

ADEL & WHARFEDALE WARD NEWS

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Hello everyone

Well, it's almost the end of another busy year.

During the course of the last 12 months some of the recurring issues brought to our attention have included (what else?) inappropriate housing developments, road safety - including road maintenance or lack of it, speeding and discourteous parking - and trees!

Housing

The development planned for the Adel Beck site has stalled (temporarily I hasten to add) but the one opposite the Lawnswood Arms is moving steadily closer. Yet another, slightly revised planning application on the latter site was submitted in October and details can be seen on the council planning portal quoting reference 18/04343/RM. Although it looks like the council is finally trying to reduce its unsustainable near 70,000 housing target this does not remove the danger of losing greenbelt sites to developments, including in our ward, We will, of course, continue to strenuously resist this short sighted policy.

Road safety

You will have noted the number of road safety measures carried out in the ward over recent years and more are planned ranging from a re-examination of the various speed limits along the A660 from Pool through Bramhope and Adel to the Lawnswood roundabout, which will be carried out when the Bramhope and Adel housing developments adjacent to the road begin. Following speed surveys and a number of traffic collisions on Otley Old Rd and Cookridge Lane, highways officers are to carry out consultation on whether to upgrade traffic calming measures on the road and to install a mini roundabout at the Cookridge Lane/Tinshill Rd junction. Speed Indication Devices (smiley-faced SIDs) are becoming increasingly in demand. We currently have over 25 requests for SIDs and because we have a much reduced ward grant budget we cannot satisfy every request. Priority will be given to locations judged by the police and highways officers as most appropriate.

Highway maintenance

Please find overleaf the latest provisional highway repair programme for the next three years. If you have any comments about the programme or the omission of roads that you believe require maintenance instead of those listed, please let me have your comments, by email, as soon as possible.

Officers have inspected streets across the ward that are considered to be in the worst condition to create a future programme of works. You will note that there are different types of work proposed, depending on the appropriate repairs. These are divided into two main categories, structural maintenance and preventative maintenance, and each of these is again split up into a number of treatments. If you would like further information on please get in touch.

Best wishes

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

If you have any queries regarding the above or anything else in the ward for that matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Contact details Councillor Billy Flynn, email address billy.flynn@leeds.gov.uk : Tel: 2613896 Mobile: 07810 640282