding is from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) delivered via Defra. In the UK this fund is managed by the Rural Payments agency and distributed via the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE). The Local Action Groups (LAGS) deliver the funding under the 'LEADER' approach, which decentralises the decision and funding powers allowing the partnership to support the rural economy at a local level. Around £4.5 million of funding is still available for rural businesses to apply for through the scheme. Rural businesses can find out more about their Local Action Group, how to apply for funding at www.norfolklags.co.uk

In a recent National independent survey Norfolk County Council was ranked seventh out of 31 similar councils for satisfaction with highways and transport services. The National Highways and Transport Network Survey is carried out annually by Ipsos MORI. Members of the Environment, Transport and Development Committee were told that for the 2017 survey 3300 Norfolk residents, chosen at random, were asked to rate a range of highway and transportation services, including public transport, walking and cycling, congestion, road safety and road maintenance.

My next surgery will be at HIP on Saturday March 3rd at 10am

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