

# PEOPLE FIRST



News from where you live coming to you from your Liberal Democrat Councillor Marilyn Canet



- **Sevenoaks Future**
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- **Sevenoaks Hospital**
- **Bat and Ball Station**

**There's a lot going on in Northern Ward**

## Sevenoaks Future

We have turned your suggestions, from hundreds of replies to our surveys, into comments on the Sevenoaks District Local Plan.

You can find them at [www.sevenoakslibdems.org.uk](http://www.sevenoakslibdems.org.uk)

and on the District Council website

Our key points are:

- Half the planned new homes are in the Green Belt; this isn't acceptable, or sustainable
- We need more community housing for the rising numbers of older people
- Affordable homes for Sevenoaks workers are crucial, including social rented housing
- Any real increase in housing is only possible with better transport
- The plan needs clear policies on safer streets, air pollution, tackling speeding traffic and helping walkers and cyclists; 'aspirations' are not enough
- It must cater for thousands of extra school students in Sevenoaks over the next ten years
- We need protection for all green spaces in our town - including allotments and woodland.

## Bradbourne Lakes -

### Action Please!

Thanks to all the local volunteers who have contributed so much to tidying up our local park, and the review of improvements needed. Now we need the Council to get in with it!

They plan to spend £60,000 on consultants. The obvious things to do first don't really need another study. The cash would be better used to fix the paths to make the Lakes more accessible and to repair the waterfalls.

Local residents and volunteers must be involved in decisions for the future, and in managing the park. This should be run by the community, for the community.



*Marilyn looks at work to be done with Graham Dean of Bradbourne Residents Association*

## Traffic Jams at Wildernesse -

### Half an Answer

Kent County Council has listened to problems - and solutions - local residents raised on the Trinity school expansion.

Their new plan gets buses into the school from the A25, avoiding Seal Hollow Rd.

It will leave cars clogging up the Seal Hollow Road / A25 light - with inevitable jams. This means many more students will be dropped off in other roads along Seal Road.

We - and local experts - know a safer solution will be needed as the schools grow. Much better - and cheaper - to build it now!



*Traffic backs up on the A25*

## BAT AND BALL - UPDATE



Marilyn is working with Friends of Bat & Ball, and Sevenoaks Rail Travellers for better rail connections

Work on the station building should be close to completion by end November. When it opens in 2019 it will be a real asset for local people, with community rooms and a cafe.

The next step is to get the train service improved. Thameslink have promised a timetable to get to London Bridge in 44 minutes. We need the Town and District Councils to keep up the pressure on them to deliver it.

## HOSPITAL SITE SAFE?

After suggested threats to Sevenoaks Hospital in the draft local plan, the NHS has confirmed that it should stay. Now we need your input on how services should develop, as the community grows. Building up the Minor Injuries Unit, investing to support more GP services for the northern part of Sevenoaks, should be top priority.

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## SAFER STREETS - Campaign grows

### to fix our streets

Potholes in our streets and damaged pavements make it hard to walk, cycle and drive. We have tried to help residents fix problems along the A25, in Greatness and round the Lakes.

Tell us where you think the real danger spots are.

### on traffic speed

Areas nearby - including Chipstead and Seal - have 20mph limits to keep residential streets safe.

Sevenoaks Neighbourhood Development Plan asks for similar action in the town, in the town center and in streets where lots of people live.

We would like to see this happen now - especially in Cramptons Road and in the Lakes which have too much through traffic



*This sign is in Seal. We need them for the Lakes, for Crampton Road and round all our schools.*

## I'M BACKING THE LIB DEM CAMPAIGN FOR SAFER STREETS

I SUPPORT THE Campaign for 20mph now.....

- in Bradbourne Lakes**
- in Cramptons Road to slow through traffic**
- round the Schools at Knole and Wildernesse**
- other streets** .....

Name(s) .....

Address .....

Postcode..... Phone .....

email.....

I'd like to help the campaign by:

- delivering leaflets
- talking to local residents

If you want to help me to get the best for the community, come and join me.

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