

# News from your Biggleswade Conservative Team



## HELLO AND WELCOME!

Firstly, a big thank you for getting this far and actually opening up our letter! This is the first of what we hope will be many regular communications from your Biggleswade Conservative councillors.

The Conservative Club and the local party have always had close and mutually beneficial ties... with a new Biggleswade Conservatives committee elected a couple of months ago, we are keen to start giving club members the latest local news from our councils, making sure that you are first to hear what Conservative councillors are working on and giving you some insight in to what we hope to deliver for our town.

We also want to hear your views... we're keen to bring in as many thoughts, ideas and opinions as possible... with big decisions in the pipeline, we need be sure to get things right and that means as much input as possible, particularly from club members.

Over the next few months we will be introducing our committee and bringing you all of the latest news from our councils, straight to your inbox!

## LOCAL COVID RESPONSE

Unsurprisingly the last few months have been dominated by the COVID-19 crisis. For a disease which is manifesting to varying degrees in different localities, the role of local councils is pivotal in tackling the crisis and keeping residents safe.

Biggleswade Town Council has led the way in ensuring that the parks and play equipment are fenced off to potential users - there's also been huge engagement with community groups and churches to ensure that those who are self-isolating receive the support they need.

Central Beds Council has also risen to the challenge... last month, Cllr Steve Watkins and Cllr Ian Bond went door knocking to check up on vulnerable residents who were yet to make contact with the council - they were pleased to find that almost all were managing with shopping and neighbours were stepping up to support.

If you know a resident who may need help, please contact the council on 0300 300 8900.

## LAND NORTH

COVID-19 aside, the overwhelming priority for our councillors has been in leading the fight against a planning application for 416 houses north of Furzenhall Road.

Hallam Land Management have come forward with proposals on behalf of landowners to "fill the gap" between the existing development and the railway.

Aside from concerns over access to the site and the safety of putting so many homes next to a level crossing, there are serious issues with the impact that further development north of the town will have on our already congested roads.

The applicant has analysed the impact to the town's roads... to quote the official response from Town Council, their analysis is incomplete, inaccurate, out of date and deliberately misleading!

Councillors are not letting this drop and have employed an independent transport consultant to rebut the applicant's shoddy analysis line-by-line.

Although there is a long way to go, rest assured we are several steps ahead and working hard to put together a compelling case against the application.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

We'd like to hear your views on the deliverables we should focus on for Biggleswade

Complete our survey at [www.survey.4biggleswade.uk](http://www.survey.4biggleswade.uk) to voice your opinions

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