

County Councillor report for January 2016

Local Development Plan: This has now been approved by the Inspectors and it is coming to Cardiff Council for adoption in late January. The inspector insisted on the removal of the green belt, replacing this with green wedges which have less permanence. I have a large lever arch file with the report and attaching appendices; there are some minor achievements to attest to the very forceful arguments of the North West Group but I regret that local residents will believe, reasonably, that their concerns have not been adequately addressed.

Planning application: the large application for the southern end of Heol Isaf has attracted a lot of local objections including lengthy submissions from me and the community council. I will present these at Planning Committee assisted by Nick Hawkins when our allocated time will be stretched to do justice to the many strong local objections

Parc Radur: the garden of a home in Parc Radur was seriously flooded by water falling from farmland above and this adds to fears of flooding of homes adjacent to or on the new development mentioned above.

Springfield Gardens: a very large number of neighbours met me to raise objections to a tandem development of 4 houses in the rear garden of an existing property. I believe that their objections are sound and I will support them.

Radyr Weir: I had an inspection visit which showed the scale of this impressive piece of engineering; it will be complete and open by end April.

Adverse weather: we progressed from flooding to ice and frost; the gritting routes were treated and I received very few adverse comments.

Surgeries: I have set dates for surgeries and put up posters advertising the dates; they will be held in Radyr Library. Of course, any resident with a concern may arrange a meeting with me by phone or e-mail without waiting for a surgery date.

Cardiff Budget: residents have expressed opposition to cuts touching the arts, leisure centres, school budgets and services to support vulnerable adults such as dementia sufferers, their carers and adults with severe learning or physical abilities. I have supported these objections and offered advice on the best means of presenting a case.

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