

District Council Report for Battisford and Ringshall Ward

Including Barking, Battisford, Great Bricett, Ringshall, Offton and Willisham

November 2025

Norwich to Tilbury Pylons – Register to Have Your Say

The National Grid have submitted their application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate. The Norwich to Tilbury scheme has been accepted for examination and this process is expected to take place over the next few months. To submit objections or make other representations you need to register to take part in the examination by 27th November via the Planning Inspectorates website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020027/register/register-have-your-say>

Local Nature Recovery Strategy Launched

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) aims to address the decline in nature in the region and deliver wider benefits in health and wellbeing. It is a collaborative partnership of 45 local authorities and organisations across Norfolk and Suffolk. The LNRS is predominantly a mapping system that identifies important wildlife sites and highlights areas that will be important for nature recovery. The LNRS is critical for identifying strategic areas for nature recovery and can be viewed on the website:

<https://www.nsnrp.org/local-nature-recovery-strategy-lnrs>

Call for Development Sites

Following the adoption of the Joint Local Plan in November 2023, MSDC is inviting site submissions to be put forward for a variety of land uses including residential for consideration for future development. This process is known as ‘Call for Sites’. The process does not give automatically ensure that the land is allocated for future development. Submissions can be made through the MSDC website: [Call for Sites \(20 Oct - 9 Jan 2026\) - Babergh District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/midsuffolk/call-for-sites)

Energy Upgrades for Listed Buildings

The Council has worked with Historic England to introduce a new and innovative Local Listed Buildings Consent Order. The consent order makes it easier for residents to make sensitive changes to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings. These include secondary glazing on historic windows, and replacement of windows in Grade-II listed buildings where the original window has already been replaced.

Funding Opportunities: Sustainable Communities Food Fund

Our Sustainable Communities Food Fund provides grants to small scale food initiatives such as community food growing schemes, pantries, and food pop-ups. Groups can apply for amounts between £250 and £5,000. The fund can be used for the purchase of equipment and revenue costs. Please use the link for further information: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/mid-suffolk-district-council-funding-1>

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