

Derek Davis District Council report December 13

Social Housing

Housing remains a hot topic, so I'm delighted Babergh has applied to build eight new social homes, to replace three old buildings in Shotley.

The bungalows will all be two-bedroom and help towards filling a need on the peninsula. This is something that has been on my agenda ever since getting elected, and while progress has been painfully slow, it is heartening to see things moving forward and all things being equal people will be moving in next year.

I have written to Babergh asking priority is given to Shotley and Erwarton residents on Gateway Home Choice then use the ripple out effect. Also to use the Rural Exemption clause in the Right to Buy. Planners have also assured me trees between the site and Barrack Row will not be felled.

Ganges

Much nonsense is being spoken about the delays at Ganges but the fact is the hold up to actual building the foundation is to do with the discharge of conditions, which the developers are legally obliged to fulfil before home can go up.

The biggest delays have been the archaeological work by done by Oxford, which is expected to be completed by early next year, and discussions regarding the S106 agreement and the commuted sum of £40,000 to the parish council now it has been agreed a viability study into saving the swimming pool will not now be undertaken.

So, nothing to do with Grenfell, Galliard, or any other false rumour you may have been misinformed about.

Diabetes Prevention

As someone who inherited Type 2 diabetes, I fully understand the problems it can cause but also how, for many people, it can be prevented, and in some cases reversed. I'm delighted therefore to support the One Life Suffolk initiative.

Anyone aged 18 or more, with a body mass index of 30 plus can sign up to the programme designed to prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes with a 12-week programme, involving specialised tips, guidance and advice, including practical and physical support. Please contact 01473 718193 or email info@onelifesuffolk.co.uk to book your place on the course at Holbrook Sports centre.

Polling District Review Underway

Residents are invited to take part in our review of polling districts, places and stations. Local authorities are required to compulsory review their parliamentary polling districts and polling places every four years, and this review is also taking into account the changes to Babergh's ward boundaries made by the Local Government Boundary Commission.

The review ends on 31 December 2018 and residents can take part online. Find out more on Babergh's [website](#).

Independent Councillor Recognised at National Awards Ceremony

Independent Cllr Clive Arthey was recognised at the CCLA Councillor Achievement Awards for the work he has done in his ward, especially in helping to secure funding and in the Waste Management Project. Clive was nominated by members of Cockfield parish council and parishioners.

Plans submitted for the future of former Babergh Offices and Angel Court

A planning application has been submitted for 78 new homes in Hadleigh, with proposals to develop both the former council offices on Corks Lane and the former care home at Angel Court.

The applications aim to retain and convert the listed buildings on the sites and have been drawn up in consultation with heritage consultations to ensure the proposals cause the least possible harm to the buildings, while the plans for the Angel Court site propose all housing built on that site be affordable housing.

Judge rules in Babergh's favour in East Bergholt Judicial Review

A High Court judge has ruled against East Bergholt Parish Council's request for a judicial review into Babergh decision to approve three different planning applications for more than 200 new homes to be built.

Babergh will continue to take an approach which ensures that communities across the district can have confidence that we will be able to robustly defend our assessments and decisions on the deliverability of housing sites.

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