



Reporting back

on our recent survey in **Saughall Massie**

From local Conservative Councillors **Colin Baldwin, Gary Bennett and Vida Wilson**

87% oppose Saughall Massie Green Belt loss

While residents remain strongly against building on our local Green Belt, a review ordered by the Council Leader has cast doubt on council plans

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Our recent survey of people living in Saughall Massie has shown continued strong support for protecting the Green belt land between here, Greasby and Hoylake.

Saughall Massie's three Councillors have pledged to oppose development of the Green Belt.

The Government is now demanding 35,000 houses are built in the Borough.

The legally-required Local Plan which was adopted in March allocated land for 14,000 houses, based on population projections.

Councillors worked with campaigners to show how these homes could be built as part of the regeneration of run down areas while not building on Green Belt..

Now, that is at risk from the Government's new targets.

Meanwhile, a review of the Borough's regeneration has been published.

It reveals how, since 2019 onwards, much of the council's work has been poorly planned and delivered.

The cycle lanes and pavement works in central Birkenhead are the latest example. This scheme is already £12m over budget.

The review adds that some of the agreed regeneration works cannot now be delivered.

It also states:

- The high cost of bringing 'brownfield' sites into use but a lack of identified money to do it.
- The Council has used external (and often expensive) consultants too often.

We've published the review at; www.wallaseyconservatives.com



One of the many Green Belt sites once again at risk is between the Arrowe Brook, Saughall Road and close to Sycamore Avenue and Kingfisher Way. Colin, Gary and Vida do NOT support building on our Green Belt.



Many of those who responded to our survey told us of their concerns about the impact of parking charges in Moreton.

The impact on small businesses and shops is a key concern - we only have to look at Liscard to see the impact of parking charges there.

Colin, Gary and Vida have again asked the Town Hall to rethink the plans and, instead, to support businesses in our Borough.

Digital ID cards plan sparks controversy

Plans to require people to have Digital ID cards have received a mixed response from residents.

While some are supportive of the Government's plans, others have raised concerns about data protection and civil liberties.

The Government's failure to protect data it already holds on people was one of the reasons why some people do not agree to the plan.

It has been compared to the abandoned voluntary ID card scheme of former prime minister Tony Blair.

The Government plans to introduce the ID scheme by the end of 2029.

A petition against digital ID cards has reached almost three million signatures. A petition can also be signed at www.wallaseyconservatives.com



Big response to Saughall Massie survey

Since we wrote to almost 1,600 residents, we have received comments and requests for help from across Saughall Massie.

Colin, Gary and Vida are working their way through the issues raised and will respond directly to residents. We've highlighted some of the first issues raised in this newsletter.

These are some of the local issues raised so far..



1 Better bus services are a top issue for many of those who replied to our survey. The 'City Region Metro Mayor' has promised improvements.



2 We contacted the Environment Agency following concerns about the Arrowe Brook. Some waste has been cleared and regular maintenance promised.



3 A resident of Woodpecker Close has asked for action on overgrown trees. We've asked Wirral's Tree Officer to inspect and see what can be done.



4 We've asked for the 'gully sucker' - yes, that's its name, to attend to block grids, including Headington Road, following requests from residents.



5 A resident has asked if dropped kerbs can be installed between Birch Avenue and Oak Avenue to help people with wheelchairs, buggies or mobility issues.



6 Several residents raised concerns about 20mph zones and also speeding vehicles on Overchurch Road. We'll raise this with the police.



7 We've recently submitted a list of roads for assessment in next year's resurfacing programme. Including Henderson Close.



9 Several residents have told us about the problem of getting out of Kingfisher Way and onto Saughall Massie Road. We've contacted the Highways Dept.



8 A resident of Devonshire Road has asked for overhanging branches and weeds on Saughall Massie Road by the woods to be actioned.

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