

Buckden District Council. 8 December 2020

District Councillors Report

Luton Airport Flightpath

As Councillors are aware, there is a consultation promoted by London Luton Airport which closes on Friday 5 February 2021 to change flight patterns to include the Buckden area. BPC have already responded and sent a letter to Jonathan Djanogly setting out their concerns and asking him to intervene.

In addition, I have read the technical reports. This is a complex issue but there is an excellent Executive Summary on the NATS LLA consultation website. It will be helpful to us all to have the widest possible number of views so do please send in your opinion as it will affect travel from Stansted and Luton for all in this area. A formal application to the regulator, the Civil Aviation Authority, will be made in June 2021, so the consultation deadline is critical.

The basic issue is that the exit and entry points for the Luton and Stansted holding boxes can overload at peak times, causing delays for passengers at both airports and if nothing is done, serious safety issues in future. Moving the Luton arrivals box north will hopefully solve this problem. Google NATS LLA to get the consultation. It is important that as many Buckden residents as possible respond and I am requesting BPC to highlight this issue to residents.

Silver Street Development

The Developers have recently submitted new technical plans to HDC Planners for evaluation. Results will probably be in the New Year.

CIL Issues

As requested by BPC, I have been in touch with Jon Neish, Portfolio Holder for this issue, at HDC.

He appreciates the various issues, but is unable to respond until HDC, have received formal directions from Government.

Have your say on Thursday 6th May

The Government has postponed all elections for Covid but is now allowing these to go forward.

The most important for us in Buckden, is the the local Referendum that will give the Buckden Neighbourhood Plan full legal status and hopefully an increased CIL rating! Also key to our future here in Buckden is the election for Combined Authority Mayor, currently James Palmer who has backed plans for developing the St Neots area and provided significant agreed funding to get this done, all of which helps our residents directly or indirectly. Lastly, but not least are the County Council and Police and Crime Commissioner elections. These are important and I request BPC to request residents to be involved.

Getting our Pubs working again

There are some new groups emerging in Parliament, among them the Common-sense group. I have emailed the Chair and as many members as I can to urge them to get the tiers reviewed as early as possible. I hope this kind of intervention will help.

Neighbourhood Policing Change Programme

The Extra-Ordinary Business Consultation Board has been deferred to Dec 8 at 4pm and I will be attending and will be giving BPC a verbal report on this.

Hamish Masson