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Welcome to my monthly newsletter

FETE TIME

I try and attend as many fetes as possible - quite a number on the Peninsula - Hollesley in particular, I enjoy helping Joan run the book stall. We made a couple of hundred pounds which is quite an achievement when it was 30p a paperback.

It's the perfect opportunity to chat to residents and support my local communities



Letter to MP

I wanted to be one of the first to contact our new member of parliament to discuss issues and concerns and wrote to Jenny in July inviting her to my ward so we can discuss a number of issues

- Affordable housing
- Lack of cohesive highways policy incorporating all stakeholders
- Lack of a bus service and a general deterioration in local services

And the bigger issues of river water quality (we need to nationalize the water companies) / social mobility and polarization of asset distribution in the UK

Unfortunately, even after another email I have not received a reply which is very frustrating – I will continue to push for such a meeting.

Planning enforcement

A new Rural Development Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The Supplementary Planning Document supports the implementation of policies relating to rural development in the East Suffolk Council - Suffolk Coastal Local Plan and East Suffolk Council - Waveney Local Plan policies.

The SPD provides guidance on a range of topics, including rural worker dwellings, rural annexes, rural residential curtilage expansion, rural buildings and barn conversions, economic development, equestrian development, tourism accommodation, small scale renewable energy generation, and wastewater management in rural areas.

The Rural Development guide can be found : <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy-and-local-plans/supplementary-planning-documents>

Broken sign in Hollesley

I have flagged up a street sign (which is East Suffolk responsibility) that needs repairing but the council moves very slowly - I will continue to chase

And please let me know of any road signs (not direction signs) that need TLC





Green party adopt my policies and my vision

East Suffolk's environmental focus developed and delivered by the Conservatives set to continue under the current administration at East Suffolk

I spoke at Full council in response to the Green and Lib Dem presentation on the environment vision for the new administration. With pride I am delighted to confirm, although absorbed and rebranded as the Environment Impact Strategy under the new administration, the environment direction of the council is basically the same vision I delivered previously and at the July full council I was delighted to support the continuation of my vision through the environment impact strategy.

As cabinet member for the environment in the previous administration I made sure there was a strong focus on biodiversity with the introduction of an annual district-wide spring litter pick and the flag ship policy of 'Pardon the weeds we are Feeding the bees campaign', both campaigns sadly now abandoned by the Green party. However, I am delighted to see free spring bulbs are still offered to communities, our waste trucks run on hydrotreated vegetable oil and robust air quality and environment planning guidance along with a strong recycling strategy are still in place.

This environment impact strategy is testament to the hard work I previously delivered and is a fitting legacy as we build environmentally sustainable communities for now and future generations.

GREEN PARTY LACK OF POLICIES

I issued a press release just before the election to highlight the lack of policy from the green party on the environment

This can be read here:

<https://www.suffolknews.co.uk/felixstowe/greens-dropping-the-ball-on-environment-despite-new-campaign-9367449/>

ADVISING CAUTION ON TREE PLANTING

I spoke at full council in May to express my concern over a motion to plant over 250 thousand trees.

This picked up on a number of concerns

1. Where! - East Suffolk does not own enough land and much land is inappropriate as playing fields and common land
2. Cost and who will plant them
3. Lack of engagement in preserving and keeping the trees



MISC

- Spoke to cabinet member for housing over a local issue over inappropriate behaviour and anti-social activities
- Asked cabinet member for the environment to provide a full update from Suffolk waste partnership for an update on new collecting policy
- Spoke to East Suffolk officers for guidance and support on neighbourhood plans
- Welcomed Cllr Letitia smith back as a Conservative councillor after winning a local byelection

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A voice for parishes and residents of the Peninsula