

Borough Councillors Report – February 2024

The public consultation on the Strategic and Local Plan (SLP) is ongoing until March 12th 2024. This primarily looks at development and infrastructure needs across the three Councils, Cheltenham Borough, Gloucester City and Tewkesbury Borough. You can feedback online or attend one of several workshops or consultations being run throughout the month in different locations. These are on the TBC site and have been communicated out to the Parish Council's.

The maps attached are only illustrative at this stage, and no land allocations or preferences have been stated, as public views have not been heard yet.

There is a dedicated site that it would be worth everyone looking at on Strategiclocalplan.org or contact Ian Bowan, Planning Policy Manager on ian.bowen@tewkesbury.gov.uk.

The three Councils in the Strategic and Local Plan are looking to pool their Community Infrastructure Levis (CIL) for larger more cross-boundary strategic projects. This will be managed by a committee from all three councils to ensure fairness. This is only the Council's part of any CIL monies and the parishes will still receive their quota.

A statement of Common Ground has been agreed across all 6 Councils. This lays out the revised general rules that all 6 Councils have to operate under. In preparing local plans, local authorities are required to work together on strategic cross-boundary issues.

Polling District boundaries and where we vote, have all been reviewed. Nothing will change in our Ward.

TBC has had a lot of properties flooded within its Borough. Helpful surgeries have been run to help affected people. A review of all the flood areas and better contingency plans will be made for the future, as climate change is not going away. A separate budget is to be earmarked for this work. Anyone affected by flooding that haven't told the Council are encouraged to do so, in order to create a full and detailed report and produce actions for the future.

Officers have been again out knocking on doors this week to check people are ok in Sandhurst, Longford and Haw bridge.

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