

REPORT TO COMMITTEE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN MORAN

Bollards at Old Sun Inn, Church Street – this matter will be on the agenda of the Local Highways Panel on the 11th of January.

Museum Street/Church Street – I conducted an on-site meeting with Cllr Eke on the 31st of December [all fully masked and covid compliant], following that I had further discussions with ECC Highways and I await their reaction to what was requested by Cllr Eke.

20mph limit – I have received a variety of responses to an item I placed in the local paper regarding this matter. I am awaiting the thoughts of Saffron Walden BID on this matter. So far there has been a split in regard to views of a 20mph limit across the whole of Saffron Walden, with a majority being not in favour. I have confirmed with ECC Highways that if such a limit was to be brought in it would require a repeat speed limit sign on posts every 150 meters within the whole area of the limit. I am awaiting the views of the Police and Fire Brigade regarding this matter.

Mortimers Gate – I have received correspondence from several residents regarding the lack of signage to motorists when leaving the development, this is a safety issue. ECC have no responsibility for the roads on this estate at this time and it will be possibly 2022 until the roads are adopted by the council. However myself and highways officers have sought to resolve this issue and the developers have promised to resolve it as soon as they can.

Cycling – I still await a report from the officer who has been tasked with re-examining the cycle schemes previously submitted by the town council. I have this week chased this matter up and expressed my displeasure that this report has not been available yet.

Covid Vaccinations – the NHS is responsible for the covid vaccinations programme and from what I have seen and been made aware of the programme in Saffron Walden seems to be running smoothly, in particular at the Lord Butler Leisure Centre. More sites will be coming on stream soon and with the availability of the Oxford vaccine care home residents will be vaccinated in increasing numbers over the next few weeks.

Care Homes – ECC have a watch list of care homes that are experiencing issues in regard to covid infections, staffing and viability. I am pleased to report that at present no care homes in Saffron Walden division are on the places of concern list.

Grants to local bodies – I am pleased to inform the council that the following grants and awards have been made to local bodies over the last few months:

Community Initiative Fund [CIF] – Gibson Library £810, Chrishall Community Hall £10,000 [for refurbishment costs], Uttlesford Community Transport £10,000

Winter Funding Grant – Uttlesford Food Bank £2,000, this is a new fund and is at the discretion of the county member to assist families experiencing food, fuel or water shortage issues.

Members Locality Fund – Gibson Library £1,200 [to assist them to become covid complaint and with heritage projects] – Gt Chesterford Parish Council £450 [for tree planting] – St Mark's College £4600 [to assist with a project to provide accommodation for a young peoples wellbeing centre] – Saffron Walden BID £3750 [in 2 tranches to assist the business in the town to come out of lockdowns 1 and 2].

Cllr John Moran