



20 MPH in Wrington

Sadly Wrington Parish Council's petition to North Somerset Council was not successful. Cllr Deborah Yamanaka presented the petition in July asking for a 20mph limit on the PC's preferred roads, for consideration by Cllr Ap Rees, Executive member responsible for Highways. An email reply then came, not from Cllr Ap Rees but from a senior highways officer to say that the petition was unsuccessful.

To quote part of the email:

"The proposals put forward by the Parish Council are not in line with the Council's 20mph guidance for villages. This guidance focusses on the main areas within villages which will be likely to have the highest concentration of vulnerable road users over the longest period of time.

There is no doubt that there are many roads in Wrington which will, at times, have a proportion of pedestrians and cyclists using them, these will include roads further from the centre of the village as well as many country lanes.

However this pedestrian and cyclist activity is concentrated most, in the centre of the village for the longest periods of time and not on these other roads."

Wrington PC is discussing what to do next.



The Lord Nelson Cleeve

The application from Tout Ltd to demolish the Lord Nelson pub & replace it with a Budgens store, petrol station, pub/café, beauty salon and office has still not been decided, after repeated delays.

Some of the questions facing the planners are:

- Would the 24/7 operation cause unacceptable disturbance to neighbours and protected bats?
- Would vehicle movements on and off site be dangerous?
- Should the pub building, of local historic interest, be demolished?

BREXIT - give the people the final say



Everyone can see the Conservatives are making a mess of Brexit. Theresa May's negotiations on the deal are getting more chaotic and confusing.

Meanwhile Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour Party leadership sit on the fence, leaving the Conservatives to deliver a destructive Brexit that will be bad for Britain.

The Liberal Democrats believe Britain deserves better. That's why they're calling for the people – not the politicians - to have the final say on the Brexit deal.

Go online to sign our petition at:
Libdem.org.uk/Brexit

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New Surgery at Smallway

The Mendip Vale Medical Practice applied to build a new surgery opposite Cadbury Garden Centre, to replace the Congresbury and Yatton surgeries. At North Somerset's recent Planning and Regulatory Committee the proposed surgery plans were deferred for further highway investigations.

Residents and the District Councillor for Congresbury argued strongly that pedestrian access and safety had not been given enough consideration.

Smallway is always busy with a 40m.p.h. speed limit. The proposed surgery needs safe and convenient access for pedestrians. At the very least there should be a new, controlled, pedestrian crossing, tactile paving and renovated public footways.

This does not affect the Langford Pudding Pie Lane surgery.

NSC's Local Plan to 2036

North Somerset Council is consulting on Issues and Options for the next stage of its Local Plan.

The Plan will be used for deciding planning applications up to 2036. Some of the questions which particularly affect Wrington ward (Wrington, Redhill, Cleeve and Butcombe) are:

- Development of Nailsea & Backwell
- Green belt – is it fit for purpose?
- Garden villages at Churchill & Banwell
- Mendip Hills AONB
- Status of Service Villages and Infill villages
- Settlement Boundary for Wrington
- Transport Schemes
- Bristol Airport
- Housing densities for new developments
- Flooding
- Holiday accommodation

The consultation runs until 10th December and can be found online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/localplan2036.

Social Care Crisis

Social Care for elderly and disabled people is under increasing pressure and threatens to make Councils bankrupt, but the Government keeps delaying proposals to improve the situation.

Local Government Association Lib Dem Leader Howard Sykes said:

"The LGA, with cross-party support, has launched a nationwide consultation to kick-start a desperately-needed debate on how to pay for adult social care and rescue the services caring for older and disabled people from collapse, following the Government's failure to act. We can't wait any longer.

"Years of significant under-funding of councils, coupled with rising demand and costs for care and support, have combined to push adult social care services to breaking point.

"Increased spend on adult social care - which now accounts for nearly 40% of total council budgets – is threatening the future of other vital council services, such as parks, leisure centres, and libraries, which help to keep people well and less in need of care and support and hospital treatment."

The LGA consulted on the following options for paying for adult social care in the long term, including:

- Increase income tax by 1p on the basic rate, raising £4.4 billion in 2024/5
- Increase National Insurance by 1p, raising £10.4 billion in 2024/5
- Charge a contribution such as NI or extra tax from people over 40yrs including working pensioners, raising £1 billion at a cost per head of £33.40 a year
- Means test universal benefits such as winter fuel allowance and free TV licences, raising £1.9 billion
- Increase Council Tax, where 1% increase would raise £285 million in 2024/5

When the LGA publishes their consultation results they hope it will lead to Government action.

