

Councillor Tim Hill's Report to Elstow Parish Council

- For 6 Sep 17

Meetings

- I unfortunately cannot attend this Parish Council Meeting.

Local Issues

Since my last Parish Council Report, I have amongst other local issues progressed the following raised by residents, sometimes with the **valued help and support of the Parish Council**:

- **Super Fast Broadband in Sandleford Drive and part of Croyland Drive** – Residents have raised their concerns with me that Openreach had yet again slipped the provision date. I arranged a Residents Meeting with a BT Customer Relations Director and a senior Openreach Manager at Borough Hall. They confirmed that the commissioning should be finished by end of Aug 17 and residents should be able to order a service by the middle of Sep 17. This sorry saga now has an end in sight after years of pressure, many, many e-mails and phone calls, and four residents meetings.
- **Moss Lane dropped kerb** – I am pleased to report that Borough Highways have agreed to install a dropped kerb on the south side of the Moss Lane/Wilstead Road junction. This follows a local resident raising their concerns with Tim that not only was no dropped kerb installed, but the path after the verge is very steep for those with mobility issues.
- **Grass cutting in Halesowen Drive** – Local residents had raised their concerns with me about the lack of grass cutting on a small green area in Halesowen Drive. It seems the estate developer did not properly hand over this area to the Borough Council. The area is now included in the Council's grass cutting schedule.
- **Cars parked for sale on public land, fly-posting on fencing and roundabout, all by the Interchange Retail Park** – Parish Councillor Allison raised his concerns about the amount of fly-posting on the fencing by the Interchange Retail Park and the cars parked on public land by the nearby roundabout. The Parish Clerk and I asked the Borough Council's Environmental Services Team to contact those responsible. I'm pleased to see that most of the fly-posting and all of the cars have now been removed.
- **Travellers on Romsey Way Green area** – Many local residents reported to me the illegal encampment in this area that happened on 31 Aug 17 and the criminal damage they caused to get onto the site off the High Street. I immediately sent e-mails to relevant authorities asking for a prompt removal of the travellers and in the long term, for action by the Borough Council to secure the area whilst enabling proper site maintenance.
- **Surgeries** – I held another Mobile Advice Surgery on the Abbey Fields estate on 22 Jul 17. My thanks to the residents who attended to raise their individual issues with me. I am planning to hold one in the old village area on 16 Sep 17.