

Northstowe Town Council
c/o Town Clerk, Mark Nokkert
By email

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5th January 2023

Dear Northstowe Town Council

I'm sure that you will be aware of the good work of the Plastic Free Community in Longstanton and Northstowe, which achieved formal certification from Surfers Against Sewage in 2020. We have supported a number of organisations to make commitments to reduce and remove single use plastic in the local area, including Longstanton Parish Council, Northstowe Secondary College, and others.

I am writing to follow up on discussions with a number of Councilors over the last year, and email discussion with the Clerk in August about Northstowe Town Council taking a formal resolution to reduce single use plastic in your area. It would be of benefit to the Plastic Free Community campaign if the Town Council was to adopt a formal resolution stating their intent, and provide some clear leadership on this important issue. I provided you with the template wording in our email exchange on 25th August which also gave some background to our work but have repeated it here for convenience:

- Northstowe Town Council agrees to put a member on the Plastic Free Longstanton and Northstowe steering group
- Northstowe Town Council agrees to support all Plastic Free Community initiatives in its area
- Northstowe Town Council pledges to act by example and remove single-use plastic items from it's premises and operations.

For reference the steering group is currently the Northstowe Sustainability Group.

I have brought this issue up with Councilors at the Northstowe Day in May this year and a number of other times since then. I was advised to follow up with the Town Clerk, which I did in August, and was then informed that any proposal would need to come through the Councilors.

I am assuming that the Town Council hasn't brought this to a meeting during 2022. Please can you accept this letter as a formal request for the Council to adopt the resolution as drafted above, and formally become a supporter of our Plastic Free Community as early in possible in 2023?

Best Regards



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Coordinator, Plastic Free Longstanton and Northstowe