# Residents in Hunstanton face health hazards from large rubbish pile on Chatsworth Road



In the seaside town of Hunstanton, residents of Chatsworth Road are contending with an extensive accumulation of rubbish and broken items outside a bungalow owned by Sharon Cochrane. The unsightly heap, which spills onto the pavement, includes broken furniture, household appliances, bags of rubbish, a supermarket trolley loaded with groceries, and a car parked on the street with a damaged wing and a flat front tyre. Additionally, a sideboard has been placed next to the car on the road.

Neighbours in the cul-de-sac, known for its tidy bungalows near the seafront, have voiced serious concerns about the pile, citing its impact on the appearance of the area and health hazards. One local resident described the situation, telling the Eastern Daily Press: "It stinks, there are rats and it's dangerous. There are children walking past and it could fall onto the pavement at any time, and then there's the fire risk. It lowers the tone of the whole street. If people want to sell their houses it's going to lower the price."

Photographic evidence shows the property in 2009 with a well-maintained garden and pristine surroundings. However, by 2023, rubbish had started to accumulate, and the pile has increased notably since then.

In response to the complaints and the ongoing issue, West Norfolk Council has taken action by issuing a legal notice that mandates the removal of all waste from the land. Sharon Cochrane is required to appeal this notice by 20 May; if she does not, she will have seven days to comply with the directive. Should she fail to remove the rubbish within this timeframe, the council has indicated it may undertake the clearance work itself and subsequently seek to recover the costs from her.

A council spokesman commented on the situation, stating: "We are aware of the issues raised and continue to work with all parties."

The unfolding situation highlights ongoing challenges in maintaining standards in residential areas and the procedures local authorities follow to address environmental and public health concerns.

Source: [Noah Wire Services](https://www.noahwire.com)

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