

Dereham Neighbourhood plan

Dereham Green Infrastructure

In 2007 the Town Council commissioned a management Plan for the Neatherd and Etling Green. The process of developing this plan made the Town Council realise that it would be beneficial for a study of the whole Town. In 2008 the Town Council, in partnership with Norfolk County Council and Breckland District, commissioned a Green Infrastructure study for the whole Town. This study was adopted by Breckland District Council as part of the evidence base for the Local Development Framework and has also been included as evidence in the Emerging Local Plan.

The Town Council has, since 2008, positively developed the Green Infrastructure and ecological networks since 2008 with a combination of actions taken as and when opportunities have arisen.

B9 relate to Neatherd Moor and Etling Green, these are the ancient commons which form the core sites of the Northern Green Corridor.

Actions by the Town Council to work towards delivering the Green Vision for Dereham

Reference	Action	Date	Link to the Green Infrastructure Vision.
B1	Purchase land as open space using developer commuted sum.	2009	This formed a link in the Northern Green Corridor
B2	Purchase land as open space	2011	Strengthened the Neatherd as the core of the Northern Green Corridor.
B3	Purchase land for Cemetery	2011	Site was partly chosen to support the Northern Green corridor and develops a spur for a new north south corridor to the east of the Eastern Green Corridor.
B4	Purchase land as open space	2015	Strengthens the block of wildlife friendly land in the Northern Green corridor and adjacent to the Etling Green
B5	Protected land as corridor		This is a crucial link joining the Neatherd Common with Etling Green Common. The developer was prevented from developing too close to this corridor.
B6	Protected land as corridor		This central block was reserved as location of open space for the forthcoming development, securing a link in the Eastern Green Corridor.
B7	Protected land as PROW		PROW link was secured through 106 agreements.
B8	Claimed PROW	2016	A series of important links PROW and Green corridors, claimed by the Town Council. In May 2017 Norfolk County Council made a modification order for the routes a Restricted Byways.
B9	Status upgraded	2014	The two commons were surveyed with the result that both areas were classified as County Wildlife Sites. This will help protect the areas in the future.
B10	Dedication of Public right of way.	2015	Landowner was persuaded to dedicate land as a footpath enabling lawful public access to Badley Moor Common. Kissing gate provided by the Town Council to improve access has also been installed.

Future plans.

B1, B2, B4, B3 (part of) and B9 to be brought into a coherent management plan for the benefit of wildlife and enjoyment of people.

The Town Council still has the aspiration to secure additional open space in the south of Dereham which could deliver additional formal sports pitches.