

A communication from your local Conservative councillors

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A63 Update - Your Issues Listened To

In our last newsletter we asked residents to share concerns about traffic congestion on the A63—you did not disappoint. We met with Highways England and other partners in April this year. Highways England was quite receptive to specific issues raised by residents such as the use and abuse of laybys, lack of signage at junctions, time taken for the clearance of vehicles, road surface noise, the backing up of traffic on slip-roads at peak times and litter. We were pleased to hear about planned improvements alongside the westbound carriageway between Melton and Welton in the current financial year to provide a shared pedestrian and cycle path and also a barrier to protect users. There is a study being undertaken on the eastbound side that could provide further protection to students of South Hunsley School and members of the public that regularly use that footway. There will also be £350,000 of road surface maintenance work between Melton and Welton in the current financial year.

Contribution to Government Route Strategy

We have also contributed to a Government consultation exercise to develop its national Route Strategy. We prioritised the issues to include:

- Access to and from the A63 via the Welton junction where there are often queues at peak times.
- Access issues at the Ferriby/Bridgehead junction where traffic sometimes queues onto the A63 at peak periods.
- Lack of driver information on the A63, particularly real time traffic management information, warnings of incidents ahead and activation of diversion routes.
- Abuse of laybys on the A63.



Change to library opening hours in North Ferriby

After two rounds of public consultation the review into library opening hours has now concluded. The overwhelming response from the public was that they would rather see all branch libraries stay open but with reduced opening hours, rather than have some closures.

For North Ferriby library this means that one hour will be lost from its current opening hours **from July 2017**. The revised hours will be

- Monday Closed
- Tuesday 10am—5pm
- Wednesday Closed
- Thursday 2 - 6pm
- Friday Closed
- Saturday 10am—12 noon

We know that the loss of the 6—7pm slot on Thursday affects three Book Clubs that meet there each month but, in response to your concerns, we have met with senior officers to try to broker a position that is could enable the Book Clubs to continue. Users will be consulted on various options and we do hope that we can reach a solution that will be acceptable to all.

Melton Fields goes to the Court of Appeal

We are disappointed that the application for permission to appeal the decision made by the High Court in April 2016 has been granted and that the case will now be heard in the Court of Appeal in due course.

The case seeks to appeal the High Court order to uphold the decision of the Secretary of State in dismissing the two planning appeals for predominantly residential use at Melton Park and the ERYC will support the Secretary of State in further defence of this case.

South Hunsley Pool Outcome

It is regrettable that the pool at South Hunsley School is to be lost as a community facility after we supported its retention when the review was undertaken in 2014. However, the judicial review that was mounted by pool supporters was found, in the High Court, to be without merit and work is now underway to convert the space into other uses that will enable the school to still accept young people from the whole of its catchment area.

Care about Winter

Things to do to look out for yourself and neighbours:

- Stock up on essential food and fuel items
- Stay warm, and don't drive in snowy weather conditions unless you have to
- Check that your elderly or vulnerable neighbours are OK and that their heating is working
- Shovel drives so that households can access the pavement
- Offer to get essential shopping for vulnerable neighbours when you are going yourself – or lend provisions if the shops are completely inaccessible for a day or so
- Collect essential prescriptions or arrange transport for doctor appointments
- Contact a family member or Emergency Services in case of an emergency

In the case of emergency conditions North Ferriby Parish Council's Emergency Committee and ourselves will co-ordinate assistance for those residents that have registered themselves with the Parish Council as being vulnerable. If your situation is such that you may be vulnerable in extreme weather conditions but have not registered with the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk on (01482) 631822.

Fair funding for North Ferriby children's education

East Riding schools are the lowest funded in the country and, with low levels of deprivation, North Ferriby and South Hunsley schools are amongst the lowest funded in the East Riding. Julie, as Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Education at ERYC, is leading the authority's fight for a fairer level of funding for North Ferriby children and young people. Julie says, 'We are extremely proud of the performance of our schools against this background of underfunding. We acknowledge that there are circumstances that mean some schools need additional funding but every child deserves the same basic level of funding no matter where they live. We continue to lobby our local MPs and the Secretary of State on their behalf.'

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Flooding Brickyard Cottages

After several years without incident, we were disappointed that Brickyard Cottages, at the bottom of Church Road, flooded after a period of prolonged rainfall in November. We do not understand why this would happen given the enlarged sewer and vast attenuation tank that were installed after the 2007 floods. We have requested that ERYC and Yorkshire Water carry out an investigation and report back to us.

Your housing needs

Following the informal Housing Needs Survey undertaken by North Ferriby Parish Council we have ensured that all those involved in meeting housing requirements at ERYC are aware of the findings. We have written to two specialist providers of accommodation for older people and also met with one of them. As a result, a provider of specialist apartments is commencing talks with the land owner. It is important that, as North Ferriby has to have additional housing, it is what local people really want.

Housing in the Ward

Although planning applications have not yet been submitted, developers are consulting on housing on unallocated sites in both Swanland and Melton. Gladman Developments are proposing 150 homes on greenfield land at Westfield Farm in Swanland and Haltemprice Homes are proposing 54 new homes off Gibson Lane in Melton.

Hull City of Culture

As Ward Councillors we have been asked to supply details of cultural events in our villages. These will be badged and advertised under the East Riding's contribution to Hull City of Culture 2017. North Ferriby Village Hall will play a great part so please do support events there.

Police and Crime Commissioner New Priorities

A new Police and Crime Commissioner, Keith Hunter, was elected on 6th May this year. His revised Police and Crime priorities are:

- Bringing Back Community Policing
- Being Your Advocate
- Getting the Phones Answered
- Supporting all Victims of Crime
- Rebuilding Police Morale and Good Service

Vanessa sits on the ERYC committee that scrutinises the performance of Humberside Police and says, 'Mr Hunter seems to appreciate what is important to East Riding residents and we shall try to ensure that low crime areas such as North Ferriby do not miss out on relevant policing because of a need to prioritise towards urban settlements. Rural crime is increasing in the Humberside area and it is important that this is tackled as effectively as urban crime. Residents in villages that are victims of crime deserve to receive an appropriate response and I shall be looking closely at the performance for the residents of our Ward.'

Please do let us know your views on local Policing if you have concerns or particular praise for the service received.



Police contacts:

Emergency: 999

Non-emergency: 101

PCC email: pcc@humberside.pnn.police.uk

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