

GREEN NEWS

ST DAVID'S, AUTUMN 2022



CLLR DIANA MOORE



CLLR AMY SPARLING



CLLR TESS READ

YOUR VISION FOR EXETER'S FUTURE?

The next stage of Exeter's new Local Plan consultation is open now. Make sure decisions aren't taken without your input!



Your Councillors want you to have your say!

Your Green Councillors have called for all new developments to be built tackling climate change from the start, not to have to be insulated as soon as they're built. We also want to see genuinely affordable housing, the use of zero-carbon technologies, great spaces for nature with strong cultural, recreational and shopping facilities within walking distance of new homes.

Councillor Tess Read is delighted that the Council has agreed to her suggestion of a 'roadshow' event to find out residents' views at the Custom House on the Quay, which is happening on **Tuesday 8th November**, from 12pm until 6pm. Residents can also see a paper copy and exhibition at the Civic Centre during the whole consultation period.

Tess says:

"You don't have to be an expert on planning to have a view on the future of the city! So please come along to talk about what you want to see as the city changes over the next 20 years."

Check out Exeter Green Party's response to last November's local plan issues consultation: <https://bit.ly/PlanResponse21>

What Do You Think?

The first draft of the Exeter Local Plan document is being consulted on from 26th Sept to 21st Nov.

How To Get Involved

ONLINE:

www.exeterplan.commonplace.is

ON PAPER:

Contact one of your Councillors for a copy

IN PERSON:

At the Civic Centre on Paris Street to look at a copy and access a computer.

DO IT YOUR WAY:

Look online and email planning@exeter.gov.uk

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A BETTER SAY ON BUILDING PLANS

Residents are now promised a better say on development after Progressive Group Councillors won the backing of the Council to take account more of people's views in the planning process.



Diana & Amy took the new Head of Planning on a tour of the ward.

Progressive Group Co-Leader, Diana Moore says:

"I'm so pleased we persuaded the Labour ruling group to do more than the legal minimum. Residents have been telling us loud and clear that they want a better say in the planning system. It's time to make that happen!"

Councillor Amy Sparling says:

"We want to see Exeter residents having a seat at the table on city planning and development matters, rather than the Labour run Council relying on the exclusive "Place Board". We are pushing for residents to actively inform planning policy and for neighbourhood plans to be supported by the Council."

Over the summer, St David's Councillors took the Council's new Director of Planning around St David's ward to show him the impact planning has on communities and talked about the issues residents have raised with the Green Councillor team.

BUS FAILURES INVESTIGATED

The Transport Commissioner is looking into Stagecoach's poor performance over the last year at a special inspection in October.

Diana says:

"Lots of residents are angry. I have sent all the complaints we've received to the Transport Commissioner and explained how much disruption the poor bus service has caused."



Councillors have shared your feedback on the local buses.

Amy, who is part of the Highways and Traffic Orders Committee, says:

"Stagecoach were invited to the last meeting but failed to turn up, only providing weak answers to Councillors' questions. This is not good enough. The inspection must lead to real action to improve our much needed bus services!"

Cost of Living

Need help with the rising cost of living? Don't be afraid to ask for help!

Citizens Advice Bureau

Free independent advice online or on their helpline.
0808 278 7845
(Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm)
www.citizensadviceexeter.org.uk

Other help

www.bit.ly/ECCcost-of-living

No internet?

Call Diana, Tess or Amy!

COULD YOU VOLUNTEER AT GABRIEL HOUSE?

Residents of Gabriel House, which offers accommodation and resettlement for people who are homeless, will enjoy a free visit to the Council's Underground Passages, thanks to Councillor Amy Sparling, the Community Builders and Council officers.

Amy says:

"Residents often ask us how to help people who are homeless. Gabriel House currently has opportunities to volunteer including befriending, helping in the cafe or with admin. They'd welcome new people to join the team!"

Contact Alison at Gabriel House for more info on volunteering!
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Could you lend your skills to Gabriel House?

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