

Monthly Report - May'24 - Sproughton & Pinewood Ward

Community Infrastructure Levy: Town and parish councils across Babergh and Mid Suffolk are set to receive more than £1.2m in developer contributions to help community infrastructure keep pace with housing growth. Developers are charged a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which the councils then reinvest in neighbourhoods via their towns and parish councils. Of the £1.2m funding, 44 town/parish councils in Mid Suffolk will receive a share of a £592k Neighbourhood CIL payout, with 20 of Babergh's town & parishes receiving a portion of £677K. CIL is a crucial funding stream as it enables them to fund much needed additional facilities which in turn, help the local area keep up with the ever-increasing demand placed on local infrastructure.

Car-Parking - Sudbury, Hadleigh & Lavenham

Babergh cabinet approved the decision was then called in by one of the impacted councillors - Overview & Scrutiny have asked the cabinet to reconsider 1hr free parking. This issue is going to run a while longer.

Norwich to Tilbury 180km of new Pylons

We (myself + Sproughton PC) went to James Cartlidge's (MP) Pylons meeting in Hintlesham to listen to the new ESO report that evaluates various options including some that didn't seem to have been considered before! All the attendees preferred offshoring, second option is undergrounding 'High Voltage Direct Current' cables (HVDC) - not as expensive as traditional undergrounding and is looking like a good option. If you want to know more go to www.pylonseastanglia.co.uk sign the petition and send an email to National Grid. Sproughton is impacted by pylons but not as badly as some parishes. See <https://yorkshiregreen.participatr.co.uk/index.php> which is an interactive map showing the potential path of the pylons. Leaflets are being delivered to those impacted by the pylons.

All Member Emergency Planning Training

We had an interesting training session earlier on in May on emergency planning. There are a myriad of plans covering heavy weather, up to problems at the Sizewell site. Most of these plans are in the public domain. The training covered the following:-

1. The Civil Contingencies Act (2004) as it affects local authorities
2. The function of the Suffolk Resilience Forum
3. The role of the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit (JEPU)
4. Roles and responsibilities of local authorities in preparing for, responding to & recovering from an emergency
5. The role of Councillors in emergencies

The Free Compost Events returns

Babergh gave away free compost to mark this year's International Compost Awareness Week (5 - 11 May).

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Casework

Work continues. I seem to be exchanging regular emails with Highways now. Work was scheduled on i) Hadleigh Road late May ii) Church Lane in the next 3-6months and iii) Belmont Road in July. Outstanding is my meeting with the portfolio holder but we are just trying to find a suitable date to discuss possible designs for Sproughton High Streets road layout.

In terms of casework, see below. Rarely can anything be closed down in just one or two emails. There are a number of outstanding pieces of work at any one time:-

Category	Open	Closed	Category	Open	Closed
BDC			SCC		
CiL	1	0	Flooding	3	0
Environmental Health	1	1	Lighting	1	0
Grants	1	2	Traffic	6	0
Housing	0	1			
Planning	1	0			
Public Nuisance	0	1			
TOTALS	4	5		10	0

If you ever have an issue to raise with me please use the contact details below. I look forward to hearing from you.

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