

Again, I need to send my apologies as I will not be attending the meeting this month, as next Tuesday I already have a full diary of personal and council meetings to attend.

Kellands Lane blockage:

This is basically the same as last month. The West Devon Planning Officer is still working with Leander on the planning application for their land which does include the opening up of the blockage. The new planning application is still awaiting information on an economic viability assessment.

ADPAD site:

I have noticed that this site is particularly muddy, with a lot of it coming out onto the road around the roundabout. I will be discussing this with our enforcement officers to see if they can make the developer clean up better.

Broom Park Footpath from the Vistry site:

No change, still waiting for a general agreement on where we are with footpaths.

Crediton Road footpath:

Still no update, although I have put together an option for a footpath to run behind the hedge on the south side, and I am waiting for officers to return from leave so that I can get some feedback on its viability.

I have however had a new resident from the Parcel 3 estate contact me about the lack of footpaths and asking how this has been allowed to happen. I have said that unfortunately this has been caused by years of mistakes and bad decisions.

St James Primary School playing field.

The proposal is that this variation application is refused and is waiting for all local WD North Ward members to respond.

Exeter Road Persimmons site:

No change here.

Parcel 3: Parcel 4a & b: Link Road / 106 issues:

A meeting is being arranged with the developers, Planners and Local WD Ward members to find a solution to the serious issues that have arisen on these developments. Hope to have an update next month.

General:

As I reported last month, WD is now in the process of taking the aims and ambitions of the new administration and embedding them into the strategic plan and The Plan for West Devon. Meetings have been held and more will be held this month where all the lead members will help to coordinate and collate the information that will be gathered from all members, that cover the main strategy areas within the plans. Hopefully this will all come together by the end of this year with plans in place to take the new initiatives forward.

There are to be some changes in how WD operates within the benefits section, as well as changes in how the Council Tax Reduction scheme, community support fund and energy payments are handled, and this should be published soon, so that we can help even more people with the cost-of-living crisis, which is almost certainly going to hit people even harder as the winter comes ever closer.

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