

Mike Sole's

February 2024 update

Kent County Councillor -Canterbury South

Canterbury City Councillor – Nailbourne



The big news this month is the new draft of the **Canterbury Local Plan**. The key changes from the previous draft that will be of interest locally are:

Development at Cooting Farm Adisham – GONE

Development at Aylesham South (Womenswold Parish) – GONE

Traffic zoning scheme in Canterbury – GONE

Eastern By-Pass – GONE

The new plan includes enhanced bio-diversity measures and a bus-led transport strategy. The new plan will shortly be out for a 12-week consultation, so please make your views known.

Canterbury City Council passed its budget in February which included reductions to car parking charges for residents in 10 car parks, reduced park & ride charges, re-opening the Sturry park & ride, bringing back Canterbury Market, and the return of three hours free blue badge parking.

The month I attended a meeting with Canterbury NFU to discuss issues affecting the farming community. I was also a guest on KMTV Politics Show discussing a range of Kent issues.

At a meeting in **Bridge** progress is being made on getting some new street lamps in Western Avenue.

At KCC I attended the Scrutiny meeting to speak against the changes to the **Community Warden** scheme, and I was also at the KCC budget meeting where significant cuts were being made.

I attended **Lower Hardres Parish** Council and was involved in discussions around improving highway safety in the parish.

I'm delighted that the City Council has taken the decision to take the first steps to increase the number of council homes in the district – more news on numbers and location to follow!



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