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**REPORT TO KIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2022**

Proposed Closure of Kimpton Surgery

The NHS East and North Hertfordshire CCG met on Tuesday 24 May 2022 to discuss the proposed Closure of Kimpton Surgery. Although I asked to speak at the Meeting to represent the concerns and views of residents I was not allowed to do so, and therefore submitted a letter to the CCG in which I highlighted the negative impact that closing the Surgery would have on our community, as well as to *“request that the CCG adopts a pragmatic solution supporting the principle that NHS Services remain both local and accessible to those in Kimpton”*. I will ensure that the Parish Council and Residents are informed when I receive an update from the CCG.

Public Inquiry into the London Luton Airport Expansion

As the Parish Council is aware, the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, The Rt. Hon. Michael Gove MP ‘called-in’ the proposal to increase London Luton Airport's (LLA) passenger capacity to 19 million per annum and to change the day and night noise level limitations in order to accommodate this. The Public Inquiry will begin on 27 September 2022 however the deadline for representations was on 23 May 2022. In my submission to the Public Inquiry I strongly urged the Planning Inspectorate to reject the proposal *“which not only is wholly unnecessary and completely unsustainable but would have a significant negative impact on the residents of Kimpton”*.

Meeting with Members of the Save Our White Horse Campaign

I recently met with Members of the Save Our White Horse Campaign to discuss their proposals. Following on from our Meeting, I have arranged a Meeting with Senior Officers at NHDC and the Campaigners to discuss the issues which were raised with me which included the status of the building and the plan of action moving forward.

Committee Appointments

At a Meeting of Full Council on 26 May 2022, I was appointed to sit on the Standards Committee, and as District Councillor for Kimpton I’m also a Member of the Southern Rural Committee.

NHDC Boundary Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has launched a public consultation which will run until 10 August 2022 inviting proposals for a new pattern of electoral wards for North Hertfordshire.

The Commission is minded to recommend that 50 councillors should be elected to NHDC in the future and are inviting proposals from the Council, interested parties and members of the public on a pattern of electoral wards based on that number of Councillors.

In drawing up a pattern of electoral wards, the Commission will seek to:

1. Make sure that, within an authority, each councillor represents a similar number of electors
2. Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities
3. Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views and circumstances

The Commission will test proposals made against the criteria before drawing up its own proposals.

I will be submitting a response to the Commission in due course and I would encourage both the Parish Council and Members of the Public to make their views known before the deadline on 10 August 2022.



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