

Report for 2022 – 2023 from Castle Donington and Kegworth Ward.

Detailed below are some of the more important activities which I have been involved in as County Cllr over the past year.

AIRPORT ICC MENT:

As the County Cll. representative on the above East Midlands Airport Independent Consultative Committee - Diseworth brook's untimely work upset local environmentalists and threw up wider issues re Airport De-icer effects particularly with regards to producing an oxygen deficiency through discharges into the River Trent. I have succeeded in getting a regular reporting of discharge compliance to the committee and demonstrated poor compliance which has resulted in a full airport review and overhaul plan being put in place. Whereas there was no transparency before the committee now have such and can monitor the airport compliance with its Environment Licence.

KEGWORTH BYPASS:

As part of the County's Plant a Tree Scheme - (I asked for 3 areas) - Long Lane, The Flash, Bypass, to be considered. I am pleased to report that the County plant a tree campaign has resulted in being able to provide Tree Planting on both sides (1.7 miles of Trees) on the bypass.

LOCKINGTON/HEMINGTON/RAIL BRIDGE

January rains again flooded under the bridge for the third winter and after extensive work with County Highways who initially thought that the cause was faulty optical water level sensors and their maintenance schedule and last year put them on a tight maintenance schedule this year have found that the water ducting design is inadequate to take the flow of water...

UKRAIN REFUGEE SHCEMES

Provided help for residents who offered up their homes or supported those who's Ukraine relatives came as a result of the war. Once the county/District Councils roles were understood by, all this went smoothly.

YEW LODGE HOTEL

The unprecedented and continuing rising waves of migrants arriving across the channel and lack of resources to adequately accommodate them has led to the present emergency dispersal programme adopted by central government.

The SERCO managed YEW LODGE facility has inevitably caused friction in the small village of Kegworth as we lose a Restaurant, Gym and Swimming Pool to house 250 male migrants for an indeterminate time.....

LOCAL MEMBERS HIGHWAYS FUND:

As County Cabinet Members for E & T I was delighted to sign off on the scheme that gave every Councillor the ability to direct £25K per Annum for Local Highways Improvements and after the completion of the Castle Donington Bypass it became evident that:

1 HGVs were still getting 'lost' down narrow town and village back streets resulting in damage to walls, cars etc. After consultation with the Head of County Highways and Highways England – new signage where lacking was requested.

2 Some naïve public were attempting to Picnic by the Airport Perimeter fence ...with young children dangerously close to fast moving A453 traffic. I've requested a length of suitably spaced kerb side bollards of the plastic variety to be put in.

3 After the completion of the new Castle Donington PC Hub which has been completed through the brilliant industry of the local Parish Cllrs with monies levied from local infrastructure projects (SEGRO). I met with Local Residents, the Police and Parish Cllrs to understand and address their Parking concerns. I support their request for extending the yellow lines o/s the Hub and its junction with Main St.

I have requested my 2 years of accrued members Highways fund to be allocated to these above schemes.

I also continue to support the Parish Council after our initial discussion at County Hall re their evolving Traffic calming schemes from 106 monies for the traffic calming scheme in the centre of Castle Donington.

As I have now also supported and endorsed the Kegworth Parish Cll scheme for their Village Centre improvements (District Cll; SEGRO; LEP funded).

Both schemes after a long gestation period are now out for Public consultation.

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY CTTEE:

As Chairman of the newly formed Environment Cttee we set about establishing its Role and Influence functions. This year has seen an emphasis on County Wide Co2 emissions and tree planting monitoring. Water supply and river and brook cleanliness and compliance were given an initial look over with Severn Trent and the Environment Authority invited to brief members of the cttee on their work.

The Cttee also monitors the Household Recycling centres (2 per district/Borough cll)and their contracts for kerbside waste collection and landfill content.

All the above with a view to the 2035 County Targets.

Signed:.....Trevor Pendleton CC

Castle Donington and Kegworth Division