

## SHERINGHAM ROUNDABOUT

The following is an update on post-feasibility study progress for the Sheringham roundabout scheme.

Following the County Council allocating £50,000 for further scheme development in the current financial year, the highway design team has been building on the previously completed work.

The post-feasibility study, preliminary design work is currently underway and as this progresses further it will improve certainty around deliverables, costs, planning and programme for the preferred roundabout option.

This work is expected to continue through to the end of the current financial year and will include a detailed cost estimate for the whole scheme to be produced in collaboration with NCC'S term contractor. In parallel, the NCC team will also be discussing options with the landowner and their agent in connection with the proposed site and with any affected utility companies. This will enable the Council to confirm requirements and overall scheme costs, and also gain a full understanding of any planning requirements. Once all this is complete, it will give both the Council and any potential external funders confidence in the budget cost and buildability of the scheme.

Also in parallel to the above, NCC will continue to explore any external funding opportunities that may arise to help fund the overall scheme.

## COVID 19

NCC have been working closely with the UK Health Security Agency in their support to manage an outbreak of Covid-19 in a Norfolk care home of a new variant. They have stressed that the best protection against any variant of Covid remains vaccination,

The most recent UKHSA information on the BA.2.86 variant is available in the UKHSA's latest technical briefing.

## DROPPED KERBS

The work we agreed should be done to increase the number of dropped kerbs and to repair/improve inadequate existing ones had been hoped to be completed in the spring this year but unfortunately they were unable to do so. As only emergency work is normally allowed in the summer months in Sheringham the works team now have the scheme programmed to take place shortly after the summer holidays.

## RAAC CONCRETE

NCC were made aware of this issue in 2018 and worked with all of the county council's maintained schools to identify if RAAC was present and if there were any problems.

Structural engineers from NPS carried out surveys of 83 buildings and found no concerns. NCC are keeping up to date with the changes and updates in DFE guidance and other information on RAAC as it comes through, in case any additional assessment is required to ensure the health and safety of pupils

Most schools are academies, which are independent of the council and they are responsible for their own buildings. NCC have contacted academies three times since 2018 to flag the potential issues with RAAC and reminded them to complete the Department for Education's survey in June this year

On Friday (1 September), NCC were contacted by the Thomas Bullock academy school in Shipdham, where RAAC was found in the school hall. The start of term has been delayed by a day to enable checks to take place

NCC are awaiting further results from a number of other academy schools and the

## FIRE AND RESCUE

More than 250 Norfolk fire fighters and fire staff are set to run night and day for 72 hours over a distance of 385 miles in an epic baton relay between all 42 fire stations in the county to raise money for charity.

Teams from every station will take turns to run and/or crew support vehicles around the clock to raise money for the Fire Fighters Charity as part of the annual Chief's Challenge event. The charity provides lifelong support to fire service staff and their families in the UK and has supported hundreds of fire fighters from Norfolk during the 80 years it has been running.

The run starts at Great Yarmouth Fire Station at 6pm on Thursday 28 September and will finish at Carrow Jubilee Station in Norwich at around 4:30pm on Sunday 1 October. Runners will be using a brass fire hose, known as a branch, as their baton.

## FLOOD PREVENTION

NCC have advised that now the bird nesting season over, it is time to do some simple work to stop flooding and keep water flowing across their properties. These steps can cut down the likelihood of flooding, starting with keeping drains, ditches and watercourses clear and able to flow freely. After a year's growth, many ditches and watercourses need branches clearing and cutting back new undergrowth.

And checking drains for any blockages such as mud, leaves and stones, can mitigate the impact of flooding.

When clearing a watercourse, ask yourself: could a fish swim through the ditch or waterway? If the answer is no, it needs clearing.

If residents spot any blocked or broken drains on Norfolk's highways, they can report it via [www.norfolk.gov.uk/flooding](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/flooding). This will allow Norfolk's Highways Team to clear them and keep the roads open.