



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.”*

A NEW PUBLIC LIVING ROOM IN GREAVES

Lancaster Methodist Church is hosting a public living room every Wednesday morning where everyone is invited to stop by, have a brew and a chat.

Cllr Abi Mills stopped by and said: *“This is a lovely idea, and a great addition for Scotforth West.”*

The church is on the A6 near the top of Kensington Road.



Green Cllr Abi Mills with Lancaster Methodist Church's Community Organising Team



WILDFLOWERS ARE HERE TO STAY

Friends of Greaves Park have been working with the City Council to develop wildflower areas in the park that are amazing to look at and essential for wildlife. Cllr Abi Mills is also working on getting new play equipment installed in the spring. To get involved, please contact Abi.



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.

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."*

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 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.



GREENS SELECT JAMIE FOR BY-ELECTION

The Greens have selected third year politics and international relations student, Jamie Payne, as their candidate for the University and Scotforth Rural by-election on 11th November. Jamie recently ran the London marathon for charity.

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.

RELIEF FOR ALDCLIFFE PUDDLING



Green Councillors Tim and Gina

There are hopes that the continuous flow of water down Aldcliffe Hall Lane that formed puddles for years has at last been contained.

Nick Webster, Chair of Aldcliffe with Stodday Parish Council, County Cllr Gina Dowding and Ward Cllr Tim Dant have repeatedly reported the problem.

Tim said: *"We are delighted that the County Council has installed a gully and a drain alongside Aldcliffe Hall Lane to catch the water that comes from a spring in a nearby field. Recently the flow also included grey water from a cracked sewer. I reported this problem and fortunately United Utilities lined the pipework."*

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.”*

Scan the QR code to visit our website: northlancs.greenparty.org.uk

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

Smoother surface for Malvern Avenue

Green Councillors pushed for a long time for the resurfacing of Malvern Avenue which has been done at last.

No more lorries!

No Through Road signs have recently been put up in Aldcliffe after problems with satnavs directing traffic the wrong way.

Swap shop success

Cllr Abi Mills recently helped organize a swap shop at Dorrington Road as part of the Big Green Week.

Cuts to Universal Credit

Green Councillor Joanna Young has spoken at public meetings in Dalton Square about the cut to Universal Credit and the impact that it will have on residents. Joanna said: *“Over 13,500 people in our District are on Universal Credit, and the cut will have a huge impact on families. We hope the government will change course and abandon this decision.”*



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