

Good evening everyone. As many will know the county council is now under the control of a rainbow alliance between Liberal Democrats, Labour, and independents following the elections in May this year. At those elections I was elected to serve another term, and I am honoured to do so. There is a district council bi-election on 23rd September for the vacancy caused by Victoria Charlesworth leaving the area.

I have attended a number of meetings and am now the spokes person for the opposition on Environment & Green Investment. This is of particular input to Soham because of the impending construction of the 34mw solar farm on land up from Angle Common. Work should commence on this later this year and I am already working with officers at the possible use of green electricity locally for Soham VC and other close consumers. If this is possible I feel that to serve local entities is better than to simply deposit into the national grid. I will keep you updated.

I have responded to a number of resident requests over the last few weeks, including ditch-way clearance between Brewhouse Lane and Eastern Avenue; Fly tipping in West Drive Gardens and drove clearance from Julius Martin Lane to Kingfisher Way. All are complete or in hand along with numerous others.

I am in constant contact with Sanctuary housing about the awful mess left from two bungalows damaged by fire in Queensway. The buildings have been left open to the sky, although fenced off, meaning that the smell of burnt items prevails and the eyesore remains for the local residents. Sanctuary must address this and I will continue to drive until they do.

On wider matters there is the return of a parcel of land at The Northern Gateway to CCC for the expansion of the Shade school. This is needed for population growth and this re-ownership project is almost complete.

I submitted a motion to full council requesting a council stance of 'No to Sunnica' to protect our neighbouring villages. This project will also impact Soham with a large increase on vehicle movements to service the build and displaced local traffic. Unfortunately, the motion was amended to water down the 'say no' stance requested but formal letters of concern have been sent to the Secretary of state.

Finally for this month, I was approached, as I know was MP Lucy Fraser, for something to be done about the entrance to Cyprian Rust Way. This is a great example of decent applications not being looked at in a wider context and no local knowledge being applied regards use of car. I have requested that the council consider this as an LHI project to put on lines and parking restrictions to the entrance corners and at least 30m into the estate, and along the Shade road. Also, the 90m length of same double yellows to the west side of The shade in parallel. This will stop illegal parking, allow safe access and exit to this close, and help the safety issues along the Shade.

I remain available to respond to emails or calls and as ever am happy to take questions on any subjects.