Leader's Update

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Leader of the Council

8 September 2023

Introduction and Welcome!

Welcome to my latest Update.

You will no doubt have seen the national news coverage of the use of RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) in schools. On Friday 1 September the council issued this statement to the media: "We are working with the Department of Education and our health and safety colleagues on the issues caused by the use of RAAC concrete. At this stage no schools have been identified as needing to close in North Northamptonshire. We will continue to work with colleagues from DfE to ensure all checks are carried out appropriately with our schools. The safety of our local schools, their children and staff is a top priority."

The Full Council met on Thursday 31 August. If you missed the live streaming you can watch the recording on our YouTube channel and read the agenda and papers on our website.

The next Executive meeting has been arranged for Thursday 14 September and the meeting will be live streamed. The agenda and meeting notes are on our website now.

Items on the agenda for next week's Executive meeting include the Kettering Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP); plans for a review of the existing taxi zones in North Northamptonshire; a proposed round of bus service improvements worth over £1million; plans to improve sports facilities in Kettering and the future strategy for the North Northamptonshire Greenway.

This week saw the launch of our ChannelShift campaign which aims to give customers an accessible, efficient, and user-friendly experience with us by encouraging customers to use our website for common tasks. The campaign also aims to reduce the number of calls to our Customer Service Centre and reduce call waiting times.

Our third Health and Wellbeing Festival will take place from Monday 18 to Sunday 24 September at various locations across North Northamptonshire. This year's focus is on 'Youth'. I would encourage everyone to have a look at the online festival timetable and join us during the week if you can. We have an excellent line up of advisory and support services and the event might just inspire you to take up a new hobby or try a new sport.

The new Corby Sixth Form welcomed its first students this week. The state-of-the-art campus is in Chisholm House in the heart of Corby town centre. Notably, it is net zero carbon in operation which is an outstanding achievement.

A sofa will be travelling around Northamptonshire giving people the opportunity to sit and chat about their mental health. Following World Suicide Prevention Day on Sunday 10 September, the 'Take a Break' campaign will be encouraging passers-by to stop, sit and talk, to help to raise awareness of suicide prevention and the services that can provide support, as well as reducing stigma around suicide and self-harm.

It's World Car Free Day on Friday 22 September, when all around the world towns and cities allow people to experience streets free of motor traffic.

The council and partners have created a new memorial walk in Coronation Park in Corby following the terrible storms of Winter 2021/22 that caused irreparable damage to trees. The new Cyril Sellars Memorial Walk has been named after a much-loved member of the community. This is a fitting tribute to a gentleman who spent many years walking around the park, talking to the community and picking up litter.

North Northamptonshire Council is working with West Northamptonshire Council and the Business & IP Centre Northamptonshire (BIPC) to deliver a Build Your Business programme. The aim of this free of charge initiative is to empower small businesses, local entrepreneurs and aspiring business owners.

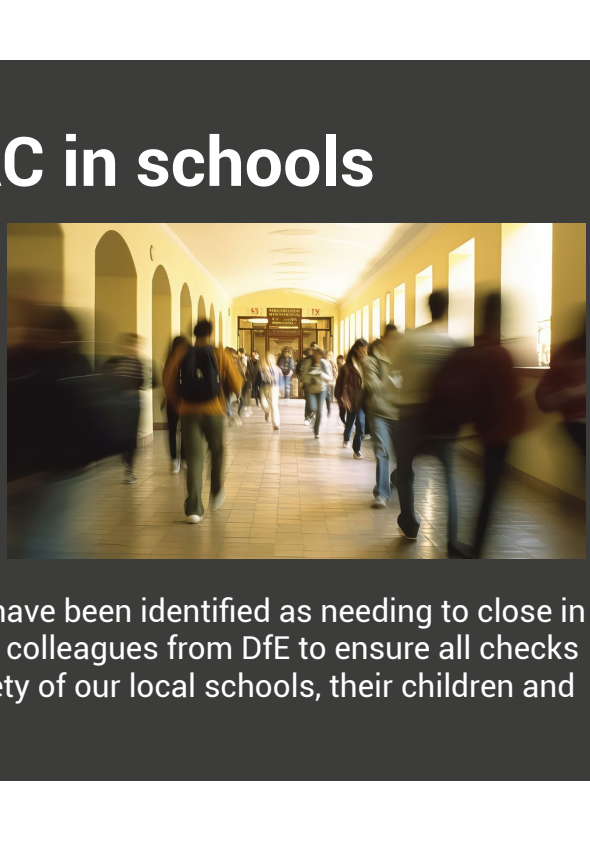
We know that many locals would like to walk or cycle more, especially for short journeys to work, school or leisure. However, not everyone feels safe doing so. I would encourage everyone to have their say on our draft Corby Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) before we approve the final strategy later this year.

The council is asking for views on the proposed relocation of Wilby CE VA Primary School to the Glenvale Park development. We need your views to shape what happens next and would encourage as many people as possible to take part in the consultation.

I have provided details of several other current consultations and engagement activities below. If you haven't already visited our online Consultation and Engagement Hub, please do so. This is your opportunity to have your say on a range of local issues and shape future plans. Please encourage your family and friends to do the same.

Whatever your plans are, I hope you have a great weekend!

Statement on RAAC in schools



You will no doubt have seen that there has been a lot of news coverage nationally about the use of RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) in schools which is understandable.

For those with children returning to school in North Northamptonshire, the council issued a statement to the media on Friday 1 September as follows:

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Forthcoming meetings

- **Executive:** Thursday 14 September from 10am. **View the agenda and papers.**
- **Full Council:** Thursday 26 October from 6pm. The agenda and papers will be published on the **Council meetings** section of our website in the week before the meeting.

These meetings will be live streamed on our **YouTube channel**.

Kettering cycling and walking routes on Executive agenda

A meeting of North Northamptonshire Council's Executive next week will receive an update on the Kettering Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) following a consultation earlier in the year.

Results of the consultation showed 81% of respondents were happy or satisfied with the LCWIP's proposals. Members will be asked to approve the draft plan.

If the report is approved, work will be able to start on developing the basic routes and proposals, which are across Kettering and Burton Latimer, into more detailed designs. Funding for the proposals can then be sought from central government and other sources.

LCWIPs provide a strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements at local level. The 10-year walking and cycling plan outlines proposals for a network of safe routes across the area including dedicated cycle infrastructure, new footways, safer crossing, traffic calming and locations for cycle parking.

The Kettering LCWIP has been developed to enable the council to:

- Identify prioritised cycling and walking infrastructure improvements for future investment.
- Ensure that consideration is given to cycling and walking within both local planning and transport policies and strategies.
- Make the case for future funding for walking and cycling infrastructure.

Promoting sustainable and active travel for residents across North Northamptonshire is a priority for us, which is why I am so pleased the LCWIP for Kettering is moving forward.

Alongside the LCWIP for Kettering, there are other LCWIPs in development, including a current consultation for the Corby area.

Taxi de-zoning considered in North Northamptonshire area

Plans for a review of the existing taxi zones in North Northamptonshire will be discussed by the council's Executive next week.

If recommendations are approved a consultation would then consider whether the four current zones should be retained or replaced with one zone for North Northamptonshire.

When North Northamptonshire Council was formed, for the purposes of taxi licensing, the previous former authority area zones were retained: Corby, East Northamptonshire, Kettering and Wellingborough.

Each zone continues to licence its own taxis and drivers as well as operate to the byelaws currently in existence for that former area. It also means that a driver and vehicle wishing to operate across the whole of North Northamptonshire would need to obtain four licences.

Current thinking suggests that there are advantages to having one zone in that taxis could ply for hire across the whole area. This would reduce travelling costs as taxis could operate in the town at the end of a journey rather than returning to base empty.

This would allow them to be more competitive, efficient and environmentally sustainable due to the potential for fewer empty journeys.

Additionally, the Department for Transport recommends the abolition of zones for the benefit of the travelling public. One zone would also allow the trade to respond flexibly to changes in demand across the whole council area.

Adopting a one zone policy would raise some considerations such as the potential need to review the existing knowledge tests which all drivers must complete as well as paying attention to areas where there is currently a limit on the number of licences available.

The proposal follows the alignment of taxi tariff of fares in November 2022 and implementation of one Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy covering the whole of the North Northamptonshire area on 1 April 2023.

If the decision is to progress consideration of the removal of the zones at this time, then a 12-week consultation process will be undertaken with the trade, partners and travelling public.

Once the consultation process has been completed, the responses will be referred back to the Licensing and Appeals Committee to determine next steps, before final consideration by the Executive.

More than £1m spend on improvements to bus services across North Northamptonshire to be discussed next week

A proposed round of bus service improvements worth a total of £1.138.824m will be discussed at the council's Executive meeting next week. Members will consider the funding for a host of improvements to facilities and services to buses across North Northamptonshire.

A large section of the money, released by government, is part of a national initiative called the Bus Service Improvement Plan which aims to improve local bus services. This money, together with grant funding, will be targeted towards actions which will deliver the best overall outcomes for bus services across North Northamptonshire and will be received in two tranches:

- £569,412 for June 2023 to April 2024.
- £569,412 for April 2024 and April 2025.

If given the go ahead, the money will be spent as follows:

- To continue to fund existing bus services where they represent value for money.
- To maintain essential bus services for local communities.
- To increase the frequency of buses.
- To restore services withdrawn since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic where there is a reasonable prospect of the service becoming commercially viable.
- To fund future improvements.

Next steps

Following approval at the Executive meeting, the next steps will be to work with local bus operators to understand any reductions in commercial services which they intend to make.

Alongside this, work will be undertaken to explore other options for service improvements. In the coming months a proposed list of service interventions will be drawn up and tender prices sought from operators.

North Northamptonshire Council Executive to discuss plans to boost leisure facilities in Kettering

Plans to improve sports facilities in Kettering will be heard at the meeting of North Northamptonshire Council's Executive next week.

The proposal would see a long-term lease arrangement bring investment to refurbish the artificial grass football pitch, pavilion and athletics track in Thurston Drive in the town.

The pitch on Thurston Drive, was built in 1991 and has been unusable for several years as the surface has passed its life expectancy and has more recently been subjected to vandalism causing further damage. The site currently remains condemned.

Recommendations before Executive are for the council to develop the relationship with the Northamptonshire Football Association (NFA) and lease the facilities to them.

Both organisations would then put a bid in to the Football Foundation for the necessary funding to bring the improvements forward.

The arrangement would also see a variation in the current contract with Freedom Leisure to remove the facilities and the lease from their existing arrangement to allow this development to progress.

The new lease arrangement with NFA - a long-term peppercorn lease for a 30-year period - would include a contractual agreement for continued use for Harriers Athletics club and ongoing support for continued development of the athletics facilities on site.

Future of North Northamptonshire Greenway to be discussed

North Northamptonshire Council Executive members will receive a report on the future strategy for the Greenway across the area, plus an update on a proposed route from Rushden to Wellingborough.

Members will be asked to approve both the Greenway Strategic Masterplan and the feasibility study for the proposed Rushden to Wellingborough Greenway for public consultation later in 2023.

Following on from the work completed in the legacy East Northants area, a strategy for the North Northamptonshire Greenway has been developed which details elements including what the Greenway is, identifies routes that are a priority based on existing data, how funding for future elements can be secured, how the growth of the Greenway could be delivered and clarity on maintenance and ownership requirements once new sections are opened. The strategy is the rural local cycling and walking infrastructure plan and compliments the studies that are being carried out in towns across North Northamptonshire.

The feasibility study is to assess the creation of a new route from Wellingborough to Rushden. It is proposed that the route will make use of the existing routes, including Public Rights of Way and access tracks across the Nene Valley. The study was funded through the Communities Renewal Fund and agreed in 2021, under North Northamptonshire Council.

ChannelShift campaign: Report, pay, apply online…it's easy!

REPORT
PAY • APPLY
easy!

This week has seen the launch of our ChannelShift campaign which aims to give customers an accessible, efficient, and user-friendly experience with us by encouraging them to use our **website** for common tasks.

We are reminding customers that our services are available at their fingertips 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and that the website is a simple and effective way to interact with us. Customers can save time by going online to:

- Report things like missed bin collections, fly-tipping, repairs and council tax changes.
- Pay conveniently for services such as garden waste and other payments.
- Apply efficiently for benefits, Blue Badges or school places.

Along with empowering our customers to use our website, the campaign also aims to reduce the number of calls to our Customer Service Centre and reduce call waiting times. By encouraging the switch to using online services, we can improve the overall customer experience and concentrate on helping those in need.

We are raising awareness across the area with:

- Social media - look out for our campaign on **Facebook** and **X** (previously known as Twitter), which provides helpful tips and signposts customers to online services.
- Bin tags - in the Kettering area where calls to our Customer Service Centre are high, we are tagging bins to provide information about all that's available online.
- Contact cards - a handy reminder for residents of how to access our online services that can be kept in purses and wallets. In Kettering, these are being sent in Council Tax and Benefits letters as well as being given out by our Repairs and Customer Services teams.

Both contact cards and bin tags have a QR code that will take customers to our **Contact Us** page - which is full of our top forms.

North Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Festival returns on Monday 18 September

Our popular Health and Wellbeing Festival will take place from Monday 18 to Sunday 24 September. This is an excellent opportunity for local residents to get active, free their mind and take time to relax.

Now in its third year, the festival will take place at various locations across North Northamptonshire.

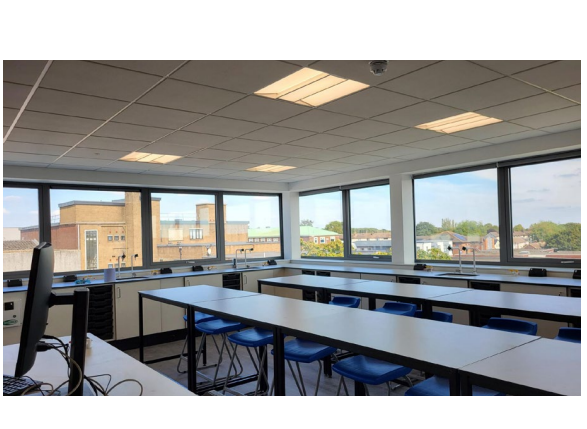
This year the focus is on 'Youth'. The event coincides with Youth Mental Health Day on Tuesday 19 September.

The festival timetable includes sessions aimed at young people over school leaving age and not in education, employment or training (NEET). There will be mental health drop-in services for 11 to 18-year-olds, crisis cafes for over 18s and a variety of sporting activities.

The Health and Wellbeing Festival also offers a range of free and low-cost activities for residents of all ages.

Further information and the full timetable can be found on the **Health and Wellbeing Festival** section of our website.

New Corby Sixth Form opens doors to students



The new Corby Sixth Form has welcomed its first students this week.

The new state of the art campus is located in Chisholm House in the heart of Corby town centre.

It offers a wide range of A Level subjects and a selection of Diplomas to 16 to 18-year-olds.

The Sixth Form is net zero carbon in operation. This has been achieved by implementing fabric first solutions, air source heat pumps, waste heat recovery systems and onsite generation through Solar PV panels.

The campus includes more than 25 classrooms with high quality facilities. There is also an external roof terrace, a modern café and common rooms.

The new campus has been delivered in partnership between The Bedford College Group and North Northamptonshire Council, with the Sixth Form being run by The Bedford College Group. The site was made possible thanks to funding from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) received by the council.

Members of the Corby Towns Fund board and the Lord Lieutenant were given an update on the project and tour of the site last week.

The project has been facilitated through the Corby Towns Fund, which sees the Corby area receiving £19.9m from central Government for four projects, including the new Sixth Form Centre. More details about the four projects and latest news are available on the **Corby Towns Fund** website.

Please visit the **Corby Sixth Form** website for more information.

Travelling sofa highlights suicide prevention

Integrated Care Northamptonshire
NHS
TAKE A BREAK
Come and join us on the sofa for a chat!
As part of World Suicide Prevention Day 2023 we'll be travelling around Northamptonshire - with a sofa - encouraging people to sit and chat about mental health

A sofa will be travelling around Northamptonshire giving people the opportunity to sit and chat about their mental health.

Following World Suicide Prevention Day on Sunday 10 September, the 'Take a Break' campaign will be encouraging passers-by to stop, sit and talk, to help to raise awareness of suicide prevention and the services that can provide support, as well as reducing stigma around suicide and self-harm.

The campaign is being run by Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust with support from North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire Public Health teams.

Find the sofa on:

- **Sunday 10 September** - Wicksteed Park, Barton Road, Kettering (10am to 2pm).
- **Wednesday 13 September** - Thrapston Livestock Market, Market Road, Thrapston (8am to 11am).
- **Thursday 14 September** - Brackmills Industrial Estate, Northampton (12 noon to 3pm).
- **Friday 15 September** - Rushden Lakes, Rushden (12 noon to 2pm).
- **Saturday 16 September** - Becket's Park, Northampton (12 noon to 2pm).
- **Sunday 17 September** - The Amazing Northampton Run 2023, Dychurch Lane, Northampton (8:30am to 12 noon).

Memorial walk opened in Coronation Park

A memorial walk dedicated to a long-standing Friend of Coronation Park in Corby, Cyril Sellars, has officially been opened by representatives from the council and Cyril's widow, Sheila.

During the Winter 2021/2022 storms, several established trees were damaged to the point that they had to be removed. A large pine tree fell directly onto a rose arbour causing irreparable structural damage.

Working closely with partners, the council started a regeneration scheme in Summer 2022. The garden was designed to have a contemporary feel with new gates which depict the succession of the moon, symbolising rebirth.

Given Corby's historic links to the steel works, steel has been used throughout alongside a memorial constructed of stone previously used on the site.

Sadly, whilst work was taking place on the memorial walk, Cyril Sellars passed away. Cyril's dedication and involvement helped to shape the park so it was decided that the new memorial garden would be in his name - the Cyril Sellars Memorial Walk.

The Workers Memorial has been re-sited from the top of Coronation Park to the more fitting location of the Memorial Garden following its refurbishment. This was arranged by a representative of the GMB Union, Alan Irwin.

The design has also ensured that the walk is accessible to all with everything on one level. It is a quiet and peaceful space for the community to pause and reflect and remember loved ones.

Unlock your business potential with the Build Your Business programme in Northamptonshire

Funded by UK Government
BUILD YOUR BUSINESS

Empowering small businesses, local entrepreneurs and aspiring business owners is the aim of North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Council's Build Your Business programme which is being rolled out across the area.

Delivered by both councils and the Business & IP Centre Northamptonshire (BIPC), with a total of £600,000 funding from the government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) over a two-year period, the dynamic business support initiative is accessible to businesses free of charge.

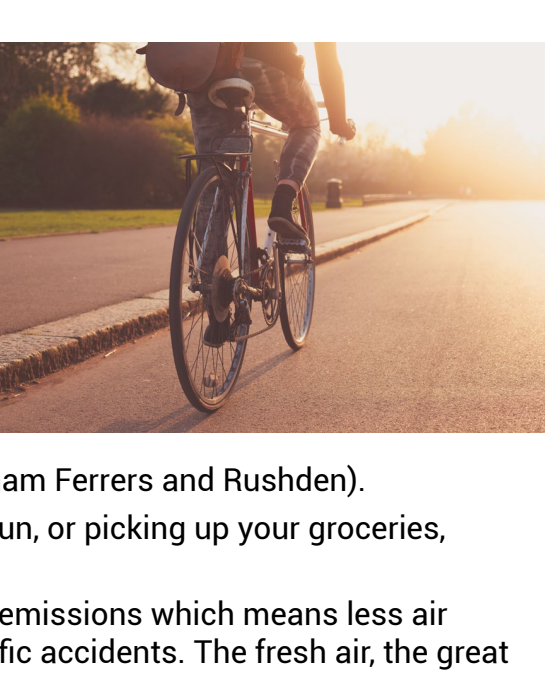
It offers a diverse range of modules and has already seen local businesses use the opportunity to access workshops, webinars, one-to-one support, mentoring and more which are all available as part of the programme to help local businesses grow, flourish and succeed.

A key component of Build Your Business is the opportunity for aspiring local businesses under one year old to apply for a start-up grant of £2,000 to help towards business-associated costs. Businesses are invited to apply online for this financial boost, and successful applicants will not only receive this important funding, but also ongoing support from the experienced BIPC Northamptonshire team.

The Build Your Business programme comprises five modules covering a range of essential topics including marketing, business growth and financial planning, and businesses can tailor engagement with these according to their individual needs. As part of the complete package of support, drop-in sessions are on offer at Wellingborough, Kettering, Brixworth and Towcester libraries.

Businesses interested in taking advantage of the Build Your Business programme are encouraged to visit the **BIPC** website where they can learn more, find dates for drop-in sessions, register for workshops, webinars, one-to-ones and more.

World Car Free Day on 22 September



It's World Car Free Day on Friday 22 September, when all around the world towns and cities allow people to experience streets free of motor traffic.

Leave your car at home and switch to these greener, healthier alternatives instead:

- Walk or wheel.
- Ride a bike.
- Travel by public transport (visit our website to find **bus timetables and journey planners** for services in North Northamptonshire.
- Rent a **Voi e-scooter** (available in Corby, Kettering, Higham Ferrers and Rushden).

Whether you are heading into the office, doing the school run, or picking up your groceries, please think about going car-free for a day or two.

By saving thousands of car journeys we can lower carbon emissions which means less air pollution. Fewer cars in urban areas equals fewer road traffic accidents. The fresh air, the great outdoors and **being active** can all have a positive effect on our health and wellbeing.

On the right track… views sought on Corby walk and cycle routes

Following a consultation in 2022, the council is seeking views on a draft **Corby Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan**.

The plan has been developed with specialist transport consultants, WSP and Brightwayz, and looks at proposed routes and corridors across Corby.

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) provide a strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements at local level. The 10-year walking and cycling plan outlines proposals for a network of safe routes across the area including dedicated cycle infrastructure, new footways, safer crossing, traffic calming and locations for cycle parking.

Having the right infrastructure in place is vital and has countless benefits, including reducing car journeys and helping people live a more active lifestyle.

Following feedback, the draft report will be reviewed by the Executive for adoption by the council.

Have your say

North Northamptonshire residents, organisations and businesses are invited to give their views online via the **Commonplace** platform.

You can also contact us by email or post to request a paper copy:

- By email: David.prior@northnorthants.gov.uk
- By post: North Northamptonshire Council, Corby Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, Sheerness House, Kettering NN16 8TL.

The consultation is open until 27 September.

Have your say on the proposed relocation of Wilby CE Primary School to the Glenvale Park development

The council is asking for views on the proposed relocation of Wilby CE VA Primary School to the Glenvale Park development.

Glenvale Park will provide an additional 3,000 new homes and in preparation for new families moving into the area, the two-form entry primary school, built by the developer Glenvale Park LLP, is due for completion this Autumn.

As the estate grows and the need for school places arises, primary aged children from the Glenvale Park development will be able to apply for a school place as part of the normal admissions process for places for September 2024.

However, with an appropriate number of primary school places currently available in Wellingborough, it is not envisaged that demand to open a new school, and receive Department for Education funding, would be high enough until the start of the school year in September 2025.

To address this issue, the relocation of an existing local primary school opportunity to the Glenvale Park site was publicised to local primary schools, who were invited to express their interest in relocating their school to Glenvale Park site.

This relocation opportunity would avoid the school being mothballed or repurposed to meet an existing need with consideration to the rules of how Section 106 developer contributions can be used.

Following two expressions of interest and a robust interview process, the panel decision was made in July to relocate Wilby CE VA Primary School to the Glenvale Park site.

Wilby CE Primary School educates children aged four to 11 years and is located 2.4 miles from the Glenvale Park site.

Have your say

You can have your say by completing the **online questionnaire**.

You can also write to: North Northamptonshire Council, Consultation: Wilby CE VA Primary School relocation to Glenvale Park, Bowling Green Road, Kettering NN15 7QX.

The consultation will run until midnight on Thursday 5 October.

Open activities on the Consultation and Engagement Hub

Please find below details of several current consultations and engagement activities. Please use the links below to provide your feedback and inform council decisions - and share with family and friends who may be interested in shaping future plans.

Have your say

Have your say on the future of sport and leisure in North Northamptonshire. We are reviewing how sport, physical activity and leisure meets the needs, and delivers health and wellbeing benefits, for residents in local communities. The review will support the creation of a Leisure Strategic Framework that will shape the way these services are delivered in the future to support the wellbeing of our communities. Closes 15 September 2023.

Public Spaces Protection Order (North Northamptonshire Council) (Dog Control) Order 2023. Following a recent consultation on the various Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) for dog control across the geography of North Northamptonshire, all feedback has been considered when creating a new draft PSPO which is now available for consideration and feedback. Closes 28 September 2023.

Application under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016, as amended - Easimix Concrete and Screen Ltd. The company known as Easimix Concrete and Screed Ltd, 304 Station Road, Burton Latimer, Northants NN15 5NT has applied to North Northamptonshire Council for a permit to operate an installation for blending, packing, loading, unloading and use of bulk cement. Closes 30 September 2023.

Have your say on support for Unpaid Carers. Are you an upaid carer? A carer is a person of any age who provides unpaid help and support to a relative, partner, friend or neighbour, of any age, who has an illness or long-term condition and cannot manage without the carer's help. As an unpaid carer, your experiences are vital in helping to shape future services for unpaid carers in North Northamptonshire, and we want to hear your views. Closes 1 October 2023.

Consultation on North Northamptonshire draft Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy. Road traffic currently accounts for a considerable proportion of North Northamptonshire's overall greenhouse gas emissions impacting on air quality, health, and the environment. By 2030 there are projected to be 116,000 battery electric vehicles (EVs) registered in North Northamptonshire, so it is vital that there is adequate electric vehicle infrastructure to support this transition and the journey towards net-zero. North Northamptonshire Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy (NNEVIS), seeks to put in place policies and actions to tackle some of the current barriers slowing down the transition. Closes 11 October 2023.

Tackling violence and improving lives through the Serious Violence Duty. Serious violence affects many communities. The impact can be life changing, whether you are a victim or a witness. Have you been affected by serious violence in the last year? If so, we would like to know about the experience you and your family may have had, as well as the issues affecting your community. Closes 27 October 2023.

Further information

Details of all open and closed consultation and engagement activities are available on the **North Northamptonshire Consultation and Engagement Hub**.

If you have any questions, please email the Consultation and Engagement Team at CET@northnorthants.gov.uk.

Press releases

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LATEST NEWS

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Social media: Top stories

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Top Facebook posts so far this week (4 to 6 September))

1. The sunshine is back, and the Splash Park in Wellingborough is open! Stay cool from 12pm to 6pm this week.Find out more about this great attraction that keeps the children cool at https://ow.ly/uq6q50PHqZg
(Reach 45,157, Link Clicks 105, Engagement 3,165)
2. Cycle lanes are for two wheels only - please don't park cars and vans on them forcing cyclists and e-scooterriders into the road. #WeShareTheRoad
(Reach 10,608, Link Clicks 0, Engagement 707)
3. We're proud of our values. So, if you are customer-focused, work efficiently, want to be respected, supported and trusted to serve the residents, business and communities of North Northamptonshire, then you could be the one we are looking for https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers
(Reach 1,892, Link Clicks 95, Engagement 176)

Top Tweets so far this week (4 to 6 September)

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(Impressions 797, URL Clicks 1, Engagements 19)
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(Impressions 509, URL Clicks 13, Engagements 16)

Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have ideas of items to include in future updates please let me know at: **executive@northnorthants.gov.uk**

With Best Wishes,
Jason

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