

This covers my June 2024 report.

Now that a national election has been called, we must be very careful about what we can and can't say, so be on the safe side I will leave any actual WDBC updates until after the elections have been and gone, and stick to local issues only.

Parcel 3

Unfortunately, this will sound like a stuck record, but still no movement on when the Link Road will be opened, but there are new discussions going on with Highways on this subject.

There have been a lot of concerns raised about the amount of traffic using the minor road from Mole Avon through to Crediton Road. Seems that a lot of the contractors working on all the developments in the Crediton Road area use this lane, plus those who have already moved into the new properties. Residents along this lane now find it far too dangerous to walk or cycle along it. I have brought this to the attention of our planners who have already had discussions with the Highways Officer.

There have been concerns raised about the TPO trees on Parcel 3 that are to be protected on this site, so I have raised the issues with our Tree Officer as well as with our enforcement team.

Footpaths:

There has however been some more movement on the possible footpath to the North of Crediton Road. The area that has been

surveyed has been agreed with Highways and there is a possible budget that could be used, but this is far from certain right now.

Forthglade:

I have not had any reports on new smells coming from the site, but I understand that some of the West Devon Borough Councils management had a meeting on site quite recently and found all was well at that time.

Exeter Road Persimmons site:

I have noticed that there are two mirrors in place on the opposite side of the site entrance. I assume others are finding it difficult to get off this development safely. I have asked our local DCC Highways Officer about these, and he has come back to me to say that they should have been removed, and Persimmons are still to re-profile the east side hedge bank to create the visibility splay that was agreed at the planning stage. Persimmons will be pressed to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

This has now been passed to the WD enforcement team, as it seems that this is now a planning matter.

Persimmons Crediton Road site:

For some years, Persimmons have been promising to install an additional piece of play equipment for this site, but they have conveniently forgotten to do so.. I have reminded our S106 officer of this fact, and she will be pressing Persimmons again. Seems that one

Dept of WD thought another section was dealing with it, hence nothing has been progressing for a long time.

St James Primary School playing field:

Nothing further to add this month, however I am hopeful that DCC and the Academy can make some progress asap. I note that the new Special school has already got their sports facilities in place.

Regards

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