

Ward Councillor update – Badbury – from Gary Sumner:

JUNCTION 15 (M4): SBC is working with HE and the designers WSP to deliver further feasibility designs for the scheme by the end of May/early June. These feasibility designs will consider improvements to the A346 connection to J15 and an upgraded A419 southbound diverge to Commonhead Roundabout. From these feasibility designs it is intended to carry out a further cost analysis which will help fix the scope of the works against available finances; further value engineering may be required to retain all elements of the scope. When Jn15 works proceed I will ensure we have a plan to stop further rat running via Badbury and have already held one residents meeting to discuss this with village residents.

COMMONHEAD: Schemes for mitigating SCR traffic onto Commonhead Roundabout are currently being developed. As per the consultation materials, this mitigation is likely to be in the form of partial signalisation.

BADBURY PARK: An application for 300 homes to replace the proposed business park will be submitted shortly. I met with Persimmon & Redrow Homes, together with Cllr Fionuala Foley and the builders agreed to a number of interventions which will reduce access to Day House Lane from the East and to prevent access to Day House Lane from Badbury Park on the spine road completely. It will remain accessible for pedestrians, cyclists, horses etc. Once the application is open for consultation and comment I will organise a public meeting for Badbury & Liddington residents.

SHELAA (Strategic Housing & Employment Land Availability Assessment): Swindon Borough Council called on land owners interested in bringing forward sites which were not part of the Local Plan and which may be suitable for housing or employment. Those sites put forward are being assessed for suitability / policy compliance and in June/July those sites considered to have passed this bar will be publicised for local comments. **There are sites in all local villages which have been submitted – more information to follow.**

Great British Spring Clean: I joined residents with Cllr Chris Rawlings and made great efforts in Badbury.

Community Speedwatch: I am a trained member of Community Speedwatch and one of 6 in the Liddington team. We regularly use sites on the B4192 and Medbourne Lane (leading to Badbury and Day House Lane). I continue to press for the 30mph limit to include the road into Badbury from Medbourne Lane.

If residents have any questions or need to reach me, please call me on 790814 or email: gary@ridgewayvillages.co.uk for the quickest response.

Ridgeway Ward issues are updated on my website www.ridgewayvillages.co.uk

Thanks,
Gary