

Hawstead Report for July 2014

Development & Control. The Planning Department is now operating a Duty Officer system instead of the usual helpdesk service. The DO is available by phone or email between the hours of 8.45am to 1pm Monday to Friday. If a meeting is required, it is advisable to ring first and book a time.

For any current applications, please talk to the relevant case officer as you do at present.

We have now been using the new system of Development Control working for about 6 months. We shall be reviewing how it is working in the near future. If you have comments to make about it, please phone or email me with your thoughts so I can take them forward.

Eastern Relief Road. The government are to fund this with 5.7 million. £4.3m of Local Transport Funding has already been allocated towards the construction of the Relief road, thus enabling a £10m grant contribution to the overall costs. This scheme will lead to the further development of the Suffolk Business Park and it is estimated that +1500 jobs will be created.

Waste and recycling. SEBC has agreed to provide £100,000 from reserve funds to secure a land option for a site to house both the HWRC and the Borough depot, currently next to WSH. This would free up the depot land for the development of Phase 2 of the PSV. (Phase one was WSH). Negotiations are ongoing and SCC is willing to consider this option. However this may depend on the outcome of the Judicial Review on the Rougham Hill site.

Housing for the homeless. SEBC has purchased a former HMO which will be used as flexible short-term accommodation for homeless people thus saving on expensive bed and breakfast charges.

Locality money. I would be very interested to hear from village organisations who might wish to take advantage of this fund.

Congratulations on your progress in the Village of the Year competition.

Angela Rushen July 2014