

Councillor Dave Jackson – October report

PLANNING APPLICATION:

LAND NORTH OF HOLLIERS CRESCENT

At the Uplands Planning meeting on Monday 20th October, the outline planning application for 80 houses was narrowly approved. The vote was 4 for and 4 against, but in the event of a tie, the chair had the casting vote, and he voted to accept the proposal. I had proposed to refuse the application on the grounds of size. It is fair to say that if it was refused it might well have been overturned on appeal. I say this because under the new local plan that is in the discussion stage, the land north of Holliers Crescent has been earmarked as a "Strategic Site Option" for Middle Barton. In other words once the new local plan comes into operation, I think it would be inevitable that an application (perhaps even bigger) would have been approved.

KIDDINGTON ROAD

I was intrigued when green lines appeared round the worst areas of tarmac on Kiddington road, up past the last house, The Thatched Cottage. I also noticed a yellow sign indicating the road will be closed on 22nd October. I spotted a few of months ago some OCC highways chaps measuring up, and they indicated some "patching" work was due on the road. So I assume that this will be done imminently. I am not sure if the frequency of my reports of potholes and the very bumpy nature of the road has highlighted the need, or whether it was on a schedule, but hopefully the surface will be more smooth particularly for pedestrians, cyclists, buggies and (ironically) mobility scooters. I have been using one lately, and it certainly highlights very uneven road surfaces!

WHITE LINING

I was also pleased to see a white lining team going round the village a week or so ago. I had put in a request a few months ago for re-marking the lines by the shop (after a resident had contacted me), and at the same time I highlighted the need to re-do the GIVE WAY triangles on Kiddington Road. Again, the lining may have been on a schedule, because they did a lot of lines around the village. Whatever the reason, it seemed a job well done, and I have sent a message to the OCC highways officer Chris Grain, expressing my thanks.