

District Councillor Report to East Chinnock PC, Oct 2021

District Council News

- **Yeovil Refresh** - You might have noticed that work has finally begun! You can't miss Westminster Street being dug up as you walk into town from the TESCO carpark... SSDC is investing a total of £7.5 million in the Yeovil Refresh. SSDC also applied to the Government's Future High Streets Fund and our case was so strong that we were awarded a further £9.75 million in funding. Yeovil has a bright future indeed.
- **Octagon Theatre Redevelopment - We want to hear from you!** SSDC is investing £13 million in the Octagon Theatre, with the Arts Council pledging a further £10 million of funding. Please take part in and promote our consultation on these plans (closes October 8):
<https://consultation.southsomerset.gov.uk/strategy-commissioning/octagon-theatre-redevelopment-consultation/>
- **Ham Hill on-site events - we want to hear from you!** We're seeking your views on our provision of events at Ham Hill. Please take part in and promote our consultation (closes December 31):
<https://consultation.southsomerset.gov.uk/countryside/on-site-events-at-ham-hill/>
- **Green Business Survey** - South Somerset District Council is asking local businesses to take part in a short survey designed to help us understand how we can best support them as we work together to tackle the climate and ecological emergencies.

The council is interested in hearing from all businesses whatever stage they are at in terms of taking environmental action as understanding the barriers and challenges that business owners face is vitally important.

To complete the Green Business Survey, visit our consultation hub on the South Somerset District Council website here (closes at midnight on Friday 5 November):
<https://consultation.southsomerset.gov.uk/strategy-commissioning/business-survey-addressing-the-climate-and-ecologi/>

Coronavirus response

- **Latest message from Public Health (Fri 1/10/21)**
"Covid-19 case rates in educational settings remain on the increase across Somerset and the South-West, with the majority of cases in the five to 18-year age group representing 60 percent of all Somerset cases at present.

It therefore remains extremely important for children over the age of 11 who attend school or college, along with their parents or carers and school staff, to do a lateral flow test twice a week to help prevent the unwitting spread of Covid-19 in educational settings.

We are also reminding parents to ensure children wear face coverings on school transport, to help protect the drivers from catching Covid-19 and to keep the buses running.

- *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)
- **Awaiting decision** 21/02803/HOU (7 Portman Court; erection of single storey extension to replace conservatory)
- **Approved** 21/02033/COL (Certificate of Lawfulness for side extension)

Upcoming [SSDC Meetings](#)

- Area West - Weds 20th Oct
- Next Full Council - Thurs 21st Oct

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