



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN – January 2019

As your County Councillor, I am always on hand to try and deal with any concerns you may have about services provided by Leicestershire County Council. Such as street lighting, highways, footpaths, overhanging trees and hedges onto the highways/footpaths, social services etc.

County Council Meeting – 5th December

Leaders Position Statement

The Leaders Position Statement mentioned that the County Council had been named as the most productive council in the country for the second year in a row according to a table compiled by consultancy firm IMPOWER.

The statement also mentioned how the scrutiny process was progressing regarding the Unitary Authority. It mentioned that all concerned recognise both the serious financial situation facing the County Council and the need to keep under review how local government in the East Midlands can best influence Government in both the national and regional context.

The scrutiny process (which is made up of members of all political party's) has not yet concluded, scrutiny has spoken to Leaders of Unitary Authorities, District Council Leaders and many others.

East Midlands Collaboration, the statement mentioned that the Leader attends meetings of the Midlands Engine Executive Board, the Midlands Connect Board and the Board of Transport for the East Midlands. These bodies are for the future wellbeing not just of Leicestershire, but of our region generally. Bodies such as these are the only ones able to get substantial funding out of Government for major infrastructure projects. Without those, strategically planned developments, whether it be for housing or industry, will not be possible.

The statement goes on to mention Phase 2 of the Midlands Connect A46 Study which is underway and is known locally as the A46 Expressway. (I attend regular meetings of this Committee as County representative). I am aware that there is concern about the A46 Expressway, but if housing is going in the area then we need to make sure the infrastructure is in place to accommodate all the extra traffic. The statement went on to say that there has been positive news on the Coventry-



Leicester to Nottingham rail corridor with the business case for improved rail services showing promising results.

Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2018

The report is a statement on the health of the population of Leicestershire and is a key resource for shaping commissioning decisions to improve the health status of the population.

This year's report presents on the changing population of Leicestershire, the prevalence of individual and multiple conditions (otherwise known as multiple morbidity) in the population and data on excess winter deaths and place of death. The growing number of people living with multiple health conditions presents as a bigger challenge to public services as the overall growth in the number of older people.

The health and care system should promote 'healthy ageing'. This can be achieved by: Tackling social isolation; reducing falls; promote physical activity throughout life and into older age;

Wm Davis development – Buttercup Lane off Anson Road

There is a temporary crossover access to be created from the new section of Tickow Lane into a turning head to serve plots 204 and 205. The access is temporary to allow members of the public access to the show home complex whilst works to the main access road continues. It is expected that the temporary access will be closed and reinstated as per the previously approved Section 38 by the end of April 2019 with works completed in accordance with the planning permission related to this phase of the development (P/18/0435/2). The works would be subject to a Section 184 agreement with the Highway authority and it is suggested that it be bound by a time limit to ensure the works are completed within the timeframe specified. I am very happy with this time limit being imposed due to the number of times Tickow Lane closure keeps being extended.

Nanpantan Road/Loughborough Road and Copt Oak Road

A study has found that a length of the B591 from the junction with Ingleberry Road to the junction with the A511 (Flying Horse) has an accident rate higher than the national average. County are consulting on a scheme to impose a 50mph speed



limit on parts of the B591 following a study of all county roads where the speed limit is 60mph. No decision has been made yet, but I will keep you informed.

Advance Notice of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)

A TTRO is to be made for the following location Footpath L10 which runs from the top of Brick Kiln Lane, next to 64 BKL. The purpose of the TTRO is to facilitate Western Power Distribution with works to lay new cables underground and remove overhead cables. The TTRO will incorporate a temporary footpath closure. The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 5 days commencing on the 29th January.

A TTRO is to be made for the following location: Church Side. The purpose of the TTRO is to facilitate LCC with carriageway patching works. The TTRO will incorporate a temporary road closure and temporary suspension of the one-way system. The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day commencing on the 4th February 2019. I have been in contact with County asking them to make sure that HGV's and large vehicles do not try to negotiate these roads during the closure as they would not be able to turn round.

A TTRO is to be made on Kings Road to facilitate LCC with works to construct a new vehicle access.

The TTRO will incorporate a temporary prohibition of waiting and loading at any time for the period of 1 day commencing on 15th January.

One-Way System

As the County Councillor I sit on the Town Team and I have been working with them, Charnwood and County regarding looking at a one-way system on certain roads in Shepshed.

In the New Year a survey will be going out from the Town Team asking residents for their comments. The roads being considered are Loughborough Road/Forest Street and Field Street/Britannia Street.

Can I assure you that no decision has been made and County will not move forward with any proposals until local residents have been consulted.



Iveshead School

I can confirm that the Theatre at Iveshead School is not closing; I had been contacted by residents who had heard rumours that this was going to happen. I have been in touch with the head master who confirmed that it is a well-used asset by both the community and school and there is absolutely no plans to make any changes whatsoever to the theatre.

Re-cycling Centre – Refuse Tip

I reported a couple of months ago that the re-cycling centre in Loughborough would be closing for a refurbishment, this has now been completed. At the time I mentioned that Shepshed's re-cycling centre would be closing in January, this has been postponed until mid-February and I will share details around the improvement works and associated timescales in the February issue.

Resident raised concerns

Both residents and myself are still concerned about the number of accidents still taking place at the junction of Charley Road/Abbey Road/Iveshead Road following the safety measure which took place at this junction. County will monitor the junction over the coming months to see if there is anything else that can be done.

Following residents' concerns about speeding traffic, parking and HGV's on Ring Fence I had a meeting with residents to discuss how we could move forward.

I have been in contact with an officer at County about the speeding traffic, possibly reducing the speed limit to 20mph and how to set up a residents only parking. When all the information has been collated a further meeting with all those residents who wish to attend will be convened.

I can confirm that the introduction of yellow lines in Ring Fence is not going ahead following concerns raised by residents to both myself and County.

A meeting with URGO took place in December to discuss how the problem with the HGV's could be overcome. Ring Fence is very narrow and HGV's have damaged walls. 'stand-off' between HGV's and a car is now a regular occurrence, but I am aware that this business has been in the town for many years and provide jobs for local residents.



Following concerns about speeding on Anson Road and Cambridge Street/Oxford Street a speed check will be carried out in 2019.

Your help

Again I would like to thank the residents who keep me informed regarding issues around Shepshed, such as overgrown hedges, litter, dog mess etc., without your eyes and ears I could not get them reported and sorted.

For help and advice on County matters, I can be contacted on 502974 or e mail christine_radford@hotmail.com or christine.radford@leics.gov.uk or come along to my monthly Surgery on the FIRST Saturday of the month in the Town Council Offices, 47a Charnwood Road 10.00 am -11.00 am. No appointment is necessary.