



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN – February 2019

As your County Councillor, I am always on hand to try and deal with any concerns you may have about services provided by Leicestershire County Council. Such as street lighting, highways, footpaths, overhanging trees and hedges onto the highways/footpaths, social services etc.

M1 Junction 23 and the A512

Residents have been contacting me regarding the roadworks due to take place on the A512 and Junction 23. The works are essential to enable the route to handle the expected growth in the area. I would have preferred that all the new development was not taking place but it is going to happen. By not making these crucial improvements at this time will have a detrimental impact to the network and the junctions in the near future.

I have meetings with officers and been assured that regular publicity will be issued when the works start which is summer of 2019. County are appointing a contractor to undertake the works who will be formulating a traffic management strategy to look into the most suitable time to undertake the works (day or night) along with identifying surrounding junctions that will be impacted and how best to mitigate this.

I will keep residents informed via this column. I can confirm that residents will always have access to the A512 either via Leicester Road or Charnwood Road whilst these works are carried out.

Buses

Skylink – I have been in contact with Trentbarton who runs Skylink asking if they could leave Shepshed via Hathern instead of Belton which would help with residents from Hathern Road area of Shepshed. At the time of going to press I have not had a reply. I am still working on Arriva to try and get them to divert one of their buses to that area of Shepshed.

Buses – Buttercup Fields estate – following my report in the December issue I have had it confirmed that there is a Section S106 obligation on the developer to provide a bus service to the new development. Buses will enter via Buttercup Road and leave via Tickow Lane.



Advance Notice of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)

A TTRO is to be made for the following location: Loughborough Road. The purpose of the TTRO is to facilitate Leicestershire County Council (LCC) with carriageway patching and drainage works. The TTRO will incorporate a temporary road closure and temporary prohibition of waiting and loading.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 2 days commencing on the 23rd April.

A TTRO is to be made for the following location: Forest Street. The purpose of the TTRO is to facilitate LCC with carriageway patching works. The TTRO will incorporate a temporary road closure and temporary prohibition of waiting and loading at any time. The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 2 days commencing on the 25th April. The works will be undertaken in 2 phases as follows:-

Phase 1 – from junction of Loughborough Road to the junction of The Lant.

Phase 2 – from junction of The Lant to the junction of Kirkhill.

Tickow Lane

Following concerns raised by residents about the state of Tickow Lane caused by the developer. The developer should have, as part of the planning condition provided wheel washing facilities. The site manager said that there is currently no running water. I understand from an officer at Charnwood that Maynell Plant are going to supply the site with wheel washing facilities as soon as possible. In the meantime a road sweeper is to come every evening after work and during working hours as required. The officer will be monitoring the site on a regular basis. I would like to thank the residents who live in this area for keeping me informed and the officer for sorting this out so quickly.

New layout at entrance to the Davis estate and Tickow Lane – I am speaking with officers at County to get the 30mph extended to the whole length of Tickow down to McCarthy Road, I was under the impression that this was going to be part of the improvements when the housing estate was built and to get better signage in the area warning traffic that there is no pavement in Tickow Lane following the installation of a pavement near to the new junction.



Iveshead Road/Charley Road/Abbey Road

The above junction is highlighted as one of most dangerous junctions in Leicestershire. A package of measures were taken at this junction to make the junction more visible and completed in late 2017, with carriageway surface improvements completed in May 2018. I still have concerns about the number of accidents still happening at this junction and will press for more to be done. But I was told that other measures such as traffic lights or a mini roundabout at the junction are not normally suitable in such a rural location. I understand that County are monitoring this junction on a regular basis including a close examination of any evidence they receive from Leicestershire Police on incidents to see if there is anything further the Council could implement within its current funding criteria. Unfortunately not all the accidents get recorded or reported by the police

Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Have your say about developing new specialist provision for children and young people with Special Education Needs and Disabilities. LCC are proposing to create new specialist provision for children and young people who have SEND. LCC 's proposals include expanding existing special schools and enhanced resource bases in mainstream schools, and developing new enhanced resource bases for children with communication and interaction difficulties, including Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and for social, emotional and mental health needs known as SEMH. Enhanced Resource bases are small specialist facilities with specialist staff where children can benefit from smaller teaching groups and extra help, whilst still having access to the mainstream school for certain activities. This can help to give each child a personal timetable that is geared to their learning, emotional and social needs. LCC would in the longer term like to open up to four new special schools.

LCC plan to hold workshops to allow the opportunity for everyone to drop in and find out more, there is no need for you to book a place the nearest one to us **TUESDAY 5TH MARCH (6.00PM-8.00PM) AT ASHMOUNT SCHOOL, THORPE HILL, LOUGHBOROUGH LE11 4SQ** and **WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH (1.00PM-3.00PM) FOREST WAY SCHOOL, WARREN HILLS ROAD, COALVILLE, LE67 4UU.** LCC would like you to tell us how this might affect you for general enquiries or comments about this consultation phone 0116 305 7150 or email SEND-Consultation@leics.gov.uk . Please submit your views by Sunday 31st March.



Deaf awareness and basic British sign language

I was offered the chance to attend a taster class which was designed to give any Councillor who was interested in an insight into the different types of hearing loss, how to better communicate with someone with a hearing loss and basic British Sign Language.

Those who attended were shown how to sign the basic Greetings, such as hello, please and thank you. We also learnt the letters of the alphabet.

Communication is important in all aspects of life including work; personal, social, etc. (not being able to communicate with someone can feel quite isolating)

1 in 6 people in the UK have a type of hearing loss and around 2 million people in the UK use a hearing aid.

I found this taster course very interesting.

Your help

Again I would like to thank the residents who keep me informed regarding issues around Shepshed, such as overgrown hedges, litter, dog mess etc., without your eyes and ears I could not get them reported and sorted.

For help and advice on County matters, I can be contacted on 502974 or e mail christine_radford@hotmail.com or christine.radford@leics.gov.uk or come along to my monthly Surgery on the FIRST Saturday of the month in the Town Council Offices, 47a Charnwood Road 10-11am. No appointment is necessary.