



Green City Cllr
Sally Maddocks



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GALGATE HOUSING PLAN SHOCK

A planning application to build 115 homes on fields at the edge of Galgate has taken councillors and residents by surprise. In the Council's masterplan for Bailrigg Garden Village, this site - north of Meadow Park and west of Highland Brow - was part of a 'green buffer zone' between the main development and Galgate village. This was expected to be confirmed in the 'South Lancaster Area Action Plan', to be published this autumn.

Cllr Sally Maddocks said:

"I am furious about developers cherry-picking green fields to build large houses on, and I want to support residents opposing this development. If approved, it will reduce the size of the buffer between Galgate and BGV, and could increase the risk of flooding in the village."

You can view and comment on the application at www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning - search for reference no. 22/00342/FUL. Responses can be submitted any time before it goes to Planning Committee for a decision, likely to be in September - but the sooner the better. Emails should be sent to dcconsultation@lancaster.gov.uk.



The red dot shows the site where developers want to build 115 new homes

ELLEL GOES GREEN!

Sally Maddocks won the by-election in Ellel Ward on 19 May, following the dismissal of a Conservative councillor for not attending Council meetings for six months.

This takes the number of Greens on Lancaster City Council to 11 (out of 60). See inside for election results. Sally said:

"I am very excited to be your Green Councillor. Thank you for your trust and support! I am here to help everyone, whether they voted for me or not, to the best of my ability. I hope we can work together to find solutions to local problems, whether big or small."



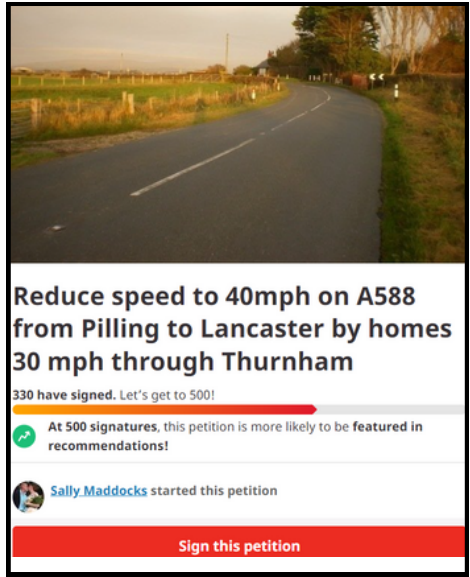
Sally Maddocks has been elected as Ellel's first ever Green Party Councillor

A588 SPEEDING PETITION

More than 300 people signed an online petition to County Highways to introduce a 40 mph speed limit on the A588, with 30 mph through Thurnham.

New Green City Cllr Sally Maddocks, working with Cockerham residents, set up the petition calling for changes to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which currently proposes a reduction from 60 to 50 mph. There was also a paper petition of nearly 100 signatures and a strong case submitted by Thurnham with Glasson Parish Council, who have campaigned for a speed limit of 30 mph through Thurnham for years.

The TRO will ultimately be decided by the County Council Cabinet. Gina said: *"I hope the County will listen to the experience and concerns of local people about road safety and quality of life on the A588."*



REMEDIAL WORKS TO ROAD SAFETY ON A588

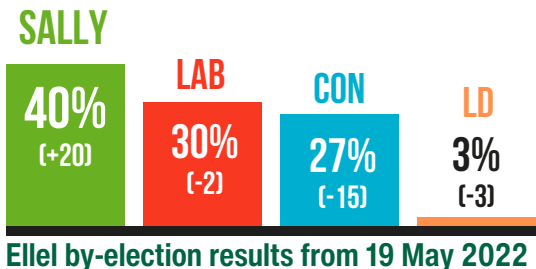
County Cllr Gina Dowding reported damage to the new lining works and road studs on the A588. County Highways have acknowledged that damage may have been caused as a result of a failure in the materials used and/or possibly by farming machinery throughout the delivery of the scheme. Overnight remedial works of both the lining and road studs on the A588 were planned to be completed by 1 July 2022.

REPLACEMENT BIN LIDS

If any Ellel residents have lost the lids of their recycling bins, Cllr Sally Maddocks has a small supply of the 'shower cap'-style covers that she will drop off. See contact details on back page. The replacements are free of charge, and also available directly from the City Council.

ELLEL BY-ELECTION RESULTS

Greens achieved a fantastic result in the recent by-election. The Green Group is now the second largest after Labour. This is also part of a national trend, with the Greens now having more than 550 councillors nationally.



BY-PASS PLAN OMITTS CHAPELSIDE DRIVE

Whilst talking to residents in Ellel, Cllr Sally Maddocks discovered that the recently-built houses on Chapelside Drive had not been included on the layout map of the proposed new Galgate by-pass off M6 Junction 33.

After Sally made enquiries, she said:

"All that is shown on the County Council's map is an empty field. This is a significant error given the impact that a major new road will have on this quiet corner of Galgate."

"I will keep residents updated about the implications for them as the road plans develop."



HELP AVAILABLE WITH ENERGY BILLS

It is being predicted that energy costs will continue to soar as we head for winter, causing household heating bills to rise as much as £1,500 per year. Below is a summary of what financial support may be available, depending on your circumstances.

Type of financial help	Who gets it?	How much?	When?
Council tax rebate	Households in council tax bands A-D (with a few in higher bands) including those in receipt of council tax benefit	£150	May/June 2022, vouchers cashable at post offices for those not paying council tax by direct debit
Discount on energy bills	All households	£400	October 2022
Welfare Cost of Living Payment	Means-tested benefits recipients	£650	£325 in July; £325 in autumn
Pensioner Cost of Living Payment	Pensioner households	£300	Nov/Dec 2022 alongside Winter Fuel Payment
Disability Cost of Living Payment	Individuals in receipt of 'extra cost' disability benefits	£150	By September 2022

Hardship grants will also be available via the City Council - details still to be determined. If you are struggling, various support services are listed at:

www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/community-hub/support-available.

ACTION ON WEEDY STREETS

The County Council has responded to calls by Green City councillors to increase the resources invested in street weeding in our district. A contractor was appointed in May. Sadly, calls to switch from spraying herbicide to more environmentally-friendly alternatives have been rejected due to costs.

The planned schedule indicates that streets across Ellel ward will be 'treated' by mid-July.



Green Councillors Sally Maddocks & Gina Dowding

GLASSON DOCK CAR PARK

Aquavista who own the car park in Glasson Dock have so far said that introducing new ticket machines will be too expensive, despite calls to encourage them to introduce contactless card and cash payment systems in the car park.

Sally said:

"Businesses at Glasson Dock have noticed a downturn in weekday trade since October, as some visitors continue to be put off by the need for a smart phone to buy car parking tickets. I want to support the efforts of the Parish Council and County Cllr Gina Dowding to get a more accessible payment system in place for visitors, who love visiting our tiny coastal village."

GET IN TOUCH

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Please contact us if you need help with a local issue, or if you'd like to join the Green Party or help to deliver our regular newsletters.

MEET SALLY AT THE FLEECE

Cllr Sally Maddocks will hold a 'drop-in surgery' for residents over the summer.

Sally said:

"I will always be contactable by email and phone, but if anyone wants to talk in person about a local issue or problem, I will be at the Fleece Inn, Dolphinholme, on the following Friday early evenings: 6-7pm on 15th July, 26th August & 23rd September."

WHAT'S ON IN GALGATE

There are lots of activities at Ellel Village Hall in Galgate. See their website: ellelvillagehall.co.uk/whats-on/