

MBC Members Report from Cllr Claudine Russell

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MBC General – Overview and Scrutiny Committee

We have sent out the survey to both parished and non-parished areas to collate views on CIL and S106, find out where you find it works/where it doesn't and what infrastructure you have helped to provide for your community with the Neighbourhood CIL. It would be so great to get responses and the deadline for these is 17th November.

The Administration's Programme

We still await the new Strategic Plan and the budget and the SPDs for the larger allocations in the Local Plan. The G&T DPD consultation is now open until the 12th December. In cabinet last week the administration decided to move the garden waste renewal to the same date in July each year and to introduce a “bin permit” system at a cost of £40,000 to monitor that people had renewed for the year. Our group don't mind the annual renewal but don't see the need for the permit system and the associated extra cost.

Ward Work

I attended the KCC Warden and Golding Homes Open event for Cleavesland residents at Laddingford. I have been assisting with the tracking of the food collection and getting answers to why it hasn't been happening in Collier Street. The answers weren't fantastic but Suez apparently are awaiting a new vehicle and in the meantime they will be going round twice for collection, I don't believe this is actually occurring but would welcome residents sending me any CCTV evidence that they have of this.

I organised a meeting of residents and police in Nettlestead which was well attended. General ward work around planning continues at pace and I attended Planning Committee and spoke against the retrospective application at Copper Lane in Marden and the retrospective application to alter The George in Yalding. I have also called in the HMO application at The George and made recommendations that both applications (the deferred and the HMO) are considered in the same meeting. Finally, I have called The White Hart annexe application into committee.

As always, if you need my help, please do not hesitate to email me at
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