

Public Question to Council on 29th January 2026

1) Question from Kevin Waddington

'Carried forward from previous local plans onto the draft "Masterplan" are the proposals to build 50 dwellings on Hardings Way and at its north end about 350 on Boal Quay. Building these 50 houses would necessarily mean that residents cars, dustcarts, delivery vans, large house moving lorries etc. would have to traverse Hardings Way for access. This would seemingly be in contravention of the conditions on which Norfolk Couty Council received the grant from central government to surface the road, and would also have a very bad effect for both people and the wildlife that lives on Hardings Pits the local nature reserve. This at a time when the Council is said to be supporting an application to make Hardings Pits a Village Green.

Boal Quay is a loop in the river that is frequently inundated with all the positive effects that has for wildlife. The approach to Lynn from the south is widely regarded as the most rural, most peaceful and attractive of any town in England. The proposal to extend the "greenway" from the north end of Hardings Way, along Boal Street and on to the South Quay will be welcomed by anyone who approaches by this route. It is however, incompatible with the proposals to build 350 dwellings on Boal Quay up to 5 stories high and therefore completely out of keeping with the nearby medieval areas of Nelson Street and the South Quay, because unless some sort of overbridge was constructed motor vehicles would have to traverse some part of the "greenway". So much better could this area be used to further enhancing the southern approach to the town.

The views of the population on this issue are well established. There have been a dozen well attended demonstrations against building and its accompanying motor traffic on Hardings Way, and a Petition on the issue has now over 1400 signatures.

The draft stage is always the best time to eliminate unfelicitious proposals and my question to Council is this: in the light of the recently adopted biodiversity plan and because most people oppose this aspect of the plan, will the Council take a critical look at these ill-sited building proposals with a view to removing them?'

2) Question from Margaret Friend

Please identify which of the councils assets are being considered for sale to meet the costs of the renovations of the Guild Hall. Please can you reassure us, the people of King's Lynn that any or all of the amount will not impact on any other much needed projects that the council have already committed to.

In particular the west Lynn Ferry project of safer landing stages on both sides of the river.

3) Question from Karen Champion on behalf of the West Lynn Action Group

Please could we know what was recommended by the £150,000 Greyfriars report on the West Lynn Ferry, so that we can be assured that adequate funds are put into the budget to carry out all of the recommendations.

4) Question from Helen Mead

Public records indicate that the estimated cost of the Guildhall renovation and regeneration has increased from an original figure of £15 million to in excess of £30 million, with the final cost still subject to change due to the obligations arising from the Full Repairing Lease.

Can the Council clearly explain how this significant increase in expenditure will be funded, and provide explicit reassurance to residents that meeting these additional costs will not require the diversion of funding from other services, nor adversely affect the delivery of those services?

5) Question from Ermine Amies

Has the council reviewed and revised policies including safeguarding and data policies & procedures following the 2025 For Women's Scotland Supreme Court Judgment to ensure that single-sex spaces and services for women and girls are protected and all policies and procedures are compliant with the Equality Act?