

# WNC Councillors Report

Braunston & Crick Ward

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| <b>To:</b>   | <b>Barby &amp; Onley Parish Council Meeting</b>     |
| <b>Date:</b> | <b>8<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>                 |
| <b>From:</b> | <b>Cllr Rosie Humphreys<br/>Cllr Andrew Simpson</b> |

## 1. WNC Matters

### a) Petition on Household Waste and Recycling Centres

Lib Dem Councillors handed in a petition on behalf of local residents concerned about the lack of consultation over the introduction of a booking system for the tip. Around 700 people had signed the petition that also highlighted concerns over a potential negative impact on fly-tipping and overflowing bins at kerbside collections. We will share the formal response once received from WNC.

### b) Consultation on Developer Contributions (Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 agreements)

The council is currently consulting on a draft Supplementary Planning Document that will set out how the Council will ask developers to mitigate the impacts of their developments and contribute to things like:

- Roads and transport improvements
- Schools and education
- Health services
- Parks and open spaces
- Waste and recycling
- Affordable housing
- Emergency services
- Community facilities

These contributions help make sure that new developments are supported by the right infrastructure and services, so that communities can grow in a fair and sustainable way.

The consultation can be accessed here [Have your say on delivering infrastructure and services to help mitigate development - West Northamptonshire Council - Citizen Space](#)

The consultation closes on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

### c) Blue Badges

Rosie presented a motion at the recent full council meeting calling on the council to investigate problems with the issuing of blue badges, in particular where residents are renewing a badge and being asked to provide lots of documents. Also to investigate reports of multiple badges being issued. The council agreed to investigate and report back as well as to report regularly of service levels.

d) Safer Rural Roads

Andrew successfully amended proposals from the Conservatives to tackle road safety concerns and to also evaluate the effectiveness of advisory 20mph zones with a view to drawing up a plan for these to be mandatory where supported by Parish and Town Councils. He also highlighted the problems experienced outside some local schools where yellow zig zag lines and no stopping/parking restrictions are being ignored and causing safety concerns for children and other pedestrians. The council agreed to action these issues and report back.

e) Questions to Cabinet Members/Portfolio holders

Andrew asked the Highways Portfolio holder a question in relation to plans for cycleways and walkways in the rural areas as so far only Northampton has been considered. He referred to the need to complete the cycle path from Daventry to Braunston.

He is expecting a written response to this, but WNC have just started consultation on its 'Active Travel Strategy' and it is important that Parish Councils and individuals respond to this. [Help Shape: Draft Active Travel Strategy, Mobility Hub and Rail Action Plans - West Northamptonshire Council - Citizen Space](#) The consultation ends on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

f) New Lib Dem WNC Councillor

Rosie and Andrew are very pleased to welcome Cllr Farzana Aldridge to the Lib Dem Group. Farzana represents Kingsley and Semilong ward in Northampton and has a background in education and children's services. She has left the Labour party to join the Lib Dems.

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