

Local Updates

Local Plan – CDC Officers are preparing a full briefing note for Councillors on the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) that was released by the government just before Christmas. Initial headlines are that, as our Local Plan has reached ‘an advanced stage of preparation’, the Council will only need to demonstrate a 4 year Housing Land Supply when determining planning applications and contesting appeals. This is positive news in refusing unacceptable applications and defending similar appeals, however this is a time limited provision for 2 years and it is therefore important that we maintain the supply of housing land going forward.

Planning Enforcement – We continue to work with residents across the ward in dealing with Planning Enforcement issues, most recently with several reports from Brewhurst Lane in Loxwood. If there are any planning enforcement issues that you would like to bring to CDC’s attention, please let us know and we are happy to contact the Enforcement Team on your behalf.

New Year - We hope everyone enjoyed a very Happy Christmas and wish you all well for the New Year. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to continuing to work together.

CDC Wide Updates

Full Council Meeting – Tuesday 23rd January will be the next full council meeting.

Council Panel Meetings – As a District Council we want to ensure that meetings are more accessible to our residents. In addition to changing the time that Full Council meetings start from May 2024 to 18:00, rather than 14:00 as they do currently, the majority of our panel meetings have now been made public. Meetings will take place in person apart from the Boundary Review panel, which will usually be held online. All of these meetings will be broadcast on our website at: [Chichester Council Webcast - Listing \(nucast.live\)](https://www.nucast.gov.uk/council/council-meetings)

Meeting your District Councillors:

Gareth has the following surgery dates scheduled from 12pm-2pm:

Saturday 13th January 24 The Stag Inn, Balls Cross

Saturday 3rd February 24 Kirdford Stores, Kirdford

Saturday 17th February 24 Old Mill Café, Wisborough Green

Should the dates suggested not be suitable for you or there are any other reasons preventing you from seeing us we are also happy to do home visits, telephone calls or zoom calls.

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