



Cllrs Gina Dowding, Mandy Bannon, Dave Brookes & Paul Stubbins

GREENS' DISMAY AT COUNCIL VOTE FOR NEW TOWN

Lancaster's Greens are dismayed that a majority of city councillors voted for building a new town (the size of Kendal) on fields between Lancaster and Galgate. The City and County Councils have accepted £140m Government funding towards the cost of building a spine road to serve the town and a linking Galgate bypass to join the M6 at Junction 33. Actual build costs are not yet contracted but the £140m is conditional on delivering more than 9,000 new houses. All Labour

councillors and most Independents voted for the plan in August. Greens, Eco-Socialists and some Conservative councillors voted against.

Cllr Gina Dowding said: *"Building new roads and a new town will massively increase our district's carbon emissions, traffic congestion and flood risk. The scheme is also very financially risky for the City and County Councils. Greens will now do what we can to limit the damage from this bad decision."*

GREEN ENERGY IN COUNCIL BUILDINGS

Lancaster City Council has been awarded £150,000 to find new low-carbon solutions for all the council's key buildings. This follows the success of the Salt Ayre Leisure Centre installing air source heat pumps, and a solar farm to remove onsite CO₂ emissions. Salt Ayre will be one of the first leisure centres in the UK to be net zero carbon. Cllr Dave Brookes said: *"We are leading the way in making Council buildings fit for a low-carbon future."*



Cllr Dave Brookes at the now greener and cleaner Salt Ayre Leisure Centre





Salisbury Road



Before and after: next to the Willow Lane Shop

YOUR LOCAL GREEN COUNCILLORS: WORKING WITH

SCHOOL BUS TO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Cllrs Mandy and Gina worked with parents, the Bus User Group and school staff to find a solution after County withdrew the S24 bus which took pupils directly from the Marsh to Central High school. Pupils can connect from the 8.09am bus from the Coronation Field turning circle on Willow Lane. The school is being flexible with pupils using this service as it arrives so close to school start time.

CITY CENTRE CYCLING SCHEMES

The safer road measures along Queen St/ King St and in Dalton Square have been extended until the end of January. They were introduced under a Covid travel safety scheme and it is now hoped that these will become permanent. However, the South Road temporary cycle lane was removed by Highways as it was not deemed to be a safe long-term solution. Ward councillors have been assured that County is looking at other long-term options such as a cycle route along Ashton Rd in front of the RLI.

RECYCLE MORE & FUND CHARITIES

Bay Area Recycling, run by local resident volunteers, provides drop-off points for a range of packaging not collected by the Council. A small donation is made to local charities for each batch received. For more info and drop-off points see:

[facebook.com/bayarearecycle](https://www.facebook.com/bayarearecycle) or www.bayarearecycling.org.uk

Some Co-op stores eg Quernmore Rd now accept plastic bags, wrappers, film and batteries.

Superdrug in St Nic's Arcade collects tablet blister packs.

LUNE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE PLANS

Cllrs Gina and Mandy have written to planners to say they cannot support the expansion of Lune Industrial Estate until transport plans with better pedestrian access to Willow Lane are included. Mandy said: *"We want the cut-through along privately-owned Europa Way made safer for pedestrians and cycles."*



Carr House Lane



Penny Street

LOCAL RESIDENTS – WEEDING AND LITTER PICKING

GREEN COUNCILLOR JACK TO CYCLE TO COP26

Green Cllr Jack Lenox will be cycling his cargo bike to Glasgow’s international climate talks in November, as part of the Ride the Change initiative, taking messages from local school children.

Scotforth West Cllr Abi Mills said: *“It is vital that all nations take the urgent action needed to phase out fossil fuels and prevent a climate catastrophe.”*

In Lancaster a People’s Parade for Climate Action will be held on Saturday 30th October starting at 1pm in Dalton Square.

A nationwide #ClangForClimate on Saturday October 30th is being called at



Cllr Jack Lenox with his cargo bike

6pm to sound the alarm about the need for action now.

Church-based climate campaigners have initiated a “Ring Out for Climate” with church bells ringing at the same time.

WILDFLOWERS FOR WILLOW LANE

Having consulted residents about creating wildflower meadow areas on the two spaces south of the mini roundabout on Willow Lane, Green Cllr Mandy Bannon reported: *“The City Council’s Public Realm department is now considering how and when to implement them, and welcomes the offer from local volunteers. We will keep you informed.”*

HENRY ST DOUBLE-YELLOWS

Reminders by ward councillors led to the yellow lines being re-instated on Henry Street at the back of the Toll House Hotel.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Weedy streets – have your say

The County Council is receiving more complaints than ever this year about street weeds. Cllr Dave Brookes said: *“We have put information on the Green Party website about the challenges, plus a survey – we would like to hear your views.”*

New hospitals update

NHS managers (Lancashire and South Cumbria) now have a list of options on how to use the Government’s New Hospitals funding to improve hospital facilities across the region. County and City Cllr Gina Dowding said: *“Like many residents, I believe the best option is for Lancaster to keep its local hospital. We will make that point strongly at every opportunity.”* For more information and to give feedback see:

newhospitals.info/your-stories/progress

Smooth roads at last

Lune Road and Sibsey Street, previously badly pot-holed, have finally been resurfaced after much pressure by County Cllr Gina Dowding. Gina has alerted Highways to the risk of pooling as the new surface on Sibsey Street is now much higher.



Lune Rd/New Quay Rd resurfaced

Westbourne Rd take-away refused

Planning permission has been refused for a hot food take-away in the building currently used by the Olive Branch. This was mainly due to concerns about impacts on local residents, and lack of parking.

Marsh Friends

Marsh Community Centre has set up a Friends of the Marsh group to improve facilities such as play areas on the estate. The group aims to fund-raise and apply for grants for outdoor play equipment etc.

Treat for Marsh litter pickers

Join ward councillors and volunteers for a litter pick on Tuesday 26 October (half-term) 11am-1pm, organised by Lancaster City Council. Free ice cream for litter pickers. All ages welcome! Meet at Sycamore Grove play park.

GET IN TOUCH

Green Party

NORTHLANCS.GREENPARTY.ORG.UK

City Cllr Dave Brookes
dbrookes@lancaster.gov.uk
07817 966949

City Cllr Paul Stubbins
pstubbins@lancaster.gov.uk
01524 807175

City Cllr Mandy Bannon
mbannon@lancaster.gov.uk
07813 334018

City & County Cllr Gina Dowding
gdowding@lancaster.gov.uk
07838 793674