

February District Councillor Report

Local Updates

Loxwood Claypit

As a reminder WSCC have now publicised additional information provided by the applicant in support of their application (WSCC/030/21) for a clay quarry and construction materials and waste recycling facility.

This additional material can be found on the WSCC planning portal at:

<https://westsussex.planning-register.co.uk/Document/Download?module=PLA&recordNumber=1745&planId=69406&imageId=1549&isPlan=False&fileName=Additional%20Information%20and%20response%20to%20REG%2025.pdf>

Everybody who objected previously should have been contacted by WSCC inviting them to make further comments based on the additional information submitted. However, any interested party can make pertinent comments, regardless of whether they commented or objected previously or not.

This is not a new application, and all original objections and comments still stand.

The deadline for further comments is 10th FEBRUARY 2022.

Townfield Application, Kirdford

This application has faced a severe delay because of the applicant trying to find a solution for the Water Neutrality issue, The officer responsible (Andrew Robbins) for this application was due to meet his manager (Jo Bell) last week to discuss a way forward. I asked for an update on Friday 4th February and await a response to this.

Hyde Housing Issues

I am trying to support several families in the Ward (Loxwood and Kirdford) who are living in Hyde properties with severe mould issues (impacting health and wellbeing) and receiving extremely poor communication from Hyde representatives. I have addressed this with the Cabinet member for social housing and the CDC officer responsible for Hyde who are attempting to support. I have also raised this with my group leader, and we are planning to meet with a senior representative at Hyde.

Chichester District Council Updates

Platinum Jubilee

CDC have launched a £10,000 funding pot to help our communities commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. Parish Councils will be able to apply for grants of up to £250 to pay for

lasting tributes such as tree planting, street furniture and equipment for celebrations that can be reused. Details have been sent to all parish councils.

There are many ways residents can get involved with the celebrations, including street parties; the Big Jubilee Lunch; Beacon lighting; and the Queen's Green Canopy project, which is encouraging people to plant trees. If residents want to plan a Street Party, it is well worth looking here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party#what-sort-of-events-does-this-guidance-apply-to

Waste collection

CDC want to make you aware that waste collection, street cleaning and parks teams are continuing to face considerable challenges due to the amount of staff affected by coronavirus and the measures they have put in place to keep our teams as safe as possible. It's worth noting that our council is one of the few across the country that has continued to deliver these services without disruption throughout the pandemic.

East Pallant House opening hours

CDC want to remind you that their opening hours for customers at East Pallant House are changing. From Monday 7 February, the customer services centre will be open from 9am until 4pm, Monday to Friday. However, their phone lines will continue to operate from 9am until 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Planning Policy

Following the member briefing held on the 12 January 2022 a number of actions are being carried forward to progress the next stages of the Local Plan review. Letters have been sent to parishes advising them on the revised development distribution options for the north and south of the plan area, which are currently the subject of testing. Letters have also been sent to service and infrastructure providers regarding the latest development distribution options to seek feedback on the deliverability of these options and detailed infrastructure requirements. The strategic options for development distribution in the north and south of the plan area will also now be appraised through the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) process. Ongoing engagement with parishes, responses received from infrastructure providers and the SA work will help to inform the refinement of a strategy for the next stage of consultation on the Local Plan review. Also, the planning policy team are now progressing site allocation work for the south of the plan area as part of working towards the next stage of consultation in the summer of this year.

District Councillor Surgeries

Saturday 19th February 2022 – Location TBC, Wisborough Green 11am – 1pm

Saturday 5th March 2022 – The Stag Inn, Balls Cross 12pm – 2pm

Saturday 19th March 2022 – The Onslow Arms, Loxwood 12pm- 2pm

