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Welcome to my monthly newsletter

Eyke pavement clean

I am constantly flagging up poor service by East Suffolk . Highways maintenance sometimes loses its importance at East Suffolk and although funding is found for headline grabbing policies there has been no investment in highway maintenance .

I noticed a couple of months ago roads in Eyke needed a focus.

I flagged the issue to officers at East Suffolk and a couple of weeks ago the roadsweepers spent a morning in Eyke cleaning pavements, drains and removing debris from pavements . As the photos illustrate before and after, much better and a great job done.

AFTER :



BEFORE



I notice quite a bit of sand on our highways – and with heavy storms and rain sometimes we see run off from fields so pushing for sweepers to visit the peninsula



It's an uphill struggle to get any focus from East Suffolk but I am pushing hard and hope they will visit by the end of the month

NO MORE HOUSES ON THE PENINSULA

I have written to the head of planning and building control to suspend any granting of permission to build new houses until the pressing highways issue has been resolved or at the very least considered as a serious issue on the peninsula.



East Suffolk planners are failing to understand the effect of allowing planning not only on the Peninsular but Ufford , Melton and also Rendlesham which has an impact on Wilford Bridge traffic.

Suffolk county council has already stated the roundabout is at capacity so house building needs to be paused until this is resolved .

EAST SUFFOLK NOT OPEN ABOUT INCREASES IN CARBON FOOTPRINT

At full council in May East Suffolk announced they had purchased an additional 125,000 plastic bins for our households along with a number of additional waste trucks to meet a policy of increasing household sorting of waste . However there was no mention of the additional carbon footprint for the at the meeting and with our environment issues at the moment it seems the wrong time to be purchasing plastic bins along with additional waste trucks . The speed of reduction of the carbon footprint as slowed enormously over the last 2 years and there is in general less practical implementation of environmental positive policy .

EAST SUFFOLK BLOOMS CAMPAIGN BACK FOR THIRD YEAR

I am delighted to confirm that one of my initiatives I introduced continues, the East Suffolk Blooms campaign.

East Suffolk will gift spring bulbs to our communities , resulting in colourful flower displays which benefitted pollinators and frankly lifts the spirits after a long cold winter.

Each year this campaign increases in interest and although many environmental campaigns have been cancelled in the last couple of years I am so pleased to see this is back in 2025.

An application form will be available to complete online until 31 August, before a judging panel meets to decide the successful applicants, with additional consideration given to groups reapplying after missing out last year. (East Suffolk still to confirm to me who will sit on this panel but sadly this is not cross party)

Applicants will then be informed of the decision by September.

Link : https://my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/en/service/east_suffolk_blooms



OUT REACH TO MELTON PC

I have had meetings with the chair of Melton PC and spoke to their full council to foster closer working relationship on common concerns. Mainly traffic issues – the number of vehicles and the size of commercial vehicles. I am hoping we can join forces in surveys and policy development – and object to planning applications as and when.

As we don't live in isolation and events clearly in Melton can effect roads on to the peninsular I hope better communication with Melton and my parishes will at least result in sharing of information in policies – proposed closure of the Melton Railway crossing / proposed cycle lanes on Woods lane or the outline planning permission for 50 houses next to Reduna park all have an impact on traffic congestion to Wilford bridge roundabout and the Peninsula.

I hope this is the start of my Peninsula coalition of all councillors working together to push back on applications and to lobby for a focus on our local road network which is fast becoming unfit for purpose

Stop press

- I attended the Shingle street residents summer meeting and updated the residents on local concerns and my activities at council. In particular we picked up on rural crime incidents and the continued problem of managing the traffic issues
- I spoke to Cllr Tim Wilson - covering Rendlesham, over an outline propose to build more houses, I stated I would start objecting to such developments until I receive confirmation from East Suffolk that they will work with County council to seriously look at additional road building to connect to the Peninsula
- Local heaths – Hollelsey, Sutton - a new management plan is being devised by East Suffolk and I am disappointed to state I have been excluded from the planning and was only informed by concerned residents. Outline plans involved cutting down mature trees, which is something I am fighting against.
- I volunteered at Hollesley fete running the book stall where we took over 100 pounds



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