

Report to Wells Town Council 7th April 2025
from Peter, Your North Norfolk District Councillor

Street Trading

At a meeting with myself, the licensing department and representatives of our M. P. Steff Aquarone, a timetable has been agreed, to complete and enforceable by September 2025.

NNDC will write to all parish and town councils to inform them of the timeline and the actions and options needed to be taken.

The options will be

- a) Prohibit street trading on named streets (Wells town council to draw up a list)
- b) to name streets where licenced trading could take place

6 week consultation period

Recommended to cabinet by Licensing committee

Agreed by Cabinet members and passed at Full Council.

Old Railway Line Litter Pick Sat 15th March

A very successful morning. 13 bags of litter removed by NNDC and the metal work moved by the local scrap merchant. I suggest this is made an annual event timed to avoid the growth on the embankments. Thanks to all involved.

Nurdles Please Report

<https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/plastic-nurdles>

North Norfolk District Council is consulting on its Taxi and Private Hire Policy and Handbook.

The handbook is based on the government's statutory taxi and private hire vehicle standards and best practice guidance.

The Institute of Licensing issued guidance on how to assess driver suitability in November 2024 and the previous handbook has been used as a reference, so that the new handbook can be more accessible for drivers and members of the public.

There is a driver knowledge test as part of the application process and the handbook is the definitive guide to the standards expected in North Norfolk.

The new handbook is sectioned into Driver, Vehicle and Operator and includes new sections on First Aid and Disability. When printed, the first aid pages will be yellow to be easily located in an emergency.

Comments on the new handbook would be welcomed between 1 April and 13 May 2025.

[View the handbook here](#)

[View the consultation here](#)

A short guide will be produced to complement the policy; it will be available from summer this year and will be a summary for quick reference only.

Devolution

At the March Full Council meeting the Deloitte's assessment of 3 possible unitary areas were debated and a decision to put NNDC weight behind the 3 area option. The likelihood being an area surrounding Norwich with the outer ring road splitting East and West with Wells to the West – The exact division to be agreed as consultation is ongoing