

Greater Norwich

Growth Board

Greater Norwich Annual Growth Programme 2019/20

February 2019

## Introduction

1. In 2013 the Greater Norwich authorities (Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council, South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council) together with the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, signed a City Deal with Government. To help achieve our growth ambitions, the City Deal agreed a strategic infrastructure programme supported through Government-approved access to borrowing at a preferential rate and the local authorities' commitment to pool a significant proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) income to form an Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF).
2. Decisions on delivery and allocations of IIF funding to support the strategic infrastructure programme are made by the Greater Norwich Growth Board.
3. The Greater Norwich Growth Board has responsibility for assembling the Annual Growth Programme (AGP) from the Joint Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan (5YIP), whilst also taking account of any further schemes for delivery across the area which may arise in response to mainstream funding decisions.
4. The AGP identifies the schemes which are prioritised for delivery and are to be funded either wholly or in part by the IIF.

## Approval

5. Prior to the development of the AGP, the Joint Five Year Investment Plan was developed and agreed (see appendix B). This plan confirms the strategic priorities in the Greater Norwich area for the IIF to support over the next five years. The projects programmed to receive IIF funding during the forthcoming financial year are accepted and included within the AGP. The projects listed within the subsequent four years become the IIF priorities and will be considered for inclusion within future Annual Growth Programmes.
6. On 27 November 2018 the GNGB approved the draft Joint Five Year Investment Plan 2019-24.
7. The 5YIP was then agreed at the individual district cabinet meetings on the below dates:  
  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019- South Norfolk District Council  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019- Broadland District Council  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019- Norwich City Council
8. The AGP will also be reported to Norfolk County Council as the GNGB's accountable body and the New Anglia LEP as partner.

## **Annual Growth Programme 2019/20**

9. The 2019/20 Annual Growth Programme agrees to commit £2m of CIL through the IIF to Children's Services. This will support the development of a new two form entry Primary School in Cringleford.
10. In addition, approximately £1.5million of projects allocated funding in previous AGPs will continue to be delivered in 2019/20.
11. This AGP also reaffirms the commitment to borrow funds as and when required to support the delivery of significant infrastructure projects including the Long Stratton Bypass and Hempnall Crossroads. The Broadland Northway has already drawn down £40m from this facility and the interest and loan repayments are being paid through the IIF.

## **Delivery and Monitoring**

12. Delivery of the growth programme is the responsibility of the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board (IDB). Project promoters will be responsible for providing information on individual schemes to the IDB on a quarterly basis. The IDB will consider in-year changes to the Programme based on their monitoring of progress and the outcome of ongoing scheme identification work.
13. The IDB will report progress on programme delivery (and exception reports if required) to meetings of the Greater Norwich Growth Board.



# Greater Norwich Growth Programme Project Summary

| Ref                                    | Project Description  |
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| <b>2014/15 Annual Growth Programme</b> |  |
| GP1                                    | <b>Harrisons' Wood, Salhouse Road, Norwich</b><br>Public access improvements to improve connections from Mousehold Heath to the Broads, contributing to an eventual continuous corridor extending to the Broads buffer/ sensitivity zone and beyond. Works to ensure that Harrison's wood is suitable for public access with path development and clear signage, whilst also transferring the land from private to public ownership.   |
| GP2                                    | <b>Danby Wood</b><br>Biodiversity and access improvements including upgrading the main footpath through the wood.  |
| GP3                                    | <b>Marsden Marsh</b><br>Improved pedestrian access to the western part of the site whilst improving the site's biodiversity value.   |
| GP4                                    | <b>Earlham Millennium Green (EMG) (Phase 1)</b><br>EMG also forms a valuable link for pedestrian access connecting Bowthorpe, West Earlham, the UEA and the Research Park. With the Three Score developments progressing, this route is likely to increase in importance and there are opportunities for improvements that would encourage more people to walk rather than use their cars. This phase will involve the creation of high quality open space and wildlife area, improvements to access and enhanced potential for educational use. |
| GP5                                    | <b>Riverside Way- Oasis site</b><br>The development of a revised layout and design for the Oasis site adjacent to Fye Bridge on the River Wensum. Working in partnership with key stakeholders to enhance the site to maximize its use, linkages and potential for access to the river.  |
| GP6                                    | <b>Marriotts Way (Phase 1)</b><br>Improvements to the city end of Marriott's Way to encourage commuting by bicycle and on-foot. Included surface and lighting improvements   |
| GP7                                    | <b>Norwich Health Walks</b><br>The development of a footpath through the tree belt surrounding the N&N University Hospital. Offering an opportunity for staff and patients of the hospital to enjoy fresh air and exercise thus aiding a sense of well-being for patients and staff alike.   |
| <b>2015/16 Annual Growth Programme</b> |  |
| GP8                                    | <b>Earlham Millennium Green Path Improvements (Phase 2)</b><br>Enhancement of EMG for site users and wildlife. This project is a second phase of works and will improve a gravel path which had come to the end of its life with a hard surface path suitable for pedestrians and cyclist.   |
| GP9                                    | <b>Marriott's Way (Phase 2)</b><br>A second phase of improvement to the section of Marriott's Way from Thorpe Marriott to Norwich City Centre in addition to those agreed in the 2014/15 Growth Programme. Including repairs to Dragon Bridge to enable adoption, highway improvements to access points and barriers, signage and lighting.  |

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| <p>GP<br/>10-17</p> | <p><b>Norwich Area Transportation Strategy</b><br/>Initially 8 projects (GP10-17) were identified from Transport for Norwich's programme of works. The programme aimed to improve accessibility by all forms of transport in and around the city, encouraging the use of more sustainable forms of transport, such as public transport, cycling and walking, while also improving the capacity of the road network, in particular through the Broadland Northway.</p> <p>The programme was delivered by a partnership between Norfolk County Council and Norwich City Council, as well as local authorities within Greater Norwich on schemes in the wider area. Funding sources included the Department for Transport, developer contributions, the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and local growth funds.</p> <p>Pooled CIL was made available to these schemes to use as a top up to fill their funding gaps. Some of the initial 8 projects which were able to secure alternative funding so the Infrastructure Development Board were able to agree amendments to the projects which received CIL.</p> <p>The below 5 projects have been allocated CIL funding (GP11-17b)</p> |
| <p>GP11</p>         | <p><b>St Clements Toucan Crossing</b><br/>The development of a crossing point at Denton Road/ Chartwell Road/ School Road. The primary objective was to enable cyclists and pedestrians to cross much more quickly and directly providing separate cycling and pedestrian crossing areas: Part of the Blue Pedalway route which links the city centre with the North East Growth Triangle (NEGT).</p>   |
| <p>GP13</p>         | <p><b>Eaton Interchange</b><br/>Works at the crossroads in Eaton to improve safety and traffic flow including reducing traffic speeds, traffic calming measures, widening the cycle track, moving the vehicle stop line so buses and other large vehicles can turn more easily, resurfacing the carriageway, improved lining, a new cycle traffic signal and simplifying pedestrian crossings.</p>  |
| <p>GP13b</p>        | <p><b>Roundhouse Way</b><br/>The creation of a new bus interchange at Roundhouse Way, Cringleford</p>   |
| <p>GP16</p>         | <p><b>Golden Ball Street</b><br/>This scheme builds on the traffic improvements realised as part of the Chapelfield North scheme and is an important element of the City Centre NATS measures that will provide a more attractive environment for pedestrians and cyclists. Additional funding of £500,000 was awarded to enhance the quality of public realm in Westlegate and All Saints Green.</p>   |
| <p>GP17b</p>        | <p><b>A140 Corridor</b><br/>The primary objective is to implement on-carriageway bus priority measures through the reallocation of road space on the A140 Cromer Road north of Norwich city centre. The scope of the project has also been expanded to look at potential improvements to the pedestrian crossing facilities at the Fifers Lane / A140 junction as well as looking at potential cycling improvements along the A140 corridor, primarily between the NDR and Fifers Lane.</p>   |

**2016/17 Annual Growth Programme**

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| <b>GP19</b> | <b>St Faiths Rd to Airport Transport Link</b><br>Establishment of a road and cycle links between St Faiths Rd and Airport Industrial Estate (AIE) to join the existing employment area with the North East Growth Triangle.   |
| <b>GP22</b> | <b>Heathgate - Pink Pedalway</b><br>The construction of a 3m wide lit cycling and walking path between Heathgate and Gurney Road at the junction with Britannia Road.   |
| <b>GP23</b> | <b>Carrow to Deal Ground riverside walk</b><br>Delivery of a short section of cycle/ footway on north bank of the River Wensum. This will provide a key 'missing link' in the route between Norwich city centre/ rail station and Whitlingham Country Park, which is also needed to serve several planned new developments in the area.   |
| <b>GP24</b> | <b>Colney River Crossing (NRP to Threescore)</b><br>Improvements to the existing right of way, including a new footbridge across the River Yare and improvements to the existing footpaths will improve linkages between housing at Three Score and the Norwich Research Park. This is part of a wider project of improvements to green space in Bowthorpe associated with the development of Three Score. The river crossing and footpath improvements would provide a direct link between housing in Bowthorpe and the major employment locations at NRP and the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. |
| <b>GP25</b> | <b>Northern Distributor Road- Broadland Northway</b><br>The NDR is identified in the JCS as a requirement of the growth strategy and a key element of NATS. The NDR is due to open in early 2018. The Growth Board Partners agreed to use up to £40m of pooled CIL to support delivery of the NDR – this has now been drawn down.   |
| <b>GP26</b> | <b>Long Stratton Bypass and Hempnall Crossroads</b><br>The project consists of a bypass to Long Stratton with appropriate junction strategy, an improvement to Hempnall crossroads and village centre enhancement measures. A planning application is currently being worked up for the development and is due before the end of 2017. Current estimates put the cost of these scheme at about £40m.  |

**2017/18 Annual Growth Programme**

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| <b>GP27</b> | <b>Lizard and Silfield Nature Reserves</b><br>To protect and enhance the Lizard and Silfield Nature Reserve by the creation of alternative green infrastructure routes for recreational access. The project will identify and agree new routes, which will be developed as appropriate. Necessary infrastructure such as stiles, fencing, signage/way marking, hedgerow planting/restoration and interpretation/localised publicity will be provided to encourage and manage use of the network. |
| <b>GP29</b> | <b>Barn Road Gateway</b><br>This is part of a programme of projects being developed through the Marriott's Way Implementation & Delivery plan, which have been informed by the public and stakeholder consultation that took place in 2015. The aims of the project are to improve the gateway to Marriott's Way with signage, paving and removal of vegetation to improve legibility and raise the quality of this important entrance.  |
| <b>GP30</b> | <b>Marriotts Way: Sloughbottom Park - Andersons Meadow</b><br>Also part of the Marriott's Way Implementation and Delivery plan, this project involves enhancing a particularly poor section of the route to encourage greater use. Works would include path widening, providing street lighting, improving an adjacent storm drain (in partnership with Anglian Water, Natural England, and the Environment Agency), vegetation management, tree planting, and drainage improvements.            |

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| <b>GP31</b> | <p><b>Riverside Walk accessibility improvements</b></p> <p>A package of accessibility improvements to the Riverside Walk, to enable its use by all, including access measures on and adjacent to the walk, and improved signage linking the river with the city centre and other key attractors. It is proposed that the project is implemented in phases, with the development of a branding and identity for the whole Riverside Walk in the first phase, followed by physical improvements to the Riverside Walk in the city centre (i.e. downstream of New Mills) in phase 2.</p>   |
| <b>GP32</b> | <p><b>Broadland Way - Green Lane North to Plumstead Road</b></p> <p>This section extends from Green Lane North and will tie in to the Brook Farm development and extend east of Thorpe End up to Plumstead Road, a distance of just over 1km. The route will predominantly follow the western edge of the Bittern Railway Line. At the southern point, the route will link to the existing cycleway at the north end of Dussindale. From Plumstead Road, the section heading north will be delivered as part of the NDR construction.<br/>(delivery is currently on hold whilst more work is undertaken to define aspects of this project)</p>  |
| <b>GP33</b> | <p><b>Strumpshaw Pit Circular Walk</b></p> <p>A project to expand the dog walking capabilities of Strumpshaw Pit, which is owned by Norfolk County Council. This could be achieved through additional parking, which would increase the distance that dog walkers travel. In addition, cycle rack provision will provide for other users. The existing site includes a circular walk around a closed landfill site with various wildflowers growing and it is commonly used by dog walkers, but is not fully accessible.</p>  |
| <b>GP34</b> | <p><b>Cringleford N&amp;N strategic connections</b></p> <p>Green infrastructure projects of various types to link N&amp;N Hospital, Yare Valley Walk in Cringleford, and possibly along A47 corridor: a) a footpath between N&amp;N hospital walk and application to the west of Newfound Farm (around 365m); b) habitat connections between N&amp;N hospital tree belt and boundary treatment for application to the west of Newfound Farm; c) a footpath through Cringleford Wood (around 600m); d) improvement to CWS in Cringleford (details to be confirmed). This would supplement GI to be delivered by other developments<br/>(delivery is currently on hold whilst discussions continue with developers of proposed developments in the area, with the expectation that they will bring forward elements of this project as part of their schemes)</p> |
| <b>GP36</b> | <p><b>Castle Gardens</b></p> <p>Restoration and improvement works to Castle gardens to promote the use of the gardens as a linear park. Restoration works will safeguard the gardens for future use whilst planned improvements will ensure that the gardens can be maintained within the available budgets. The linkage to the gardens from the surrounding street scene will be enhanced along with improved linkages to the castle and green</p>   |
| <b>GP37</b> | <p><b>Long Stratton Sports Hub</b></p> <p>The project aims to bring together a number of facility-providing partners (South Norfolk Council, Long Stratton High School and Long Stratton Parish Council) to improve the sport and leisure facility stock in the village to support significant housing growth. It will create a new sport and leisure 'Hub' across three adjacent sites and provide new and enhanced facilities that are fit for purpose and better suited to the current and future facility needs of local residents. Management will be shared across the three sites, resulting in economies of scale and efficiencies in service delivery. On completion, the new or improved facilities will be available for school and community use.</p>   |



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| <b>GP38</b>                            | <b>Football pitch improvements</b><br>Football pitch improvement works at Eaton Park, Sloughbottom Park, Britannia Barracks and Fountain Ground including drainage improvements, improved grass species and improved goal facilities through the provision of new posts, nets and additional ground sockets. This will permit moving the pitches annually to prevent excessive wear, improving the playability of the pitches and increasing capacity.   |
| <b>GP39</b>                            | <b>Hales cricket and bowls clubhouse improvements</b><br>There is a need for a replacement pavilion to serve Loddon and Hales Cricket Club and Hales Bowls Club on their shared site on Green Road, just off the A146, to the south-east of Loddon. The proposed new pavilion will give both clubs a permanent home in spaces that meet their respective needs, allowing to develop and grow participation across a range of ages.   |
| <b>GP40</b>                            | <b>Wymondham: new sports improvements</b><br>Ketts Park in Wymondham has been identified as being a location that would be suitable for a sports hub, the provision of which can ensure that there are economies of scale in outdoor sports delivery and that clubs can benefit from shared and jointly managed facilities. A new full-size, floodlit artificial grass pitch on the site would take advantage of existing infrastructure and with tennis also being available on the Ketts Park site the argument for creating a hub is strengthened with the potential for significant gains in sporting participation likely. With the expected growth in demand for pitches in Wymondham due to the forthcoming housing, the carrying capacity of a full-size AGP will help to ensure that the quality of existing natural turf pitches (whose drainage will be improved as part of this project) is not compromised in future. |
| <b>GP 41-43</b>                        | <b>Library self-access improvements</b><br>Self-access technology allows the library service to automatically control and monitor building access, self-service kiosks, public access computers, lighting, alarms, public announcements and customer safety. Each library will be able to have increased opening hours, making access to the library more convenient for current and new customers without an increase in staff costs. This is a great opportunity for libraries to be accessible and relevant to more people.   |
| <b>GP41</b>                            | <b>Wroxham Library: self-access improvements</b><br>This project will introduce both public customer toilets and self-access technology  |
| <b>GP42</b>                            | <b>Plumstead Road Library: self-access improvements</b><br>This project will introduce self-access technology plus provide car and bike customer parking (including disabled parking).   |
| <b>GP43</b>                            | <b>Diss library: self-access improvements</b><br>This project will introduce self-access technology.   |
| <b>GP44</b>                            | <b>Education- Allocation for Children's Services Capital Programme</b><br>Allocation to support the development of Hethersett Junior school and Hethersett Academy. (this is supporting additional need over and above those already supported by s106 contributions)  |
| <b>2018/19 Annual Growth Programme</b> |  |
| <b>GP45</b>                            | <b>Green Pedalway</b><br>The Green Pedalway project sees a comprehensive upgrade and extension to this strategic cycle route. This project relates to improvements to the Earlham Road (B1108) junction with Mill Hill Road and Heigham Road. This project has been combined with cycle ambition funding awarded by the Department for Transport for safety improvements at the Earlham Road (B1108) / Outer ring road (A140) roundabout and along the length of Earlham Road between the outer ring road and Heigham Road.  |

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| <b>GP46</b> | <b>Marriotts Way- Thorpe Marriott to Costessey</b><br>To improve access to and on the Marriott's way between Thorpe Marriott and Costessey. This will create an improved commuting route from Thorpe Marriott to the city.  |
| <b>GP47</b> | <b>UEA to Eaton Boardwalk</b><br>The project will extend the existing boardwalk which forms part of the Yare Valley Walk between UEA and Eaton/Cringleford. The boardwalk currently only extends half the length of the path from the UEA to Eaton/Cringleford  |
| <b>GP48</b> | <b>Wherrymans Way- Yare Valley Cycle Route</b><br>Improve the Yare Valley Cycle Route (which follows the Wherryman's Way), through creating signage and route improvements.   |
| <b>GP49</b> | <b>Earlham Millennium Green (EMG) Improvement Project (Phase 3)</b><br>This will build on the works already completed in previous phases (GP4 and GP8) Works will include improving links to the main route through the site from Bowthorpe, and from West Earlham via George Fox Way, refurbishing and improving existing entrance features, new signage, replacing pond dipping platforms and a timber footbridge connecting EMG with Earlham Marsh   |
| <b>GP50</b> | <b>Yare and Wensum Valley Link</b><br>The River Wensum and Yare run close together in the west of the city between Marriott's Way near Gunton Lane and the Three Score development site. The link between the two river valleys is a recognised green infrastructure corridor and the route of the purple pedalway. (The first phase of this project is supported through s106 allocation at Bunkers Hill)  |
| <b>GP51</b> | <b>Green Infrastructure: Access for All</b><br>A number of Green Infrastructure trails across the Greater Norwich area have been audited for both power chair use and general accessibility and to identify the improvement works necessary to allow such access. This project implements a range of smaller scale accessibility improvements across various projects and areas. The funding is spread across 5 years with new 'access improvement' projects being identified each year. The first tranche of works will be access improvements to the full length of the Boudicca way (over 30 miles). |
| <b>GP52</b> | <b>Thorpe Marriott Greenway</b><br>The Thorpe Marriot Greenway is designed to promote better greenspace and access in the Thorpe Marriot area. To create the greenway, a path will be established through the current tree belt that will link the Thorpe Marriot estate, the Marriott's Way, Nabour Furlong, Pendlesham Rise, Littlewood (three woodlands owned by Broadland District Council) and the Broadland Northway green bridge that leads to Drayton Drewray. This will also help to deliver the identified Thorpe Marriott to Hevingham Secondary Green Infrastructure Corridor .             |
| <b>GP53</b> | <b>Marriotts Way- Surfacing works at Drayton</b><br>This is part of a programme of projects being developed through the Marriott's Way Implementation and Delivery plan, which have been informed by public and stakeholder consultation in 2015. This project covers the section of Marriott's Way at the rear of the Tesco supermarket in the Drayton area (between Fakenham Road and Taverham Lane) and involves surface improvements and work to reduce the gradient of access ramps to allow better accessibility.   |

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| <b>GP55</b>                            | <p><b>Community Sports Hub- The Nest, Horsford</b><br/> Norwich City Community Sports Foundation (CSF) has obtained the Anglia Windows sports site at Horsford Manor within Broadland District to develop a large scale “Community Hub” that will provide inclusive facilities for the growing community. Named ‘The Nest’ it will comprise: An indoor sports facility comprising full size 3G football pitch, full size sports hall, indoor gym and associated changing facilities, cafe, learning space, classrooms and office, 10 sleeping pods to be used for residential training courses, external spectator stand and associated parking, and an outdoor gym. It will be the only full 11aside indoor football pitch in the region that is open to the public. Alterations to access and infrastructure will be necessary to delivery these facilities.<br/> Phase 1 consisting the pitches, clubhouse and sleeping pods is complete and the CIL funding will support the development of operational phase 2.</p> |
| <b>GP 56-60</b>                        | <p><b>Library self-access improvements</b><br/> Self-access technology allows the library service to automatically control and monitor building access, self-service kiosks, public access computers, lighting, alarms, public announcements and customer safety. Each library will be able to have increased opening hours, making access to the library more convenient for current and new customers without an increase in staff costs. This is a great opportunity for libraries to be accessible and relevant to more people.</p>  |
| <b>GP56</b>                            | <b>Harleston Library- self-access improvement</b>  |
| <b>GP57</b>                            | <b>Costessey Library- self-access improvement</b>  |
| <b>GP58</b>                            | <b>Loddon Library- self-access improvement</b>   |
| <b>GP59</b>                            | <b>Earlham Library- self-access improvement</b>  |
| <b>GP60</b>                            | <b>Mile Cross Library- self-access improvement</b>   |
| <b>GP61</b>                            | <p><b>Education- Allocation for Children’s Services Capital Programme</b><br/> This allocation was committed to two projects;<br/> -to identify and secure a new site to move the existing school at Blofield into larger and more suitable accommodation<br/> - to ensure the primary school in Brundall has suitable accommodation for larger cohorts of children.</p>   |
| <b>2019/20 Annual Growth Programme</b> |  |
| <b>GP62</b>                            | <p><b>Education- Allocation for Children’s Services Capital Programme</b><br/> The funding will be allocated to a new two form entry primary school in Cringleford.</p>  |