

# Your views on our proposal to switch off a further 2% of Norfolk County Council maintained streetlights.

Overview

Norfolk County Council is facing difficult decisions as the pressures on local government budgets continue to grow. The council will need to put more money into its budget to protect vulnerable people despite ‘substantial uncertainty’ about local government funding.

Even though our overall spending is expected to increase next year, forecast increases in funding are not sufficient to keep pace with projected increases in demand, particularly in adult social care and children's services.

The council faces 'a significant challenge’ in developing Norfolk’s 2025-26 spending plan that seeks to address a budget gap of £44.722 million.

Each year, the Council reviews its budget and proposes the savings it will need to make for the following year to balance its budget.

We previously consulted on a proposal to switch off 2% of Norfolk County Council maintained streetlights.

The results of the consultation showed broad support for the proposals - of 452 responses received, 63% either strongly agreed or agreed with the proposals.

In this consultation we are asking for your views on our proposal to switch off a further 2% of Norfolk County Council maintained streetlights in the next financial year.

We are proposing to switch off lights in a number of places where there will be minimal impact to drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

We have provided a list of locations this would affect in our consultation document - these are locations where we would not install new street lighting today, as over time, design standards and policies have changed.

This will help us to save money, reduce our carbon footprint, reduce energy consumption and light pollution, thereby delivering environmental benefits and contributing towards delivering Norfolk’s Climate Strategy.

Why we are consulting

We want to find out what people think about our proposal to switch off a further 2% of Norfolk County Council maintained streetlights.

We are consulting through:

- The online consultation, which is also available as a paper copy and in different formats

- Email /Letter to key stakeholders and partners

- Email to members of the Norfolk Residents’ Panel

The consultation runs from **Friday 1 November 2024 and closes on Monday 16 December 2024.**

Please note that if we receive any consultation responses after this date, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to take them into account.

We will feed back the findings from our consultation to our county councillors as part of the evidence they will use to help them come to a decision about our budget proposals.

If you need a copy of this consultation document in a different format please email haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk, call 0344 800 8020 or Text Relay on 18001 0344 800 8020 (textphone) and we will do our best to help.

The consultation questions should take about 15 minutes to complete.

The questions start on page 24 of this document.

Personal information, confidentiality and data protection

We will use any personal information to understand how different groups of people feel about our proposal.

We will process any personal information we receive from you in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the Data Protection Act 2018 and Norfolk County Council’s data protection policy and guidelines. This means that Norfolk County Council will hold your personal data and only use it for the purpose for which it was collected, being this consultation. [You can find a copy of our privacy statement on the Norfolk County Council website.[[1]](#footnote-2)](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/privacy)

We won't identify individuals when reporting back our findings and under our record management policy we will keep this information for five years. We will also, under normal circumstances, not pass your personal data on to anyone else. However, we may be asked under access to information laws to publish or disclose some, or all, of the information you provide in response to this consultation. We will only do this where such disclosure will comply with such relevant information laws which include the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

You can choose not to take part in the consultation, to stop responding at any time, or to ignore any personal questions that you do not want to answer.

Introduction

The county council faces a significant challenge in developing the budget for 2025-26. There remains a budget gap of £44.722 million, there are spending pressures across wider public finances and substantial uncertainty about local government funding for 2025-26 onwards.

Norfolk County Council is committed to making Norfolk a county where businesses, organisations and communities continue to thrive together. [Our Better Together, For Norfolk strategy](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/policy-performance-and-partnerships/policies-and-strategies/corporate/council-vision-and-strategy)[[2]](#footnote-3) sets out our ambitions to be one of the highest performing counties in the country, overseeing economic growth, creating jobs and opportunities for the people of Norfolk, while maintaining and cherishing our environment, countryside and heritage.

However the county council’s 2025-26 strategic and financial planning has been undertaken in the context of continued uncertainty around the wider economic picture, as well as ongoing inflationary pressures and the consequent impact on both the cost of services we deliver, and the demand for services as households and communities continue to struggle with the rising cost of living.

It is in these difficult times that the county council cannot afford any complacency and, working with its partners, will have to consider how best to deploy its own limited resources to support the most vulnerable people and communities, whilst continuing to provide wider public services.

Although the council’s budget increases each year with Council Tax, it is not enough to meet growing needs and costs.

The October 2024 Cabinet meeting considered 2025-26 savings proposals totalling £33.552 million. The 2024 Cabinet meeting minutes are available on [the Norfolk County Council website[[3]](#footnote-4).](https://norfolkcc.cmis.uk.com/norfolkcc/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/496/Meeting/2157/Committee/169/Default.aspx) They make a significant contribution towards our target of £44.722 million and will help the council to continue to deliver the key services for Norfolk’s residents, while balancing the books.

We previously consulted on a proposal to switch off 2% of Norfolk County Council maintained streetlights.

The results of the consultation showed broad support for the proposals - of 441 responses received, 64% either strongly agreed or agreed with the proposals and many areas where lights could be switched off in future were suggested by the public. The full consultation findings report can be read in the [council’s cabinet papers from the meeting held Monday 5 August 2024 page 175 onwards](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnorfolkcc.cmis.uk.com%2Fnorfolkcc%2FDocument.ashx%3FczJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo%3DOlwbSkl%252bvq58PSc3RevowWIxg94yVmjXWZLf5gG%252fTuRYULbflkRnPA%253d%253d%26rUzwRPf%252bZ3zd4E7Ikn8Lyw%253d%253d%3DpwRE6AGJFLDNlh225F5QMaQWCtPHwdhUfCZ%252fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%253d%253d%26mCTIbCubSFfXsDGW9IXnlg%253d%253d%3DhFflUdN3100%253d%26kCx1AnS9%252fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%253d%253d%3DhFflUdN3100%253d%26uJovDxwdjMPoYv%252bAJvYtyA%253d%253d%3DctNJFf55vVA%253d%26FgPlIEJYlotS%252bYGoBi5olA%253d%253d%3DNHdURQburHA%253d%26d9Qjj0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK%3DctNJFf55vVA%253d%26WGewmoAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz%3DctNJFf55vVA%253d%26WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCpMRKZMwaG1PaO%3DctNJFf55vVA%253d&data=05%7C02%7Cchristine.mawson%40norfolk.gov.uk%7Cb910a182cf854d53a06508dce934172b%7C1419177e57e04f0faff0fd61b549d10e%7C0%7C0%7C638641657136053799%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=kZDrbUChhltyUGnkK8%2B%2BNgQVg%2B7lRlf%2F7IhNgcnnqOM%3D&reserved=0)[[4]](#footnote-5), available on our website [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk)[[5]](#footnote-6).

This policy has now been implemented and we are consulting on a proposal to switch off a further 2% of Norfolk County Council maintained streetlights, where it is safe and appropriate to do so.

**It is estimated that this proposal would save a further £200k per year (based on current energy costs).**In addition,energy price rises over recent years have seen us spending more than we expected to run our streetlights. This proposal would also help reduce the impact of any future pricerises.

As well as the financial benefits, the proposal would also deliver environmental benefits such as reducing our carbon footprint (by an estimated 76 tonnes each year), reducing energy consumption and reducing light pollution.

Our proposals include areas which wouldn’t be lit under current policy or standards if they were constructed today and are concentrated on isolated pockets of lights away from residential areas or on the approach to more urban areas, where we foresee a minimum impact to residents, including to drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. Being a predominantly rural county, many communities across Norfolk do not have any existing street lighting.

We want to hear your views on our proposals to help our elected councillors make the right, even if tough decisions, in agreeing a robust and sustainable budget for the year ahead.

Our current approach

The council is responsible for almost 54,000 streetlights across Norfolk (please note not all streetlights across Norfolk are owned by the county council). A consequence of the energy-crisis has seen our street lighting energy costs more than double. Currently, street lighting energy costs the council approximately £4 million per year.

We have taken measures to reduce the cost and energy consumption of street lighting across Norfolk. This includes switching on slightly later and off slightly earlier, introducing more energy-efficient LED lighting and implementing dimming during times of reduced activity on the road network.

Following public consultation, we also introduced part-night lighting, with input from Norfolk Police, in 2010. This involved switching off some streetlights across Norfolk, in low crime areas where there is limited through traffic, for part of the night (midnight to 5am).

These initiatives have provided significant cumulative environmental and financial savings of over 22,000 tonnes of carbon and around £15 million since 2008.

You can read more about street lighting in Norfolk at: [Street lighting - report a problem - Norfolk County Council](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/road-maintenance/street-lighting)[[6]](#footnote-7)

Further details about part-night lighting is provided at: [Part night street lighting - Norfolk County Council](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/road-maintenance/street-lighting/part-night-street-lighting)[[7]](#footnote-8)

Our proposal

We understand and care about the significance of feeling safe and secure. We also know from previous consultations that residents care about reducing our impact on the environment through lessening our carbon footprint and limiting light pollution.

Our target is to make a further 2% reduction in streetlights across Norfolk, which would affect approximately 1,000 lights. This matters as it will allow us to keep the lights working in the areas where they are most needed for safety and remove street lighting that is potentially not required. Doing this could save the council approximately £200,000 per annum (based on current prices).

**This proposal is about the principle of reducing streetlights across Norfolk. However, there is an opportunity to provide a comment at the end of this survey should you wish to provide feedback about a particular proposed location.**

Our proposals focus on areas where there will be minimal impact to drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

This proposal focuses on switching off lights on unclassified roads in industrial areas, with low usage and low accident history.

Potential impacts

Expected positive environmental impacts of the proposals include reducing energy costs and consumption, [reduced carbon emissions and reduced light pollution which can benefit wildlife and human health, as reported in academic literature](https://academic.oup.com/icb/article/61/3/1160/6206372)[[8]](#footnote-9). It is estimated that our proposal could save approximately 76 tonnes of carbon per year for switching off 1,000 lights, so the proposal will significantly contribute towards the Norfolk Climate Strategy and action plans to achieve net zero.

It is also worth considering that many communities across Norfolk do not have any existing street lighting assets.

In previous consultations and public engagement, concerns have been raised about the negative impact of reduced street lighting in relation to safety and crime.

Safety is, and always will be, a primary concern for the Council. Lights will only be turned off in locations where we are satisfied residents will not be put at risk. In addition, evidence indicates that reductions in street lighting are not linked to instances of crime.

A [study led by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine](https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/newsevents/news/2015/reduced_street_lighting_does_not_increase_crime.html)[[9]](#footnote-10) found that reducing street lighting did not necessarily lead to an increase in crime or road traffic incidents, however we will be working with Norfolk Police after the consultation to ensure that any concerns raised are understood and fully reviewed on a site-by-site basis before any switch-offs are taken forward.

In certain situations, it might be necessary to modify the highway by enhancing elements such as the condition of road markings, signage, and road studs to comply with the standards for an unlit road. Any modifications will be minimal and assessed as part of the review of sites and therefore they are not included in the £200,000 savings proposal.

Our commitment includes a willingness to assess and potentially adjust our lighting regimes based on evidence as to how lighting could affect crime prevention or road safety. We will review the impacts by undertaking a risk-based assessment in accordance with national guidelines. We will consult the emergency services and the police to ensure that any change will not contribute to an increase in crime. We will do this by reviewing crime and safety statistics.

Proposal locations

In total there are 132 locations identified, and these are listed below. These have been identified using the rationale explained above. It is important to highlight that we have not determined the complete scope of street light switch-offs for each road, although those marked with a star have already been identified as only being partial switch offs. Seeking your input on this change will help inform this process.

These 132 locations make up the full 2% of our reduction to achieve the savings target set and are subject to consultation with Norfolk Police.

If approved, the proposals will be risk assessed in collaboration with our Network Safety team and we will consult with Norfolk Police to ensure all areas are suitable for switch-off. If any roads fail the assessment, we will need to consider alternative locations to meet the savings target which would be subject to consultation.

| **Parish** | **Road Name** | **Description** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Attleborough | HAVERSCROFT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Attleborough | MAURICE GAYMER ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Bradwell | EDISON WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Bradwell | FARADAY ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Bradwell | JAMES WATT CLOSE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Bradwell | LEFEVRE WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Bradwell | SHUTTLEWORTH CLOSE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Bradwell | VANGUARD ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Bradwell | VIKING ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Bradwell | HEWETT ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Dereham | BERTIE WARD WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Dereham | HALL LANE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Dereham | GREENS ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Dereham | RASHS GREEN\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Diss | OWEN ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Downham Market | SOVEREIGN WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Fakenham | GARROOD DRIVE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Fakenham | MILLERS CLOSE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Fakenham | WYMANS WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Fakenham | ENTERPRISE WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Fakenham | GEORGE EDWARDS ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth North | BEEVOR ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth North | BLOOMFIELD ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth North | FENNER ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Great Yarmouth North | FISHWHARF | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth North | MONUMENT ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth North | SALMON ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth North | SUFFLING ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Great Yarmouth North | SWANSTONS ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth North | POMMERS LANE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth North | BATTERY ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth North | MIDDLE ROAD EAST | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Great Yarmouth North | MIDDLE ROAD WEST  | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth North | ADMIRALTY ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth South | BESSEMER WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth South | BRINELL WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Great Yarmouth South | OWEN ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth South | HARFREYS ROAD\*  | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Great Yarmouth South | BOUNDARY ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Harleston | FULLER ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Harleston | SPEEDWELL WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Harleston  | MAYFLOWER WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Hellesdon | ALSTON ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Hellesdon | HELLESDON PARK ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Hingham | IRONSIDE WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | ACER ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | BRYGGEN ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | DENNEY ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| King’s Lynn | FRIESIAN WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | HAMLIN WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | HEREFORD WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | HORSLEYS FIELDS | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| King’s Lynn | LARCH ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | MAPLE ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| King’s Lynn | PAXMAN ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | PIPER ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | ROLLESBY ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | ROWAN ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | SIMON SCOTLAND ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| King’s Lynn | HORSELEY CHASE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | BERGEN WAY\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | BEVERIDGE WAY\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | ESTUARY ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | GREENYARD WAY\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| King’s Lynn | HAMBURG WAY\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| King’s Lynn | HANSA ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Little Cressingham | THREXTON ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Loddon | LITTLE MONEY ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| North Walsham | CORNISH WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| North Walsham | GAYMERS WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| North Walsham | STANFORD TUCK ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| North Walsham | FOLGATE ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| North Walsham | LAUNDRY LOKE\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | AUSTER CLOSE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Norwich North | BEECH DRIVE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | BURNET ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | BURTON CLOSE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | BURTON ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | CALEY CLOSE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Norwich North | CONCORDE ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | DELTA CLOSE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | DIAMOND ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | FRENSHAM ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | JAVELIN ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Norwich North | LIBERATOR ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | METEOR CLOSE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | NAYLOR ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | PAGE ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | SPITFIRE ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Norwich North | BARROW CLOSE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | BRUNEL WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | ALBERTINE CLOSE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | HELLESDON HALL ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | HURRICANE WAY\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Norwich North | MASON ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | SPAR ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | VULCAN ROAD SOUTH | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich North | WHIFFLER ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich South | EUROPA WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Norwich South | BESSEMER ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich South | WHITING ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich West | CHARLES WATLING WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich West | FRANCIS WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich West | JARROLD WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Norwich West | KINGSWAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich West | MORGAN WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich West | PADDOCK STREET | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich West | ROBBERDS WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich West | MARRIOTT CLOSE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Norwich West | BARKER STREET\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Norwich West | BARNARD ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Sprowston | PINETREES ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Tharston | SALAMANCA ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Tharston | WELLESLEY ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Tharston | WELLINGTON ROAD | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Thetford | BAIRD WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Thetford | BRICKFIELDS WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Thetford | BRUNEL WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Thetford | LODGE WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Thetford | ROMAN WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Thetford | RUTHERFORD WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Thetford | ST HELENS WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Thetford | TELFORD WAY | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Thetford | BURRELL WAY\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD  |
| Thetford | CAXTON WAY\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Thetford | FISON WAY\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Thetford | HOWLETT WAY\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Thetford | STEPHENSON WAY\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Thorpe St Andrew | CENTRAL AVENUE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Thorpe St Andrew | NORTHSIDE\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Wymondham | VALLEY SIDE | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |
| Wymondham | AYTON ROAD\* | INDUSTRIAL ROAD |

\* Whole road to be included in the consultation but will likely be only part of the road which can be de-illuminated

Our questions

## We are seeking your views on the overall principle of a reduction in street lighting. Should you have comments about specific proposed locations please provide them in response to the open question.

1. **How far would you agree or disagree with our proposal to further reduce street lighting by 2%? Please choose one answer only from the list below:**

[ ]  Strongly agree

[ ]  Agree

[ ]  Neither agree or disagree

[ ]  Disagree

[ ]  Strongly disagree

[ ]  Don’t know

1. **Please tell us more about why you chose that answer and whether you have any other comments on the proposals, using the box below:**

Please write your comments here:

1. **Are there any other locations where you think lighting could be considered for switching off?**

Please write your comments here:

# About you

To make sure we are learning from a wide range of people – we would like to ask some questions about you. These are optional questions (so you may choose not to give this information), but this information is helpful to understand who is responding to our consultations.

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**Related information**

On 12 September 2024 the ONS (Office for National Statistics) announced the findings of a review of gender identity estimates from Census 2021, which includes a reclassification of ‘official statistics in development’.

You can read more about this on the [ONS website](https://www.ons.gov.uk/news/news/betterunderstandingthestrengthsandlimitationsofgenderidentitystatistics)[[10]](#footnote-11)

We are using the ONS Census 2021 format for the 'About You' questions, but with an awareness of this update from the ONS.

Q1. **Are you responding as...?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

[ ]  An individual / member of the public

[ ]  On behalf of a voluntary or community group

[ ]  On behalf of a statutory organisation

[ ]  On behalf of a business

[ ]  A Norfolk County Councillor

[ ]  A district or borough Councillor

[ ]  A town or parish Councillor

[ ]  A Norfolk County Council employee

If you are responding on behalf of another organisation, what is the name of the organisation, group, or business?

Please write your answer here:

Q2. **How did you hear about this consultation?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

[ ]  Local media (e.g., newspaper, radio)

[ ]  From a social media post (e.g., Facebook)

[ ]  From a friend

[ ]  From a group I belong to

[ ]  From my place of work or education

[ ]  The Norfolk Residents' Panel

[ ]  District council web page

[ ]  Norfolk County Council web page

[ ]  My Parish Council

[ ]  From an email I received

[ ]  Other

Other, please write here:

Please write your answer here:

Q3. **How old are you?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below*:*

[ ]  Under 18

[ ]  18-24

[ ]  25-34

[ ]  35-44

[ ]  45-54

[ ]  55-64

[ ]  65-74

[ ]  75-84

[ ]  85 or older

[ ]  Prefer not to say

Q4**. What is your sex?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

[ ]  Male

[ ]  Female

Q5. **Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex**

**registered at birth?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

If No, please write your gender identity here:

Q6. **Do you have any long-term illness, disability or health problem that limits your daily activities or the work you can do?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Prefer not to say

Q7. **If yes, which of the following best describes your condition or disability?** Please select as many answers that apply:

[ ]  Blind or partially sighted

[ ]  Deaf or hard of hearing

[ ]  Limiting health condition e.g. heart disease, asthma, strokes, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia and myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) etc.

[ ]  Learning Disabilities

[ ]  Neurodiversity e.g. autistic spectrum disorders,

dyslexia, dyspraxia

[ ]  Mental health conditions e.g. depression, schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorders, eating disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder

[ ]  Physical disability e.g. limb disorder, amputee, wheelchair user, cerebral palsy, motor neurone disease, muscular dystrophy

[ ]  Other, please write here:

Please write your answer here:

Q8**. How would you describe your ethnic background?**

Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

**Asian or Asian British**

[ ]  Asian British

[ ]  Indian

[ ]  Pakistani

[ ]  Bangladeshi

[ ]  Chinese

Any other Asian background, please describe here:

**Black, Black British, Caribbean, or African**

[ ]  Black British

[ ]  Caribbean

[ ]  African

Any other Black, Black British, or Caribbean background, please describe here:

**Mixed or multiple ethnic groups**

[ ]  White and Black Caribbean

[ ]  White and Black African

[ ]  White and Asian

Any other mixed or multiple group, please describe here:

**White**

[ ]  English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British Irish

[ ]  Gypsy or Irish Traveller

[ ]  Roma

Other White background, please describe here:

**Another ethnic group**

[ ]  Arab

Any other ethnic group please describe here:

[ ]  Prefer not to say

Q9. **Do you have caring responsibilities?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below*:*

  [ ]  No

  [ ]  Yes – for children with additional needs

  [ ]  Yes – for older family members

  [ ]  Yes – other

Yes - other, please write your answer here:

Q10. **Which District / Borough / City do you live in?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

  [ ]  Breckland

  [ ]  Broadland

  [ ]  Great Yarmouth

  [ ]  Kings Lynn and West Norfolk

  [ ]  North Norfolk

  [ ]  Norwich

  [ ]  South Norfolk

Q11. **Which of the following best describes you?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

[ ]  Employed (full time)

[ ]  Employed (part time)

[ ]  Self-employed

[ ]  Unemployed

[ ]  Student

[ ]  Looking after the family home

[ ]  Long term sick

[ ]  Retired

Q12. **What is your first language?**

[ ]  English

Other, please write here:

How we will make our decision and report back to you

We will take a report about the findings of this consultation to the Norfolk County Council Cabinet meeting in January 2025.

The council’s scrutiny committee and select committees will comment on the budget proposals, before Cabinet finalises the proposals in January 2025 and the Full Council makes a final decision on the budget in February 2025.

Our county councillors will consider the consultation responses we receive very carefully. In particular, they will take into account:

* The impact of any proposal on individuals, groups or communities and in particular on people identified as having 'protected characteristics' under the Equality Act 2010. The protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation.  As well as this equality impact assessment, councillors will consider the impact of proposals on rural areas
* The views of people and stakeholders consulted
* The evidence of need and what is proven to work effectively and well
* The financial and legal positions and any constraints at the time
* Any potential alternative options, models or ideas for making the savings.

**Your opinions are valuable to us. Thank you for taking the time to read this and respond.**

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**You can email return your feedback form to:** haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk

You can send back a paper feedback form to:

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However, if you want to help the council save money, please use a stamp and send to this address: Stakeholder and Consultation Team, Norfolk County Council, Ground floor - south wing, County Hall, Martineau Lane, NR1 2DH.

You may wish to keep a copy of your response to our consultation for your own records.

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