

# Matters



The latest news from your local Councillor Julian Lewis-Booth

## GREEN BELT AND GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK UPDATE

Julian, along with Conservative Councillors and local MP William Wragg presented a robust response to the first GMSF consultation, part of which was the need for the council to have and maintain a register of previously developed land known as brownfield sites which could meet a large amount of the borough's housing needs.

All of the feedback from your Conservative Councillors, William Wragg's "Protect our Greenbelt" petition and most importantly Local Residents has been considered and a second GMSF consultation is expected in October 2018.

Commenting on GMSF Julian stated, "I understand the need for new housing to meet the needs of a growing population and it's great to see Stockport

is a place that people want to live and work.

"I am delighted that Stockport now has a register of brownfield sites. As a member of the important Planning and Highways Committee, I see first-hand the great reuse of this land is bringing to the people of Stockport.

"Residents will already be aware of my strong belief in retaining wherever possible the



Hazel Grove Ward Cllr Julian Lewis-Booth

Greenbelt and open spaces we all enjoy here in Hazel Grove.

"We are also waiting for the details for last section of the M60 bypass to be produced

for residents to consider. When this becomes available I will contact all residents to update with the key details."

## A6 – M60 THE FINAL SECTION OF THE HAZEL GROVE BYPASS

Residents will know that my personal view is to support the completion of the A6 bypass by linking up with the M60. Evidence shows that Hazel Grove is already choked with traffic to and from Manchester and Stockport.

Approx. 35,000 vehicles a day pass up and down the A6 and cut our area in half, the new bypass to Manchester Airport and the M56 which is due to open soon will help, but to really cut the traffic levels using the A6 we need the final section to Bredbury completing.

There is much talk, many social media posts and lots of disinformation being posted/printed about the Hazel Grove bypass. If this misinformation is left unchallenged it potentially affects the future of the link to the M60 from Hazel Grove and allows the needs of many Hazel Grove residents to be misrepresented.

It is essential that you make your feelings known, that you tell me, the Council, the newspapers, your neighbours and local community what you want and when you want the completion of the Hazel Grove to M60 link.

Hazel Grove and Stockport is enjoying economic growth and has become a desirable part of the country to live in, we must continue to invest in the infrastructure to allow this to continue. If we stop the area will ultimately stagnate again and this should not be allowed to happen.

I hope that you take the opportunity to make your voice heard about the A6 and the potential to complete it. Tell William Wragg and I, your local elected representatives, your views which will help us to ensure that the Council and Government knows what you the residents of Hazel Grove want for our Area.



## HAZEL GROVE MEMORIAL GARDEN

In a few short months it will be Armistice Day and this year we remember the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War.

Many brave residents from Hazel Grove fought in the War some tragically not returning.

The Council have allocated funds and planned to make the repairs needed to the gates and fence. Julian has been pushing Council Officers to get as much of this work as possible completed in time for the November commemoration.

# ACTION ON ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF LAND

■ Residents will be aware that Hazel Grove has been regularly blighted with traveller groups illegally occupying land in the Ward.

Julian has been leading the campaign to improve the road layout at Melford Road and have new pavements and bollards installed and deny Travelling groups the option to use this location.

Commenting, Julian said, "I am delighted that the Council has listened to my campaign to ensure that residents and businesses are not intimidated by

the behaviour of a small number of travellers."

The funding secured to improve the area is most welcome and cannot have come soon enough for local residents.

Julian has been working further on the regular incursions that the Travellers make in Hazel Grove with William Wragg in our response to the recent Government consultation to offer Councils and Police stronger powers to deal with deliberate illegal trespass.



# FREE CENTRAL HEATING

■ It's hard to think about using central heating at the moment, but winter will be with us before we know it and Stockport residents who don't have a central heating system in their home are being offered an opportunity to get one for free in good time for winter.

If you know anyone that would benefit, or anyone that works with households in fuel poverty, please let Julian know.



# HAZEL GROVE SCHOOLS NEED YOUR HELP

■ Julian is on the hunt for some residents who love children and do not mind the odd bit of rain.

School crossing patrols are a vitally important community facility and Hazel Grove is in need of a couple of dedicated members to join the crossing patrol team.

If you like talking to people and have some time during school term time in the mornings and afternoons this might be for you.

Give Julian a call for an informal chat and let's see if you can help make Hazel Grove become a safer place to cross the road.

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