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Dear All

What worrying and unprecedented times we are in.
I hope you and your family are well.

A few updates that you might find interesting before we went into 'Lockdown'.

As you may know, North Somerset Council's Planning and Regulatory Committee confirmed its decision to reject Bristol Airport's planning application on March 18th. They can go to appeal and it will then go to the Secretary of State. Of course, now, the next steps and timescales are unknown. However the airport may not appeal against the refusal but instead wait until after the Government's new aviation policy expected later this year.

The District Council also underwent an inspection of its Children's Services. The last day of the inspection was just before 'lockdown' so the process of the report being agreed and published will be delayed inevitably. In my role as Chair of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel I have been very impressed with the dedication of all council staff to delivering the best service possible, I hope the report will reflect this.

There is a consultation out about Garden Waste, Leisure and Sport Centres, Libraries, Parks and Open Spaces and Street Cleaning. It is called 'Your Neighbourhood'. Please do access it on the council website and have your say.

Here in Yatton

- Chestnut Park Primary school opening has been delayed until September next year. This month all children will hear about their school placements for September this year.
- We are expecting the work to start to change the roundabout at North End to an elliptical roundabout as a prelude to the new development by Curo.
- The campaign to keep the Sorting Office open in Yatton has been very vigorous. I hear now that (of course) the decision is on hold until much later in the year.

The Community Meals service is an amazing enterprise (you should all have received a leaflet). A fantastic project, spearheaded by Jonny Burnett with hundreds of volunteers and the help the community is giving each other is just wonderful.

I get a daily update from the council, the most recent one has the fact that the X2 is now only running hourly. To see the District Council's updates on services see <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/community-safety-crime/emergency/coronavirus/coronavirus/>

Please do contact me if I can help you in any way. I hope you and your family keep well

Best wishes

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