

District Councillor Report (03/10/2022) – Matt Jennings

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Pandemic

Covid - In the Henley & Claverdon area we have had 9 cases in the last 7 days – up from last month when the figure was 4. Statistically way above national average.

Energy Rebates

You may remember that in April, the then Chancellor Rishi Sunak, announced a new Scheme for Local Councils to administer paying £150 towards fuel bills to properties in Council Tax Bands A-D (+ a couple of exceptions) and also provided us with a small Discretionary Scheme.

The main Scheme closed last week and our main budget was £5.74million.

I am delighted to tell you that we have paid out every penny and are in fact overspent by £17,850 due to there being more eligible properties than advised by Government. We will receive the £17,850 from Government in due course.

The Discretionary Scheme which totals £252k runs to the end of November. To date we have paid out £245k and expect to have paid all the money out shortly.

In total we have helped over 44,700 households in our District.

5 Year Housing Land Supply

The five year housing supply is calculated by comparing the anticipated supply of new homes within the district over a five year period against the housing requirements and trajectory set out in Policy CS.16 of our Core Strategy . This takes into account homes already built from the start of the plan period to date (known as completions) and the number of homes expected to be built in the next five years (known as commitments).

It is important that we can demonstrate a five year supply. If a local planning authority cannot show that they are meeting this requirement, their policies with regards to residential development will be considered to be "out of date". Planning officers would then be less able to resist all but the most inappropriate housing development without the risk that decisions would be overturned at appeal under the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The good news is that our five year housing land supply is calculated as **10.06** years for the five year period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2027.

Call for Sites / SWLP

The call for sites is simply a long list of the 557 sites that have been submitted to Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District councils for consideration through the South Warwickshire Local Plan process. Publication of the Call for Sites is in no way an endorsement by either Council that the site is either suitable for development or will be included within the Local Plan itself. These sites have not yet been analysed and as such it is unlikely that all sites will be taken forward as the plan progresses. To view the map go to :

www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/scoping-and-call-for-sites-consultation.cfm

Medical Donations to Ukraine

The District Council offices in Stratford-upon-Avon (Elizabeth House) are being used as a donation point to help Medical Aid Ukraine Donations for Medical Aid Ukraine can be made at the Council offices from 9am to 5pm weekdays. Donations will be sorted and then sent to hospitals most in need in Ukraine. Medicines need to be in date; however, packaging can be missing or damaged and bandages can be out of date.

Other items requested are:

- Batteries
- Chemical protection suit
- Chemical respirator masks/filters
- Disinfectant solution 70% ethanol
- Electricity/solar power generators
- Emergency blanket
- Headlamp
- Portable light for patient
- exam/slit lamp
- Surgical gowns
- Water purification
- Tablets / Devices
- Waterproof permanent marker pens

Local events

11th & 12th Stratford Mop fair
15th Oct Alcester Food festival

Venture House (www.venturehousestratford.co.uk)

October Workshops

- 4 Oct - [New product development without risk or tears](#) - Warwick Inn. Centre
5 Oct - [Strategise for Success: Create a powerful plan!](#) - Online Small Business Britain
11 Oct - [Startups-Begin with LinkedIn](#) - Online, CUE
28 Oct - [Branding, logos and creating a strong visual identity](#) - Online, CUE

Other dates for your diary...

- 5 Oct - [Meet the Buyer, UK Construction Week](#) - NEC
7 Oct - [Midlands Business Network Expo](#) - CBS Arena, Coventry
13 Oct - [Wright Hassell Annual Construction Conference](#) - Leamington Spa
19 - 20 October - [Motorsport, Engineering & Technology Show](#) - Silverstone

Local networking

Take a look at the [list of local networking groups](#) to see what you might like to get involved with. If you run an online networking group that does not appear on this list, please get in touch with Venture House so they can add your listing.