

**IN BRIEF**

Festival will celebrate local architecture

**NORWICH:** The Norfolk Association of Architects is celebrating the county's contemporary architecture at their fourth biennial festival from Sunday, to Tuesday, November 10.

The exciting programme of events hopes to inspire the public to get involved in their areas and include local architects' work, exhibitions, lectures, themed guided walks, treasure hunts and films.

The main festival exhibition will run at the Forum from October 4-11. For more information visit [www.fann.org](http://www.fann.org).

Speak to police about issues in your area

**EATON:** People living in Eaton can meet their local police officers next week. The Norwich South Safer Neighbourhood Team will hold a briefing at Waitrose coffee shop on October 7 from 1pm. For more visit [www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk).

# A date is set for major Broads legal battle

A date has been set for the High Court hearing which could see the rebranding of the Broads overturned.

Landowners Tim and Geli Harris, of Catfield Hall, Catfield, won permission to challenge the legality of renaming the region's waterways the Broads National Park earlier this year.

The Broads Authority made the change in January for marketing purposes – despite the area not legally becoming a national park.

Now it has been revealed the authority could lose out if it wins the case on February 10 and 11 next year, with a costs cap meaning no more than £10,000 could be received from the landowners.

However if Mr and Mrs Harris succeed in their claim, they could receive up to £35,000 from the authority.

Authority chairman Jacquie Burgess said the move to rebrand was supported by authority members, visitors and residents.

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She added: "It is important that we defend the decision which was made to better promote understanding of the special qualities of the Broads and to benefit the tourism economy."

In the legal documents for the judicial review, submitted by Mr Harris, 67, the Broads Authority is accused of acting "unlawfully", and being "irrational" and "unreasonable". Since May, when proceedings began, the Broads Authority has spent £10,000 on legal costs.

A High Court judge found in July there was no case to answer, yet in August a second judge disagreed.

Mr and Mrs Harris have been battling to save Catfield Fen from being damaged by abstraction for the past seven years and say the experience has shown the Broads Authority's decision-makers give "insufficient attention to support its conservation objectives".

When the decision came, promises



■ A date has been fixed for the hearing for a legal battle over the name of The Broads.

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were made that there was no future ambition to become a national park in law and the Sandford Principle – which puts conservation as a priority over recreation and navigation – would not be applied for.

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