

District Councillor Report (Dec 2022) – Matt Jennings

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Pandemic

Covid - In the Henley & Claverdon area we have had 7 cases in the last 7 days – a slight spike at the beginning of the month (I think we can thank Cllr Shenton for that) but it has come back down again...

South Warwickshire Local Plan

Councillors from Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils will meet on 7 December to consider the recommendation for an Issues and Options consultation on the South Warwickshire Local Plan.

The new South Warwickshire Local Plan will set out the planning policies that the Councils will use to assess applications for development, as well as identifying sites to meet future housing needs, jobs, infrastructure, and open space. It will also address the important issues of climate change, wellbeing, connectivity, and biodiversity, affecting the way we live, work, and spend our leisure time up until 2050.

The Issues and Options consultation will provide a second opportunity for residents to have their say on the emerging Local Plan, following feedback from the initial Scoping and Call for Sites consultation carried out in May 2021. It will include different options for selecting preferences to several planning policy issues and the policy options to address them. It will also set out broad options for consideration on where to best accommodate new development in the future.

The consultation will run from 9 January - 20 February 2023, subject to the Joint Committee approval on 7 December.

Detailed information about the consultation and call for sites exercise will be available to view on our website www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp from the start of the consultation and a new portal will be used to submit comments.

To support this consultation and provide further detailed insight relating to future employment needs, land and housing needs, including the type and mix of homes, a Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (HEDNA) has been commissioned. Other supporting evidence has also been produced, including a Sustainability Appraisal assessing the social, environmental, and economic impacts of the emerging plan.

123+ Waste collection

The latest data shows that the 123+ waste collection system is working well and that residual waste has fallen by around 20% and that recycling rates have gone up from around 60% to 66%. These are provisional numbers but clearly illustrate that it is forcing change. At these sort of recycling rates, it will put SDC near the top of the league table of recycling authorities elevating it from around 12th position.

Don't forget if your bin is not emptied then use this link.

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/missed-bin-report-form.cfm>

If you don't use or can't access the internet then call 01789 260123 or get in touch with me and I will contact Streetscene for you.

Refuse, recycling and food waste collections over Christmas & New Year

From Monday 26 December 2022, your collections will be a day later than scheduled.

Normal collection date	New collection date
Monday 26 December	Tuesday 27 December
Tuesday 27 December	Wednesday 28 December
Wednesday 28 December	Thursday 29 December
Thursday 29 December	Friday 30 December
Friday 30 December	Saturday 31 December

Collections will take place as normal on Monday 2 January 2023 and thereafter.

Green bin collections suspension

Green bin collections will be suspended for two weeks from Monday 26 December 2022 to Friday 6 January 2023, to allow our crews to prioritise the additional recycling and food waste that accrues over Christmas.

If you have any garden waste over this time that can't wait for the next collection, you can take it to your [local recycling centre](#)

Green bin collections will resume from Monday 9 January 2023.

Census Results

We are starting to get some Census information through about who lives in our District – pdf enclosed however here are some of the highlights :

- 52% are female & 48% Male
- There has been a 27.5% increase in the number of people aged 65 and over since 2011
- Stratford is joint 35th oldest district out of 335 (across England & Wales)
- Population of 134,700 (+ 11.8% growth since 2011)
- Stratford upon Avon saw the 3rd highest growth across the West Midlands
- Stratford District has almost twice as many single family households, aged over 65, then the national average
- 59,500 households (14% increase since 2011)

I will include more data as it come through over the next few months....

Venture House

As always I would encourage anyone looking to take advantage of the opportunities that Venture House has to offer - there are live and online events – see below

December Events

7th - [CW Green Business Programme Winter Event](#) - MTC, Coventry

8th - 11th - [Stratford Victorian Christmas Market](#)

December Workshops

6th - [How to come up with a profitable business idea](#) - online, CUE

6th - [Cost of living crisis](#) - online

7th - [Pitching for finance](#) - online, Business Ready

8th - [How to get paid: people, process & profit](#) - online, Small Business Britain

8th - [Cyber security for small businesses](#) - online, CUE

13th - [How to survive a start-up](#) - online, CUE

14th-15th - [autoCAD for beginners to improvers](#) - online CUE

Local networking

Take a look at the [list of local networking groups](#) to see what you might like to get involved with. If you run an online networking group that does not appear on this list, please get in touch with Venture House so they can add your listing.

Merry Christmas & a happy new year to all !