

District News

Welcome to this District News, with Neil and I hoping that all is well and those of you who are fortunate to be going on holiday enjoy your break.

Safety in the ward panel

There will be a panel for you to ask questions about your safety in the ward on the 5th of September in the Hatfield Broad Oak village hall. The panel will consist of members of the following organisations: -

Essex Police

Safer Essex

Essex Fire Service

Uttlesford Community Partnership

And hopefully Essex Highways

You will be able to ask questions on home safety/security issues, reporting of crime, fire prevention, safe keeping and care for friends and family, speeding and 'Vision Zero' a safety initiative on keeping roads safe in Essex and should a representative from Essex Highways attend, questions on the state of the ward's roads in particular and roads in Essex in general.

Arrival time will be from 7pm with introductions and questions starting at 7:30. This will be followed by tea/coffee and biscuits where you can have a private chat with the delegates, volunteers to arrange and serve refreshments would be greatly appreciated.

For more details, please contact me (Geof Driscoll) on my council email below.

Councillors to consider revised Draft Local Plan - Regulation 19

A revised and improved Draft Uttlesford Local Plan is expected to bring high quality homes, employment and infrastructure to the district and will be considered by councillors at full council on 30th July, you can watch this debate by going to the UDC website and following the link.

The council continues to prepare for at least 14,741 homes that are required between 2021 and 2041. Around 8,700 of these have already been built or have planning permission. The level of housing allocations for 6,076 homes that was initially proposed in Regulation 18, has been reduced to 4,638 homes to be built over the next seventeen years.

Owing the last local plan being more than 19 years old it is crucial that a new plan is put into place to stop the speculative applications at unsuitable locations. Councils that have a current Local Plan have greater powers to approve or reject unsuitable individual planning applications compared to

those that don't have one in place, and it is vital that Uttlesford's Local Plan is approved so that we can once again take back development control locally. Don't forget, if accepted by council, the plan consultation will take place from 8th August until 3rd of October, this is an eight week period instead of the regulatory six weeks and details of locations where you can see and ask questions will be published on the UDC website.

<https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk>

General Election

As you are no doubt aware from the press there was an issue with 2,688 North West Essex postal votes being delivered late in the Chelmsford area of the constituency. This did not affect our ward (now in Harlow), but in the spirit of transparency the Leader of the Council, Councillor Petrina Lees has called in an outside body to investigate the issue with the full report to be published on the Uttlesford website when completed.

77% of these postal votes were returned on time which is within the usual parameters of expectancy across the country. The 2,610 majority for Ms Badenoch could therefore not have been overturned by this delay.

London Road 'offices to let' sign

Are you looking for new/more office space in Uttlesford

There is an 'Offices to let' sign now displayed, on the boundary of the London Road council office site in Saffron Walden. If you are interested in taking space in the building the spaces available range from 150 to 3,200 sq ft.

Enquiries can be made to Mark Liell Property Consultants on 01799 522 833.

Ward surgeries

Please note that these surgeries are for you to discuss issues that you may have with UDC, that we as your District Councillors can help with, or represent you where possible. Please do come along and have a chat, you do not need to arrange an appointment, they are walk in surgeries.

See below for location and timings:

The first Tuesday of each month at Great Hallingbury Village Hall, 2 – 4pm (05 August) and the third Friday of each month at the Dukes Head PH, Hatfield Broad Oak also between 2 – 4pm (16 August).

And the normal reminder. that should you need to contact us, you can email us on the following addresses.

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Enjoy your summer