



## Community Sub-Group Report

### GTDP Board Meeting Monday 9th April 2018

Since the previous Board Meeting on 16th February, the Sub-Group has met once on 21st March. Full details are available at <http://www.gtdp.org.uk/community-subgroup>. Particular items of interest for the Board are listed below.

#### Public Concerns

A number of matters were brought up by the public at the Sub-Group meeting:

- There was widespread concern about the new charges for disposing of **DIY waste at NCC Recycling Centres** (<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/diywaste>). The meeting felt that the charges were a false economy, as they were likely to lead to increases in fly-tipping and in non-recyclable household waste. Breckland Council will be monitoring both for detrimental effects of the new policy. The Sub-Group asks the Board to consider writing formally to Breckland and Norfolk Councils expressing the public's concern over the new charges.
- There was general unhappiness at the change-of-use application (3PL/2018/0227/F) to allow a **new gym** to open in three of the **empty units by the cinema**, as this was a deviation from the original vision of cafés and restaurants at the site. The Sub-Group agreed to write to Breckland Council with a list of specific questions about this matter.
- A couple of people reported that they thought some **repairs to potholes in the town were of a poor standard** and would not last long. One person had tried to report this via the NCC website, but had not been able to get anywhere as they were not currently potholes.

#### Communication

The Board meeting highlights and minutes were both late again, and the GTDP website is also quite out of date in several places. This needs to be improved to help public engagement. It is hoped that the previously promised **Communications Paper** will finally be presented at this meeting. We hope there will be a positive response to the Community Sub-Group's previous suggestion that the Planning & Projects Sub-Group's **Integrated Delivery Plan** is revived and updated.

#### Cycling and Walking Routes Report

An updated draft of the draft Cycling and Walking Routes Report should be available by the meeting from <http://www.gtdp.org.uk/cycling-walking>. We would be grateful for any input or feedback from Board members and the public. David Cumming from NCC Highways has agreed to meet to discuss available resources and how the report actions would be best presented, but a date has not yet been set.

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