

Report from District Councillor Sue Goss for KPC Parish Assembly 16/05/2018

1. The application for the creation of the new council is now going through the parliamentary process after approval by the Secretary of State. The two councils have now set up. Shadow Joint Council in addition to both WSC and TDBC to prepare for the new council and ensure that the transition is seamless. The announcement of SCC's plea for a Unitary council will have no effect on this process.

2.HPC.

a . Transport Forum. Major road changes planned at the Quantock Rd roundabout - the junction where both HGV routes converge . Two pelican crossings are proposed along with improved pedestrian and bicycle access between Homberg Way and the schools located in the Durleigh area (which many of the children from Wembdon attend) . Three traffic lanes are also proposed on the western side of the roundabout on Quantock Rd to encourage better lane discipline on the roundabout itself.

Work to be done by SCC Highways and financed from EDF's £4m mitigation payment for the increase in HGV movements.

This work will obviously impact on the HPC main transport route and could cause major travel disruption also to locals and tourists alike . SCC are looking at evening/ night time working , plus working outside of the main tourist season to limit this disruption . As yet no start / finish dates available.

b. Community Bus. EDF have agreed to give users extra stopping time in Bridgwater to do their shopping etc - and will also look at providing a Saturday service when the Washford park and ride is in operation later this year .

c. Non Material change to HPC Fuel Store and method of storage . The planning inspector has ruled that this proposal is NOT a non material change and has therefore not included it in his draft order. (We await EDF's response to this major set back for them !!)

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