



**Broads Society Newsletter**  
for Town & Parish Councils & Councillors  
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With life doing everything but getting back to normality and “staycationing” increasing in the Broads, one “unforeseen consequence” has emerged and that is Rubbish!

Though this is not a problem unique to the Broads this year and is not a problem that has been fully resolved since the government changes introduced in 2014 via the County Council. These changes made the classification of boat waste as “trade waste”. As a consequence, many boat waste disposal sites were removed around the Broads. It has become clear that with the surge in the UK of people holidaying on the Broads, the current provision of waste collection does not seem to be adequate. (e.g. see BA Facebook page) [HTTPS://www.facebook.com/BroadsAuthority](https://www.facebook.com/BroadsAuthority)

The Society is putting together a submission and enquiries to the various authorities with a view to a review into the issues and we would appreciate your help. Is your Parish affected? If so, any dated photographic evidence with a short account of the problems experienced in your Parish would be useful. Please use the Harnser email for any information – [harnser.editor@gmail.com](mailto:harnser.editor@gmail.com)

#### PLANNING

You may have seen the publicity concerning the Governments plan to radically reform planning guidance. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/launch-of-planning-for-the-future-consultation-to-reform-the-planning-system>.

Both the CPRE & CNP (the Campaign for National Parks of which the Broads Society is an active member) have deep concerns as to how this will effect the countryside.

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/news/major-planning-reforms-criticism/>  
<https://www.cnp.org.uk/publications>

Up-date – The Papers for the Broads Authority Planning Committee meeting on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept include the proposed Authorities response which brings out some important points effecting particularly areas immediate adjacent to the area with status equal to National parks <https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/about-us/committees/planning-committee/planning-committee-11-september-2020>

The Consultation closes on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 & is open to all. Please let us know your response in order that we may formulate a suitable response from the Society

#### Safety and incidents on the Broads

Your views are sought on safety and incidents on the Broads. With, sadly, recent deaths and life changing injuries recorded in the past two months, is it time for a serious review of safety? Whilst there are some measures in place and emergency response is good, should or could more be done to help prevent such incidents? Are there enough patrols? Any contributions for possible presentation and debate to authorities is welcome

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