

Local Updates

22/01726/FUL | Erection of 32 no. residential dwellings on land at Little Farm, Loxwood

I am receiving a high number of objections to this application and will be following this carefully to ensure I represent the views of residents. At last count over 100 objections had gone in and I will be submitting my own comments on this. As Loxwood Parish Council have objected to this it will go before the planning committee at a future date but this is likely to be a long way in the future due to a number of issues that need resolving including the issue surrounding Water Neutrality.

21/02849/FUL Land Southwest Of Willets Way Willetts Way Loxwood West Sussex – The planning committee asked for this to be deferred to a future planning committee meeting to enable to site visit to take place. This is something that I pushed for when I spoke at committee, and I am pleased that this will now occur.

22/02346/OUT Foxbridge Golf Club Development – The application went in on Friday 30th September 2022 and residents can now comment. I have been meeting residents who have expressed concern over this application. I share many of these concerns and will be following this application very closely. The best way to ensure your voice can be heard on this application is to comment via the Chichester District Council Planning Portal. I have also written to the planning officer to express concern over the support comments which are coming are largely from outside the ward and in the same format. At the time of writing, I had not had a reply to this.

Land South of Townfield Development – No further updates but I have written to the case officer to ask why this has been allowed to go on for over a year and a half. My understanding is that normal practice would be for the refusal or the applicant to withdraw in order to resubmit plans.

Hyde Housing Complaints - Residents wanting to make a complaint about a Hyde property should, in the first instance, must complain direct to Hyde at this site:

<https://www.hyde-housing.co.uk/complaints/>

If this route does not resolve the issue, then residents can raise this with their District Councillor who will attempt to resolve the issue via the other routes available to them

CDC Updates

Trial of Evening Meetings

There was a trial of evening meetings in September which began at 6pm. These were for the following meetings

Cabinet on 6 September

Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20 September
Full Council on 27 September

I was delighted that we had the opportunity to trial these but regret that the trial could not be for longer. I was also disappointed that several members did not engage with the process and were quite hostile about it.

For context 95% of councils across England and Wales currently have evening meetings. I believe a mix of evening and daytime meetings will make local politics more inclusive both for people to have the option to serve as a councillor for their community and for residents to have their voice heard.

I will continue to push for this.

Communications

CDC are launching a new cost of living campaign, called 'Supporting You'. This aims to highlight the range of support that is available to those who may be struggling with the current cost of living, including help with finances; help with saving money on household bills; help with housing; help with health and wellbeing; and help for businesses. CDC will be delivering this campaign in partnership with the Observer series this September.

District Councillor Surgeries:

My next District Councillor Surgery Dates are as follows:

Saturday 5th November – Old Mill Café, Wisborough Green, 12pm-2pm

Saturday 19th November – The Foresters, Kirdford 12pm-2pm

Saturday 3rd November – The Coffee Cup, Ifold 12pm-2pm

I am also available for home visits or one to one meetings at alternative dates/venues upon request.

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