

# Mike Sole's report

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September has been busy, especially with all of the issues with buses. Whilst there are always some problems at the start of the new school year, this time it has been worse than ever. I've been following up a lot of issues on several routes, but by far the most significant issues arose from **Stagecoach** removing a school time 17 service, running two bus when previously there were three. After weeks of correspondence with residents, Stagecoach and KCC, my request to run both Canterbury bound buses at the same time earlier was actioned. I hope that will solve the pupil lateness issue, but I will continue to follow up other capacity issues and problems on other routes. The Stagecoach complaints number is 0345 241 8000 or [www.stagecoachbus.com/help-and-contact/forms/complaint-form](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/help-and-contact/forms/complaint-form) should anyone wish to raise issue directly with them.

I attend parish council meetings at **Waltham**, **Womenswold** and **Kingston**.

I was delighted to meet up with residents to celebrate the 30mph limit installed in **Woolage Village** a few weeks ago as I've been campaigning for this for years. I have now been able to find the funding so that the process can start on a similar scheme in **Woolage Green**.

I attended the **A257 Traffic Group** meeting to discuss road safety issues.

At the Canterbury city council Scrutiny Subcommittee I was questioned and spoke about progress on the city centre improvement projects and council staffing.

I proposed a motion at KCC to place bins in men's toilets in support of the Postate Cancer UK campaign highlighting incontinence, and also raised questions about delays to bus stop improvements for wheelchair users.

Although the Canenco strike is over there have still been some issues of missed bins. The online reporting system is now back but please let me know of any persistent problems.



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