

District Councillor Report to February 2017 meeting

Planning- South Cambridgeshire currently has a 3.7 year housing supply. Basically this means we are not building houses fast enough. The land is out there but the developers are not building the houses. Currently there is land suitable for 10,000 houses waiting to be built on but no bricks are being laid. What does this mean for us? Immense pressure on all of our villages to provide land to make up this shortfall.

I was disappointed SCDC granted approval for a new house in Bush Close, not because the site was not suitable for a dwelling but because of the bulk in relation to the plot. A similar example was opposite Bush Close on Swaynes Lane.

Bennel Farm - although this is a PC decision, I am being briefed on this and like many things in life it is much more complicated than one may first have thought. I will leave the PC to report on this.

City Deal - this continues to annoy me with its direction and lack of strategic vision. Examples of this are roads being narrowed to facilitate cycleways resulting in more congestion, park and rides located in the green belt when they surely should be the other end of the funnel to stop even more congestion? Incidentally the proposed Park and Ride adjacent to Coton village would be three times the size of that at Trumpington!

Boundaries- a few boundaries are recommended for change as a result of recent developments. One example is Trumpington Meadows, this is actually in the parish of Haslingfield but clearly has no connection with that village.

Photos and keeping records - could I urge you all to take photos of car accidents, flooding and Anglian Water tanker movements etc in the village. These are all good material information we should have at our disposal should the need arise.

Bins - just a heads up to let you know our bin day may well change due to sharing services with the City.

A cross party working group is being formed to look at rural isolation type issues and I have been asked to be on this group, which I gladly accepted.

Tim