

Report for Chelmondiston Parish Council from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor

Meeting date: 3 September 2019

The consultation period is still open for the Joint Local Plan and the proposed Ipswich Northern bypass so there is still time to comment on both or to add to comments already made.

Villages to the north of Ipswich have formed a group called “Stop”, their objective is to stop the northern bypass. I went to a meeting on 29 August to offer support and to show solidarity. The Green Party are the only party who consistently speak out against road building and improvement projects. Much research has provided solid evidence over the last twenty years to show that road schemes actually increase traffic levels, cause permanent and significant environmental and landscape damage and show little economic benefit to local communities. There is a demonstration to express this concern on Friday 13th September, the day the consultation ends. Anyone who would like to join the gathering outside Endeavour House at around 11.30am would be very welcome; you can see the website at <https://stopipswichnorthernbypass.co.uk/>

The Joint Overview and Scrutiny committee have looked at Suffolk County Council’s funding to the Citizens Advice Bureau and will be recommending that the funding stream is reviewed to support the organisation.

Planning

Chelmondiston has no new applications at the time of writing this report.

For future applications I thought it might be useful for parishes to know what is needed for an application to be dealt with by the planning committee rather than a planning officer. A district Councillor is required to “Call In” an application which means taking it to a delegation panel who decide whether or not the criteria is met for the application to be heard by the planning committee; at least one of the factors below need to be present -

- significant policy, consistency or material considerations which make a decision on the application of more than local significance
- the clear and substantial planning reasons for requesting a referral
- wider District and public interest in the application