

Paul Gadd County Councillor Update

Saffron Walden Town Council 10/10/22

1. Childrens Mental Health motion at ECC Full Council meeting 10 May 2022:
  - a. As you know, Cllr Foley and I proposed the motion regarding the mental health issues affecting young people particularly. The working party has been set up and is making good progress; we should be reporting back to ECC in November 2022
2. ECC Full Council meeting 11 October 2022:
  - a. The next ECC Full Council meeting is 11 October 2022 and the non-aligned group is proposing a motion asking ECC to put more effort into maximising s.106 contributions from developers;
  - b. As an example of this, ECC are not requesting secondary school contributions from local developments here. I wrote to the Cabinet Member for Education at ECC on 25 July to ask why ECC are making no requests for secondary education contributions from new housing developments in Great Chesterford and Saffron Walden. I chased again on 25 August, and finally got a response on 16 September saying that no contributions are being requested because they aren't needed! I went back to challenge this and have had a follow up response essentially saying that the ECC Education projections (latest version 2022-2031) show no need for any expansion at either SWCHS or Joyce Frankland). I'll liaise with UDC and see if the ECC forecasts do reflect the local rate of development.
3. Matters for Planning and Transport:
  - a. Matters concerning: Flooding and drainage issues; highways and planning are separately reported to the Planning and Transport Committee.