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SOUTH LANCASTER PLANS SCRAPPED

County Council cancels plans for roads and new town

Funding for building new roads as part of the South Lancaster project has been returned to Government by the Conservative-led County Council in the face of escalating construction costs. This puts an end to the controversial plan to build over 9,000 new houses on the countryside between Lancaster and Galgate.

Green County Cllr Gina Dowding said: *“This is great news. The South Lancaster project was a huge financial risk to both the City and County Councils, because it relied on unrealistically large contributions of cash from developers. But just as importantly, it would have had a terrible impact on the local environment and efforts to combat climate change.*

“The project had been pushed through at the City Council level in 2021 by Labour and some Conservatives and Independent councillors, despite well-founded arguments from Green councillors, who did not vote for it.”

THANK YOU FOR VOTING GREEN!

Greens win Castle ward with huge majority of votes

Cllr Shelagh McGregor said: *“Thank you to everyone who voted, and especially to all who supported the Greens. We will continue to work hard on behalf of all residents.”*

Votes for Dave, Paul & Shelagh: 61%

Labour: 30%

Conservatives: 7%

Lib. Dems: 2%



Green Cllrs Dave Brookes,
Shelagh McGregor & Paul
Stubbins were elected in May



Members of the Storey Gardens team with Lancaster's former mayor and the new stone Czar plum

FRIENDS OF STOREY GARDENS UNVEIL NEW STONE FRUIT

Project under way to restore The Tasting Garden

At the end of April the Friends of the Storey Gardens unveiled two stone fruit on columns as a first step in restoring The Tasting Garden by internationally renowned environmental artist Mark Dion. Local sculptor Alan Ward made the fruit to match the original designs.

Cllr Dave Brookes, the charity's treasurer said: *"These beautiful sculptures are a taster to demonstrate the quality of the artwork restoration project."*

We have now launched a crowdfunder to raise funds for the remaining 19 pieces of fruit, at: www.spacehive.com/recreating-the-tasting-garden-artwork"



Cllr Paul Stubbins campaigning for better cycling and walking infrastructure for Pointer roundabout

TACKLING DANGEROUS USE OF SOUTH ROAD PAVEMENT

Cllr Paul Stubbins lobbies county to bring forward overdue improvements

Residents have reported concerns about increased incidences of dangerous cycling on the pavement down South Road. Castle Ward Cllr Paul wrote to County and secured agreement for a refresh of lining and signing of the existing shared use paths, as well as new 'End of cycle route' signing and 'END' lettering on the footway to make it clearer where the shared use ends.

In addition, Paul pressed County on getting on with £750k of improvements to the Pointer roundabout, allocated under Safer Roads funding in 2018/2019. County has confirmed that it will be progressing this and that the works will include parallel crossings that require traffic to give way to pedestrians and cyclists.

Paul said: *"The improved crossings here are much overdue. And we urgently need high-quality, segregated cycling infrastructure on South Road."*

Any concerns about the poor behaviour of some cyclists should be referred to the police, which can be done by emailing the local PCSO on 7373@lancashire.police.uk giving as much detail about the rider as possible.

HOW TO MEET LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS

Green general election candidate, Cllr Jack Lenox, calls for immediate review of Local Plan

Following the cancellation of the planned South Lancaster road and new town, Cllr Jack Lenox said: "We need to review where well-designed housing can be built, without massive new road schemes or unacceptable impacts. The local and national shortage of affordable housing is caused by a reliance on private housing developers who prioritise making bigger profits over meeting local needs.



Green candidate for MP for Lancaster & Wyre, Cllr Jack Lenox

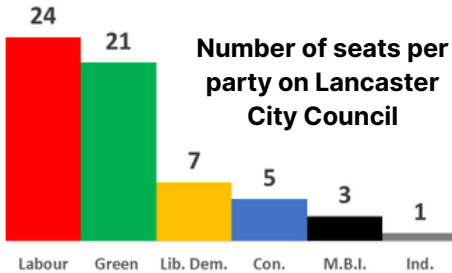
"Driven by the Greens, around 200 affordable homes are now planned for parts of the Lancaster centre's Canal Quarter site; and over 130 on the former Skerton School site. The Council is also identifying smaller infill sites which could be suitable for building new homes."

GREENS, LABOUR & LIB DEMS RUN CITY COUNCIL

Greens win 21 (out of 61) Council seats



The new group of 21 Green City Councillors at their first Full Council meeting in May



In May's City Council elections, the Green Party won 21 out of 61 seats (up from 10 in 2019).

No party won a majority of seats, so Labour, Greens and Lib Dems have agreed to form a shared administration. It is led by a Labour councillor, with Green Cllr Caroline Jackson as Deputy Leader.

Greens have 4 of the 10 cabinet places, including the 'Climate Action', 'Finance', 'Regeneration, Skills & Digital Innovation' and 'Housing & Homelessness' portfolios. The Green group is more diverse than ever, with a majority of women, and 3 new councillors under the age of 24.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SAFER JUNCTION AT CASTLE HILL/KING ST

Faded road markings on Market St have been repainted at the junction with King St/China St and Castle Hill following a request by Cllr Dave Brookes on behalf of a local resident.

RAIL BRIDGE GRAFFITI REMOVED

Network Rail repainted the bridge over the railway on Short Marsh Lane after Green councillors reported offensive graffiti there.

SLIPPERY PAVEMENTS SORTED

Cllr Paul Stubbins reported thick slime on the pavement of Sidney Terrace, at the end of Denis Street, after slipping himself while delivering letters to residents.

Members of the City Council's Public Realm team power washed the pavement to make it safe.

STOPPING REMOVAL OF CANAL LITTER BINS

The Canal & River Trust (C&RT) has said it will be removing litter bins from the canal towpath to save money.

Cllr Dave Brookes investigated and C&RT only empties one bin in Castle Ward, with the rest being emptied by the City Council. Dave said: "I've asked C&RT not to remove those ones!"



QUEEN STREET CROSSING IMPROVED

At a meeting with Green councillors at Spinners Court, residents complained that the dropped kerbs at the junction of Queen Street and Aldcliffe Road were unsuitable for wheelchair users. Cllr Paul Stubbins raised this with County Highways and the crossing points have been remade, including tactile paving on both sides of the road.

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