



# Newsline

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From local councillors Colin Baldwin, Gary Bennett and Vida Wilson

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## Town Hall announces more cycle lanes...



Vida, Gary and Colin oppose more cycle lanes through Moreton. The consultants' survey on Fender Lane was due in July but has been delayed again by the Town Hall.

### Ignoring their failed scheme at Fender Lane, the Town Hall has now published plans for Hoylake Road, Upton Road and Pasture Road

The Town Hall's new 'Combined Active Travel Network' will see segregated cycle lanes imposed on all four roads leading into Moreton Cross. Chaos is predicted.

Announced in the middle of the summer holidays, the 'consultation' includes exhibitions around Wirral but none are being held in Moreton.

Equally, local councillors weren't briefed

on the plans or the routes chosen.

The 'consultation' closes on 23 September but councillors have complained that the Town Hall has failed to tell people about it.

The Town Hall has also said they don't know how much it will cost.

We've added a link on our website

[www.wallaseyconservatives.com](http://www.wallaseyconservatives.com) and there is also a link via a QR code on the back page of this newsletter.

We are urging residents who can take part in the Town Hall's consultation to make sure their views are known by the 23 September deadline.

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### 2,942 pensioners lose fuel bill help

Breaking their promise made before the election, the Government has announced that Winter Fuel Payments, worth £500 last year, will be scrapped for most pensioners.

Here in Moreton and Saughall Massie, 2,942 pensioners will lose the help that all parties previously pledged to maintain.

Those just above the threshold for Pension Credit are set to be hit the hardest.

So far, 440,000 people have signed the petition by charity Age UK urging the Government to rethink the plan.

At the same time, the Energy Price Cap goes up by £149 on 1st October for all consumers.



#### Saughall Bridge Post Office reopens

Closing in the middle of the Horizon IT scandal, there were fears that Saughall Bridge Post Office would never re-open.

Action by Colin, Gary and Vida included gaining Council support and regular lobbying of the Post Office.

We welcome new Postmaster, Siva, to our community as it finally reopens.



#### Banking hub moves a step closer

The lease negotiations for a permanent banking hub continue between Cash Access UK and the landlord.

In the meantime, Colin, Gary and Vida have secured agreement to open a hub at a temporary site in Moreton. We'll report back as soon as this can be publicised.

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### Video kiosk at Moreton Library to talk to Council

Since the Council closed the One Stop Shops, many people have struggled to sort the more complex problems. Now, as a first step, video kiosks have been installed at libraries to enable residents to see and speak with staff.



### Saughall Grange tennis courts revamped

Saughall Grange tennis courts are among 36 courts around Wirral that have been revamped following a Government grant worth £362,000. A mix of free and low-cost tennis will be available on the courts.



### Moreton car park an 'eyesore' again

It's only a few months since we pushed the owner of the car park behind Heron Foods to clean it up. Now, it's a mess again. We have asked the Council to repeat the process to get it cleaned up again.

# New threat to Wirral's Green Belt

Last month, the Government announced a massive increase in the housing targets for Wirral.

Instead of building 14,000 new houses over 20 years, mainly on 'brownfield' sites in Birkenhead, the new target is 35,000.

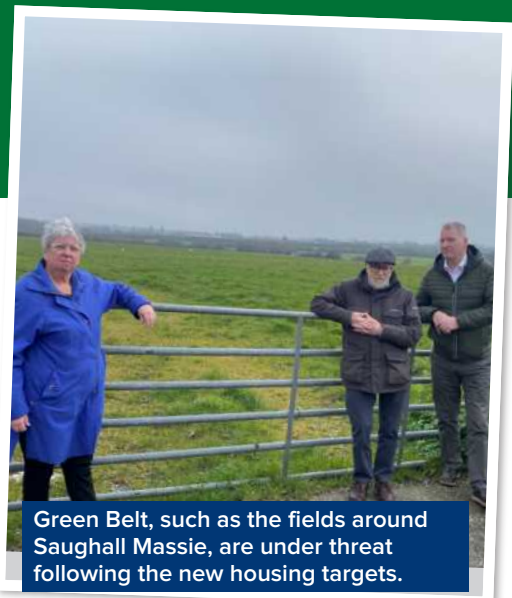
The only way that could be achieved is by building on the Green Belt, including Saughall Massie.

Conservative Councillors called an emergency council meeting, to reject the ludicrous new target.

While our proposal won a majority of votes, it wasn't unanimous. Labour Councillors voted against and spoke of their support for the Government's plans.

We now wait for the response from the Deputy Prime Minister and Housing Secretary, Angela Rayner.

To keep residents up to date in the meantime, we've set up a Facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/saughallmassie](http://www.facebook.com/groups/saughallmassie)



Green Belt, such as the fields around Saughall Massie, are under threat following the new housing targets.

## MAKE SURE YOU TELL THE TOWN HALL!

# More cycle lanes for Moreton? DEADLINE FOR VIEWS: 23 SEPTEMBER

Not content with the failed cycle lanes elsewhere, the Town Hall is now proposing to impose segregated cycle lanes on all the roads leading in and out of Moreton - Hoylake Road (from Fender Lane to Meols), Upton Road and Pasture Road.

Or go to our website for details: [www.wallaseyconservatives.com](http://www.wallaseyconservatives.com)

