



County Councillor Richard Allen Annual Report 2022-23

Dear Earl Shilton Resident,

As Many of you will have read in the press and seen on Social Media, one of the principal topics of debate at Leicestershire County Council (LCC) this year has been funding, with LCC remaining one of the lowest funded Councils per head in the country. The County Members of Parliament have recently had a meeting with the Executive of LCC and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to discuss these issues. One potential source of funding remains a “Level 3 Levelling Up Settlement” so LCC and the Government are currently examining ways that this could be achieved without including Leicester City, whose Mayor remains intransigent on co-operation.

I have dealt with a wide range of casework over the year, including weeds in gutters, concerns about trees and primarily, highways and traffic issues. Through the LCC Members Highways Fund I have secured improved signage and road markings on Clickers Way at the entry to the 40mph limit towards Masefield Drive and Station Road. More recently, I also have agreement for additional signage and “slow” markings for the west-bound approach to Masefield Drive following a number of incidents in this location.

Other projects I have delivered include new safety barriers at St Peter’s Primary School on Mill Lane, a new permanent VAS sign on Station Road and two winter grit bins on Oaklands Drive and Montgomery Gardens. I am in discussion with the Highways Department at LCC for what they term “hard landscaping” features on Station Road to help control the traffic flow and speed at the Clickers Way end. I hope to have a resolution to this shortly.

The only local application that has come before the DCRB at LCC is the waste transfer site at Bracknell Farm which following representations and working with LCC Planning Officers, was refused as being contrary to LCC Planning Policy. There was also a recommendation for enforcement action.

I look forward to receiving residents’ varied queries and requests throughout the next 12 months and I will endeavour to deliver improvements to the Town.

All the Best,

Richard Allen CC Division Member for Earl Shilton