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From local councillors Colin Baldwin, Gary Bennett and Vida Wilson

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Town Hall 'loses' Fender Lane data



As usual on Fender Lane - not a cyclist in sight...but the Town Hall has again delayed the long-awaited the 'consultation'.

The hardly-used Fender Lane cycle route has become a farce, after enquiries by local councillors revealed key data has been 'lost'.

Last month, our local Facebook page (News for Moreton and Saughall Massie) was seen by 3,140 people.

Some of that was due to the online 'poll' we held on the Fender Lane cycle route. 71% of people who took part said the cycle lanes had increased journey times and congestion.

Earlier, we had asked for the data collected by the Council BEFORE the cycle lane was installed, to see if had made any difference.

In a surprising response, the Town Hall revealed the data had been 'lost' and so no meaningful comparison could be provided.

We have now met with the Council's new Director of Neighbourhoods and again raised concerns about this route, and the value to the taxpayer of the £204, 000 it cost.

The RNIB has also raised concerns about the 'floating' bus stops, which force bus users into the path of cyclists, such as Fender Lane.

The Council has now appointed consultants Mott MacDonald, at yet more cost, to review the scheme.

We understand a 'consultation' will also start in June. We'll share details of this on our facebook page and in our email updates to residents to make sure you have your say.

Register to receive our email updates at www.wallaseyconservatives.com

Colin, Gary and Vida report back: Spring 2024



Saughall Bridge Post Office campaign

As the promised re-opening has yet to happen, we were pleased to secure support from all parties in the Council to push for Saughall Bridge and Upton post offices to be re-opened. The Council's Chief Executive will now write to the Chairman of the scandal-hit Post Office.



Green Belt protection moves step closer

Since our last newsletter, we have attended the public hearings into the plan to protect the Green Belt around Saughall Massie. The Inspectors have now asked for some minor changes but the overall aim - to protect this land - remains.



Action on Tarran Way pollution

Following complaints from residents in the Berrylands Road area, we would like to thank Plura Innovations on the Tarran Industrial Estate for the actions they have taken to deal with the noise pollution from their site and responding to our concerns so quickly.



Site for new Banking hub expected 'soon'

It's taking longer than we hoped but we have been assured that the new banking hub for Moreton is still on track. The negotiations for the premises are, at the time of going to print, ongoing.

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Wirral told to change the way it brings in 20mph zones

In our previous newsletter, we reported how Labour Councillors had voted against our call to pause the roll out of 20mph zones across Wirral.

Since then, the Department for Transport has issued new guidance to all councils, including Wirral.

This says councils should prioritise 20mph restrictions in areas with the most number of crashes and around schools.

At the same time, the guidance

says that new schemes should be able to demonstrate public support.

This was one of the failings highlighted by residents with Wirral's approach - few people were consulted or even aware of the proposals.

We have written to the Council's

Chief Executive asking for confirmation that the new guidance will be followed.

In a separate move, the Chairman of the Saughall Massie Conservation Area Society has asked that 20mph limits are introduced in the village.



Colin, Gary and Vida held a 'street surgery' at Moreton Cross in April, with Merseyside Police. Thanks to those residents who raised concerns and issues for action.



In February, we visited the Holistic Cancer Centre to learn more about the incredible support they offer. We also heard how their shop on Hoylake Road is vital to their fundraising.

We're out and about across Moreton and Saughall Massie



Following a grant of almost £1m from the Government to support their work to help young people at risk of homelessness, we met with Forum Housing to learn how they will use the cash.



While we hope to see One Stop Shops return, we called into Moreton Library to learn more about the video kiosk to enable residents to meet (via video) with council staff.

NEW! Which local roads and pavements are being repaired over the next 12 months...

In March, councillors approved the programme for highways repairs over the next 12 months.

As part of £4.1m to be spent on highways across Wirral, we can report that the following local roads are scheduled to be resurfaced:

Berrylands Road, Berrylands Close, Bramble Way, Burden Road, Huxley Close, Meadfoot Road and Pasture Road.

While these are some of the roads nominated by your councillors, other roads have been assessed by Highways Officers

as not being a priority for this year.

We've published the full list of roads across Wirral on our website at www.wallaseyconservatives.com

Meanwhile, an extra £1.2m has also been received from the Department for Transport to tackle pot holes across the Borough.

To report a pot hole for action, go to www.wirral.gov.uk and search for 'pot holes'.



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