

## District Councillor Report (05/09/2022) – Matt Jennings

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### Pandemic

Covid - In the Henley & Claverdon area we have had 4 cases in the last 7 days – numbers are currently going down. Still good news on the MonkeyPox front with no cases registered !

### Food caddies

I still have a big pile blocking up my living room – if anyone doesn't have one or knows someone that needs one please ask them to get in touch with me.

### Residents Survey

For all you lovers of Statistics the detailed report for the Stratford District Council Residents' Survey has been published this week – available at

[www.stratford.gov.uk/consultation-performance/residents-survey.cfm](http://www.stratford.gov.uk/consultation-performance/residents-survey.cfm)

There is also a link for 'results for Henley & Studley' on this page.

Some local highlights :

- The level of traffic congestion is more important than the average District level.
- At 91% the Henley / Studley locality figure mirrors the district average when rating the area as a place to live.

Comparison to the District average :

The top 4 aspects with results better than the District average were for :-

- a) Perception of drug use or drug dealing as a problem
- b) Satisfaction with the way SDC run their services
- c) Satisfaction with processing planning applications
- d) Perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour in public places as a problem

Top five aspects with results worse than the District average were for:-

- a) Satisfaction with play areas
- b) Satisfaction with parks and open spaces
- c) Participation in regular volunteering (at least monthly)
- d) % feeling safe after dark
- e) % feeling safe during the day

### 123+ Bin System

For those of you who use Smartphones or computers - Download the SDC app from [www.stratford.gov.uk/app](http://www.stratford.gov.uk/app) or by searching the App Store or Google Play.

Any problems :

Email: [123collections@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:123collections@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01789 260123 (preferably before 10am Monday to Friday when they are less busy).

SDC App – click on Report it (top right icon in Red) – these go straight to Biffa

SDC website <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/index.cfm> – these go straight to Biffa

## **Local Resident Feedback**

It turns out that some residents actually read my reports ! I have been asked to go into a bit more detail on the climate change advantage of separating food waste collections.

Food Caddies - waste goes to an Anaerobic digester plant

Blue Bin to a recycling centre

Grey / Black bins to landfill – so if food is mixed in with Grey / Black bins it ALL goes to Landfill. This eventually releases Methane, a greenhouse gas that is about 25 times more potent than Carbon Dioxide

## **Key benefits of Food going to Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plants**

- AD plants produce biogas which is then upgraded to biomethane, this will subsequently provide green gas for uses such as heating demands.
- This will benefit the UK as a country in its transition to net zero, energy security and will provide a ready fuel solution for HGVs, helping the HGV industry go green.
- There is a need to decarbonise, the trajectory for electricity generation is clear, but for HGVs, trajectory isn't as clear, solutions are still 25 years off. HGVs are heavy vehicles, they won't work well with batteries as you would have to split the truck in half, and overhead electric power lines, which the DFT are pushing, probably won't be ready by 2050 at least. As UK government plans to ban all petrol HGV sales by 2040, there will be a gap. Biomethane fuel is ready now as a solution.
- AD plants can also produce digestate, which will be used as a fertiliser in farms. This will benefit farmers and again the country as a whole, as this is a much better fertiliser than nitrogen fertiliser, potash and phosphate which are destroying soils across Europe. It will improve soil health which in turn will increase crop yields.
- The digestate can be produced in two forms- liquid and solid. Liquid will be a like for like replacement for nitrogen fertiliser, potash and phosphate. The second is a solid, which will be added into the soil. This is hugely beneficial for our agricultural land; it increases organic matter in soil, increased water retention, which will improve soil health, in turn increasing crop yields. The use of this digestate will upgrade farms to best quality agricultural land. Current modern farming methods use nitrogen fertiliser, potash/phosphate which is destroying the soil.
- The co-product of an AD plant digestion process is CO<sub>2</sub>, this can be sold locally to food and drink manufacturers, glass houses and other customers.

Any other questions please get in touch !

## **SDC Cabinet Re-shuffle**

After a recent re-shuffle I have moved from 'Transformation, Tourism & Projects plus Culture, ICT, Human Resources, Community Enhancement, Markets & anything else no one wants Portfolio to the 'Economic Development & Inward Investment' Portfolio !