

# GREEN VIEW

ELLEL WARD

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City Cllr  
Sally  
Maddocks



City Cllr  
Paul Tynan



City & County  
Cllr Gina  
Dowding

## 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 more than 9,000 new houses on countryside between Lancaster and Galgate.

Cllr Sally Maddocks said:

*"This is great news. The South Lancaster project was a big 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 Ellel ward with a large majority of votes

Cllr Sally Maddocks said: *"Thank you to everyone who voted, and especially to all who supported the Greens. I am delighted to have Paul as my fellow ward councillor. We will continue to work hard on behalf of all residents."*



Ellel Green Cllrs Sally Maddocks and Paul Tynan celebrate their election in May

Votes for Sally & Paul: 54%

Conservatives: 27%

Labour: 17%

Lib. Dems: 2%

41% of Ellel residents turned out to vote - far higher than average!



**Cllr Sally Maddocks said:**  
**"We are asking for clear communication about the impact of the sea gate problem."**

# GLASSON SEA GATE DOWN

**The Glasson Dock sea gate has come to the end of its life, and is now stuck in the down position.**

Following queries from residents and businesses, Cllrs Sally Maddocks and Gina Dowding have called for clear communication and action from key agencies.

Gina said: *"If there were storms during high tide periods it would increase the risk of flooding. We hope this won't happen but we*

*now know who is responsible, and that plans are being developed. Talks are taking place between the Port Commission and the Environment Agency about a short term and a permanent repair to the sea gate. But this unlikely to happen within weeks.*

*The Environment Agency which is responsible for coastal and tidal flood issues, is modelling the risk, and the City Council has agreed to co-ordinate information explaining the plans and any necessary action required by residents. We will deliver this letter as soon as its ready - before the end of July."*

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## CANAL LOCK GATE LEAK

**The canal lock in Glasson is leaking and in need of repair.**

With the recent lack of rainfall, possibly made worse by the sea gate being down, the canal basin water level became seriously low.

Cllr Sally contacted the Canal and River Trust who are responsible for the lock, and Aquavista, a private sector company which runs the canal basin.

Sally said: *"Fortunately a short-term solution was found to protect wildlife: the lock was shut for 14 days, water diverted from the River Conder into the canal, and a blue tarpaulin installed to stem the leaking water. Now the canal and basin are much fuller, boats have been allowed through the lock again."*

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## EV CHARGE POINTS TRIAL

**Lancashire County Council is trialling Electric Vehicle (EV) footway cable trays**

An option for making on-street EV charging safer and more accessible for households without off-street parking is being tested.

The key eligibility criteria to apply are:

- You must own or lease an EV;
- Have no access to off-street parking; and
- EV charge points cannot be installed within 2.5 m of any metal object connected to electricity, e.g. lamp-posts.

For more detail about expressions of interest, contact:

**[EVcharging@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:EVcharging@lancashire.gov.uk)**

# 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.*

*"Driven by the Greens, around 200 affordable homes are now planned for parts of the city centre 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."*



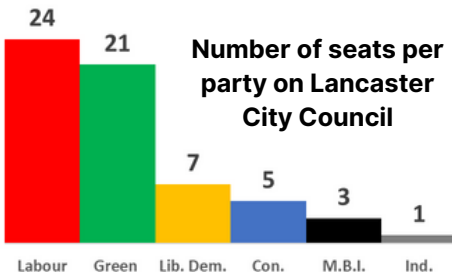
Green candidate for MP in Lancaster & Wyre, Cllr Jack Lenox

# 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, led by a Labour councillor with Green Cllr Caroline Jackson as Deputy Leader.

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

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## FLIGHT PATH CONCERNS

Following concerns raised with Cllr Sally about the impact for residents of the flights from the local parachuting centre, the centre has agreed to change the flight paths in certain weather conditions to reduce the noise.

## SLOWER SPEED SIGNS VANDALISED

Sadly, the recently installed 50 mph signs on the A588 have been spray painted again. Cockerham residents have reported it to County Highways.

## CHEAP BUS FARES

The £2 price cap on single bus fares has been extended until 31st October.

## CAN YOU HELP VILLAGE HALL?

Glasson Village Hall is seeking volunteers to help run the building, and join their committee. Contact [glassonvillage@btinternet.com](mailto:glassonvillage@btinternet.com)

## RURAL ROADS DANGERS

Responding to concerns of residents and parish councillors, Sally has requested 'the impact of modern farming practices' (e.g. the effect of much larger wagons on rural roads) as a future Scrutiny Committee topic.

**STOP PRESS: TV drama series 'The Bay' will be filming in Glasson on 31 July/1 Aug**

# NEW ROLES FOR ELLE GREENS

## Cllr Sally Maddocks is

Chair of the Council's Licensing Committee, and on the Board of North Lancashire Citizens' Advice.

**Cllr Paul Tynan** is one of the five Greens on the Council's 15-member Planning Committee.

**County Cllr Gina Dowding** is on the County's Environment Scrutiny Committee.

## COUNCILLOR 'SURGERIES' RESUMED

Cllrs Sally and Paul will be available to meet residents on the 1st Friday of the month from 5.30 pm at the Fleece Inn, Dolphinholme. The next one is 4th August.



**Cllr Paul Tynan looks forward to meeting residents**

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