

Report for 2023 – 2024 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 Council representative on the above East Midlands Airport Independent Consultative Committee – As reported last year having succeeded in getting a regular reporting of discharge compliance to the committee and demonstrated poor compliance, this along with a pending court case brought by the Environmental Agency has resulted in a full airport review and overhaul of their wastewater plant being put in place. Whereas there was no transparency before the committee now have such and going forward can monitor the hopefully improving airport compliance with its Environment Licence.

CASTLE DONINGTON & KEGWORTH BYPASSES:

As both these alternative routes around the villages from J24/A50 from the A6/A50 to EMA and SEGRO bed into Sat-Nav programmes, the results are beginning to show an improvement in lessening through traffic in these two settlements.

Both settlements traffic calming schemes have now proceeded through their public consultation phase and with some amendments I was happy to sign them off to their implementation stage.

Castle Donington is targeted to be delivered by the end of next year whilst Kegworth Village schemes target was this year and is due to start in the next few weeks. Both these schemes are designed to slow the remaining village through traffic and as a consequence make the centres more pedestrian friendly.

I am happy to report that I held a meeting along with the Police and Crime Commissioner and the District Council Safety Partnership in Kegworth Village Hall to listen to constituents concerns regarding regular speeding and Joy Riding on our major road network. As a result of those concerns expressed, I am pleased to see that because of police prosecutions and confiscation of offending vehicles this is now under control. I am currently responding to residents' requests to work on speeding from Kegworth By-pass along Whatton Road and Planning Issues around HMO's., whilst in Castle Donington the urgent implementation of the L57 footpath scheme to complement the Moira Sports Pavilion refurbishment scheme and EMA/County red route maintenance issues are current.

LOCKINGTON/HEMINGTON/RAIL BRIDGE

The improved maintenance schedule continues in place and having found that the water ducting design is inadequate to take the flow of water at peak winter flood times work continues to find a viable solution...

UKRAIN REFUGEE SCHEMES

Both Councils continue to provide help for residents who offered up their homes or support those who's Ukraine relatives came because of the war. From a County and District point of view, this all continues to be going 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. Un-confirmed reports suggest that the last migrants will have left the facility by summer and that the Hotel will be re-furbished.

LOCAL MEMBERS HIGHWAYS FUND:

As County Cabinet Members for E & T I was delighted to sign off on this scheme which 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 Some naïve public were attempting to Picnic by the Airport Perimeter fence ...with young children dangerously close to fast moving A453 traffic. I had requested a length of suitably spaced kerb side bollards of the plastic variety to be put in but officers are proceeding with 'a more in keeping' scheme using 15inch high wooden post and rail fencing.

2 On completion of the new Castle Donington PC Hub local infrastructure projects (SEGRO) and meeting with Local Residents, the Police and Parish Cllrs., to understand and address their Parking concerns. I am happy to report the implementation of the requested extension of the yellow lines o/s the Hub and its junction with Main St.

HEALTH SCRUTINY and EMPLOYMENT CTTEES:

I am presently a member of the above Cttees., which monitor the County Councils Public Health responsibilities and Employment Contracts.

Signed:.....CC Castle Donington and Kegworth Division