



GREEN VIEW

WARTON, YEALANDS, CARNFORTH & MILLHEAD

Summer 2023

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.

Green County Cllr Gina Dowding said: *"This is great news. The South Lancaster project posed 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."

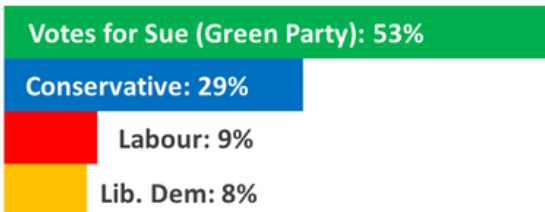
THANK YOU FOR VOTING GREEN!

Sue Tyldesley re-elected in Warton with a large majority

Cllr Sue said: *"Thank you to the 39% of Warton ward residents who voted in May's City Council elections, and especially to everyone who supported me. I will do my best to represent all residents across the area."*



Cllr Sue Tyldesley:
"I'm delighted to be re-elected for a further 4 years."





CHANGES AT THE MIRES

Cllr Sue attended the recent maintenance check of the pump in Gardner Road, which was purchased by local residents to help temporarily protect properties from flash flooding.

The Flood Action Group had hoped that proposals for The Mires led by the RSPB would include bunds and flood protection measures for the village. However the RSPB has had to pull out and will now concentrate on their core aim of nature conservation.

The Flood Action Group has worked very hard and identified a blocked gravel catchment pit as a primary cause of the problem. The County Council has accepted the need for this to be unblocked and is currently seeking funding.

The Group hopes that responsibility for insuring and maintaining the pump can be shared by the whole community, as the root cause of the problem is run-off from higher parts of Warton during heavy rain.

YEALAND COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Cllr Sue took part in a fruit tree grafting workshop organised by Yealands Parish Councils, with funding from the AONB, as part of the Orchards Project. Sue said *"I was delighted to learn a new skill and my grafted tree now seems to be growing well. More fruit trees will be planted this autumn."*

WELL DONE TO CARNFORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Carnforth's Neighbourhood Plan was adopted in March 2023. Cllr Sue said: *"I know a lot of work went into this, to complement the District Local Plan with more locally-specific policies."*

Some highlights are to:

- Conserve and enhance Carnforth's natural environment and historic buildings.
- Support the leisure and tourism sectors, strengthening the town as a place to visit.
- Encourage smaller start-up businesses and flexible working spaces.
- Deliver new walking and cycling routes that are safe and attractive for all to use.
- Support new EV-charging infrastructure.

'FRIENDS OF THE ROODS' SET UP

Lots of enthusiasm to include a play area and other improvements



Cllr Sue at the Friends of The Roods coffee morning event, with Emma who is chair of the newly created group.

Following a well-attended initial meeting, a coffee morning was organised at the Methodist Church to raise funds for improving the open space at The Roods.

There is a lot of enthusiasm to upgrade the space, to include a play area and other ideas. Do get in touch if you want to become a Friend.

HOW TO MEET LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS

Green candidate for MP, Cllr Gina Dowding, calls for immediate review of the Local Plan



Candidate for MP,
Cllr Gina Dowding

Following the cancellation of the planned South Lancaster road and new town, Cllr Gina Dowding 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."*

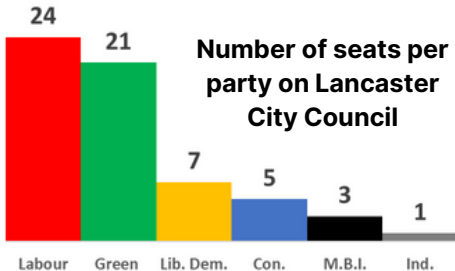
"Driven by the Greens, around 200 affordable homes are now planned for parts of the city centre Canal Quarter site, and over 130 on the former Skerton School site. The Council is also identifying smaller infill sites which could be suitable for building new homes."

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

WELCOME BORWICK & PRIEST HUTTON

These two villages are now in Warton ward. Cllr Sue said: *"Welcome to all the new residents of Warton Ward. I will ensure that you receive quarterly Green View newsletters, and I hope there will be stories from your villages in future editions! Please do get in touch with any queries or concerns."*

NEW AONB ROLE FOR SUE

Cllr Sue has been elected by the City Council to be its representative on the Arnsdale and Silverdale AONB Management Board.

CARNFORTH GREEN DAY

Cllr Sue congratulates the team for organising the event at Crag Bank. While there, she chatted to:

- Lancashire County Council about their trial scheme for channelling Electric Vehicle charging cables across pavements;
- RHEA about their work on Cosy Homes (www.chil.uk.com)
- Carnforth Town Council about their new Neighbourhood Plan.
- Ramblers (who have a new book of local walks), and beekeepers.



YEALAND PUB FOR SALE

The New Inn in Yealand is up for sale. 'Friends of the New Inn' applied to the City Council and were successful in getting this designated as an 'Asset of Community value'. This means that residents have a short time to decide to bid for the premises and if successful, impose a 6 month moratorium on any sale whilst they try to raise the money.

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