

Item 5: SUE, TEP and Waterspace Updates

GTDP Community Sub-Group Meeting, 20th March 2019

1 SUE Phase 1A Progress

Construction work is continuing on the first new houses on the Sustainable Urban Expansion (SUE) — also known as Kingsfleet. Phase 1A is being built by Hopkins Homes, on land inside the A11 between the A1075 Norwich Road and the Railway. As residents will probably have noticed, the A1075 is currently closed to traffic leaving Thetford. This partial closure is to aid construction work a new road junction to serve the development, and is expected to last until late summer 2019. Details about the closure can be found at <https://bit.ly/2HcZdtB>. Further information about the first phase of the development can be found at <https://bit.ly/2RKMcfX>.

2 Thetford Enterprise Park

The new roundabout is now complete. It was reported by the Thetford and Brandon Times at the end of January (<https://bit.ly/2Hrkq2k>) that further public money would be allocated to help develop the site, though the new roundabout had still not led to any firm interest from business in the form of pre-planning applications. The additional funding referred to in the article (£75k from Norfolk County Council's Business Rates Pool and £75k from Breckland District Council's Growth and Investment Fund) was approved by Breckland's Cabinet on 8th February 2019 (<https://bit.ly/2EQU9HU>).

3 River Thet Re-Routing

Erosion of the river bank at Ford Meadow during Summer 2018 has resulted in the main flow of the River Thet being diverted from its historic course under the Coffee Mill. The main flow now follows what was a smaller drainage channel. This passes under the middle bridge of Nuns' Bridges, before joining the Little Ouse just below the Thetford Pulp Mill Sluice. The old course between Ford Meadow and the Tricorn bridge by the Riverside development now has a lower water level, and is almost stagnant with very little flow.

The Environment Agency and Town Council are working together on a solution, but as of 5th March, the Town Council say that there is nothing to report on this yet. For further details and background, see <https://bit.ly/2MwtJX8>.

There may be further updates on some of these topics in the papers for the GTDP Board meeting which will take place on the same day as this Sub-Group meeting. The papers will be uploaded to <https://bit.ly/2J5rggn> about a week in advance of the meeting.