

District Councillor Report to East Chinnock PC, Nov 2021

District Council News

- **South Somerset District Council (SSDC) has joined UK100** – a coalition of Local Authority leaders in the UK who are committed to achieving Net Zero further and faster than national targets. I helped draft the motion with Councillor Sarah Dyke, who proposed it at October's Full Council meeting where it achieved unanimous support. SSDC joins 112 local authorities who have already taken the UK100 pledge.
- **Yeovil's MP votes AGAINST plans to stop raw sewage being dumped in our rivers.** You might remember my item a couple of months ago about raw sewage overflowing into our rivers. As you know, this problem affects East Chinnock very badly. The Storm Sewer Overflow spilled for 1,081 hours (45 days) in 2020. This makes it the 5th worst Storm Sewer Overflow in the Yeovil Constituency (Tatworth comes 1st with 2901 hours of spill). In any case, the issue of sewage in our rivers has been in the press a lot over the last couple of weeks. The Government has now U-Turned, and promised to take action, but they are yet to publish any detail on how they plan to tackle this problem.
- **Have you considered applying for an SSDC environment grant?** Our Community Grant Scheme funds up to 50% of the application costs and requests between £101 and £12,500 can be considered. Even a few hundred pounds for your community can make a difference to projects that benefit the environment and reduce the carbon footprint of communities. Find out more [here](#)

Coronavirus response

- The South West has been badly affected by an Immensa laboratory (in Wolverhampton) issuing false negative Covid tests. This may have "seeded" the virus in our communities, causing the current rise in cases. This is likely to be exacerbated by the vaccine wearing off, so:
 - **Please encourage residents to get their booster/3rd vaccine when invited**
 - **Please be vigilant and wear a mask in all indoor settings**
- *There is still one Somerset-wide contact number for covid enquiries: 0300 790 6275*
- Support can also be found here: <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Planning

- **Update 20/02287/FUL** (Barn south of Sunnymount Farm, Green Lane; demolition of barn and erection of dwelling. Application validated in October 2020, but ecology report has just been submitted 30/9/21)
- **Awaiting decision 21/02863/HOU** (420 High Street; repair and reposition a section of boundary wall along drive to improve access)
- **Approved 18/10: 21/02803/HOU** (7 Portman Court; erection of single storey extension to replace conservatory)

Upcoming [SSDC Meetings](#)

- Area West - Weds 17th Nov
 - Next Full Council - Thurs 18th Nov
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