

Sewage Discharge Data in the North Norfolk Area

Anglian Water attended Overview and Scrutiny at NNDC earlier this year following a Liberal Democrat motion expressing concern about combined sewage outflow into our waterways and bathing sites. The purpose was for Anglian Water to explain their current situation in regard to combined sewage outflows and their plans to progress towards the prevention of sewage being discharged into our waterways and seas.

Following the national concern about this and the Government's failure to incorporate target setting to force water companies to prevent these potentially health and environmental damaging discharges of sewage into our waters Anglian Water confirmed they saw this as a priority area for them.

NNDC members were positive that change would be moving forward when Anglian Water confirmed they were bringing forward their plan for the incorporation of Water monitoring equipment at these potential sewage dispersal black spots to 2023 from 2025

Anglian Water also agreed to make improvements to the access to their information about the current state of our bathing sites for the public

Some of the information which is available for the public is shown below in Appendix 1. Thankfully across North Norfolk along with our Blue Flag status for 5 of our main beaches they show excellent water quality in all but one bathing site.

However, from the EDP in August and NNDC Cllrs recent visit to Stalham Water Treatment plant the information available is potentially not a true reflection of both the quantity and frequency of sewage dispersals into our waterways. The waters have been muddied by claims sewage stats could not be trusted because monitoring equipment attached to outfalls was either faulty or had not been installed. It is therefore difficult with this level of doubt in the accuracy of data for NNDC to scrutinise the current situation in North Norfolk.

This Council therefore asks that Anglian Water be requested to confirm the following for the North Norfolk area and the information be reported to Overview and Scrutiny for consideration.

How many current storm outflows in the North Norfolk area are not being monitored?

How many storm outflows which discharge onto bathing beaches have monitors which are all fitted and working?

How many storm outflows which discharge onto shellfish beds with regular harvesting have monitors which are all fitted and working?

How many official bathing sites with storm outflows present do not have monitors fitted and working in place?

An outline of the plan to bring forward the implementation of monitoring of sewage discharge points, indicating the scale of the project and the timescales involved and the expected improvements to water quality

Appendix 1

Information from the Government SwimFo site in regard to our local bathing water quality. For more information click on the link below

<https://environment.data.gov.uk/bwg/profiles/data-prf.html?bw=ukh1305-10100>

Name	Location	Pollution risk	Abnormal situation	Classification 2017	Classification 2018	Classification 2019	Classification 2021	In-season	In-season	In-season	In-season
Heacham	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	unavailable	🚫	★☆☆ sufficient	★☆☆ sufficient	★☆☆ sufficient	☆☆☆ poor	IE: 220 EC: 320 13 Aug 2022	IE: 140 EC: 160 18 Aug 2022	IE: 18 EC: 45 27 Aug 2022	IE: 250 EC: 82 01 Sep 2022
Hunstanton Main Beach	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	unavailable	🚫	★☆☆ sufficient	★☆☆ sufficient	★☆☆ sufficient	★☆☆ sufficient	IE: 200 EC: 82 13 Aug 2022	IE: 82 EC: 64 18 Aug 2022	IE: 100 EC: 82 27 Aug 2022	IE: 10 EC: 10 01 Sep 2022
Hunstanton (Old Hunstanton)	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	unavailable	🚫	★★★ good	★★★ good	★★★ good	★★★ good	IE: 380 EC: 200 13 Aug 2022	IE: 91 EC: 10 18 Aug 2022	IE: 10 EC: 64 27 Aug 2022	IE: 18 EC: 45 01 Sep 2022
Wells	North Norfolk	unavailable	🚫	★★★ good	★☆☆ sufficient	★☆☆ sufficient	★☆☆ sufficient	IE: 10 EC: 10 09 Aug 2022	IE: 73 EC: 10 18 Aug 2022	IE: 10 EC: 10 24 Aug 2022	IE: 10 EC: 10 02 Sep 2022
Sheringham	North Norfolk	unavailable	🚫	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	IE: 10 EC: 10 09 Aug 2022	IE: 10 EC: 10 20 Aug 2022	IE: 10 EC: 10 26 Aug 2022	IE: 10 EC: 18 03 Sep 2022
West Runton	North Norfolk	unavailable	🚫	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	IE: 10 EC: 10	IE: 130 EC: 64	IE: 10 EC: 45	IE: 10 EC: 10
East Runton	North Norfolk	unavailable	🚫	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	IE: 18 EC: 280 21 Jul 2022	IE: 27 EC: 10 01 Aug 2022	IE: 10 EC: 10 20 Aug 2022	IE: 18 EC: 27 03 Sep 2022
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Mundesley	North Norfolk	unavailable	🚫	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	IE: 10 EC: 10 21 Jul 2022	IE: 10 EC: 36 01 Aug 2022	IE: 1400 EC: 2200 17 Aug 2022	IE: 10 EC: 18 03 Sep 2022
Sea Palling	North Norfolk	unavailable	🚫	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	★★★★ excellent	IE: 73 EC: 10 21 Jul 2022	IE: 10 EC: 10 01 Aug 2022	IE: 140 EC: 130 17 Aug 2022	IE: 10 EC: 10 03 Sep 2022



Interactive Swimfo Map showing water quality live and recommendations for suitability for swimming in designated bathing waters.

Pollution risk forecasts: Sheringham

Forecasts indicate increased risk of pollution due to weather and other predictable factors, are only valid up to midnight of the day they are issued.

Displaying results from the current or most-recent bathing water season only. You can [see all historical results](#), but note that this may **take some time** and use considerable data bandwidth.

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 pollution risk forecasts are not available at this site.  no increased risk of pollution.  increased risk of pollution, click or tap for details

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Date	Sheringham
08 Sep 22 08:40	No pollution incidents reported
07 Sep 22 08:40	No pollution incidents reported
06 Sep 22 08:41	No pollution incidents reported
05 Sep 22 08:40	No pollution incidents reported
04 Sep 22 08:40	No pollution incidents reported
02 Sep 22 08:40	No pollution incidents reported
01 Sep 22 08:41	No pollution incidents reported

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