



Cllr Ben Taylor

Fosse Highcross Ward Blaby District Councillors Monthly Report



Cllr Mike Shirley

December 2023



Christmas Edition



In the photo above we have been out campaigning with our MP and party chairman

Merry Christmas to everyone within Fosse Highcross.

We have been busy supporting local events and continuing to support residents especially as the colder months get closer.

Blaby District Council run a Christmas Charity Hamper scheme and this year we donated a tray of baked beans and some money towards this year's collection. These hampers are so important to and go to our resident support team to directly support those who need it most, along with some to the housing team for people who are homeless.

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Supporting our District and Ward at Christmas Events

Fosse Highcross parishes are busy getting ready for Christmas and we have enjoyed attending the various events, with more to come.

- Blaby District Chair's Charity Night Fundraiser at Dom's restaurant in Thurlaston within the Fosse Villages, on behalf of Cllr Cheryl Cashmore's nominated charity, Leicester Animal Aid. A massive £747 was raised.
- Aston Flamville Xmas Fair. A well-attended fair with the highlight being Father Christmas turning up. Don't tell the kids but Father Christmas was capably played by the chairman of Aston Flamville Parish Meeting, Robin Wilson.

Sapcote Christmas Lights Switch On

It might be chilly, but the village came out in force for the Sapcote Christmas Light Switch on. Well done Sapcote and Santa for a cracking job 🎄 We were pleased to be joined by our Chair of Blaby District Council, Cllr Cheryl Cashmore 👏 Well done to Cllr Nindy Sahota for organising the event 🙌



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Elmesthorpe Festive Fair



Elmesthorpe ran an excellent Festive Fair and it was great to be there 🎄

Thank you, Mandy Windram, for organising this event and bringing fabulous stall holders together 🙌

These local events take a lot to organise, and it is so great to see the support from residents. Please keep coming along to these events and support local businesses.

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Councillor Activities

During November there have been many training events and meetings attended by one or both of your councillors:

- Training – Anti-social Behavior – 1st
- HNRFI Examination, Environmental Matters – 1st
- HNRFI Examination, Need and Socio-Economic Matters – 1st
- HNRFI Examination, Open Floor Hearing – 2nd
- HNRFI Examination, Compulsory Acquisition Hearing – 2nd
- HNRFI Examination, Draft Development Consent Order – 3rd
- Sapcote Parish Council – 2nd
- Training – Equalities, Diversity & Inclusion – 9th
- Blaby Remembrance Event – 10th
- Remembrance Sunday – 12th
- LRALC AGM – 15th
- Training – Planning Masterclass – 16th
- Sharnford Parish Council – 16th
- Chairs Charity Event – 17th
- Aston Flamville Christmas Fair – 18th
- Aston Flamville Parish Meeting – 22nd
- Sapcote Christmas Lights Switch On – 25th
- Elmesthorpe Festive Fair – 26th
- Blaby Corporate Plan Briefing – 27th
- Blaby District Council – 28th
- Planning Committee – 30th

During December the following training events and meetings will be attended by one or both of your councillors:

- Scrutiny Task & Finish – Open Spaces – 4th
- Blaby Christmas Carol Service – 6th
- Cyber Escape Room – 7th
- Sapcote Parish Council – 7th
- Meeting with Police Commissioner – 8th
- Sharnford Christmas Bacon Buttie Event – 9th
- Scrutiny Task & Finish – Commercial Strategy – 12th
- Sharnford Parish Council – 21st

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News Releases

- The latest round of Community Grants Scheme is now open.
- Two by-elections for District and County Councillor seats called.
- Rooms-to-rent planning appeal dismissed.
- Big Community Switch is now open.
- John Richardson, Executive Director is leaving the Council to take up the position of Chief Executive at Harborough District Council on Friday 8th December after working at Blaby District Council for the past 6 years.

Blaby District Council Community Awards 2023



We are pleased to see two finalists from Fosse Highcross in the Community Awards this year, **Twins at Totstime** and **Sapcote Memory Hub**.

These awards celebrate the volunteers and upstanding community members that go above and beyond for the District.

Best of luck to both groups. You do amazing work for the community.

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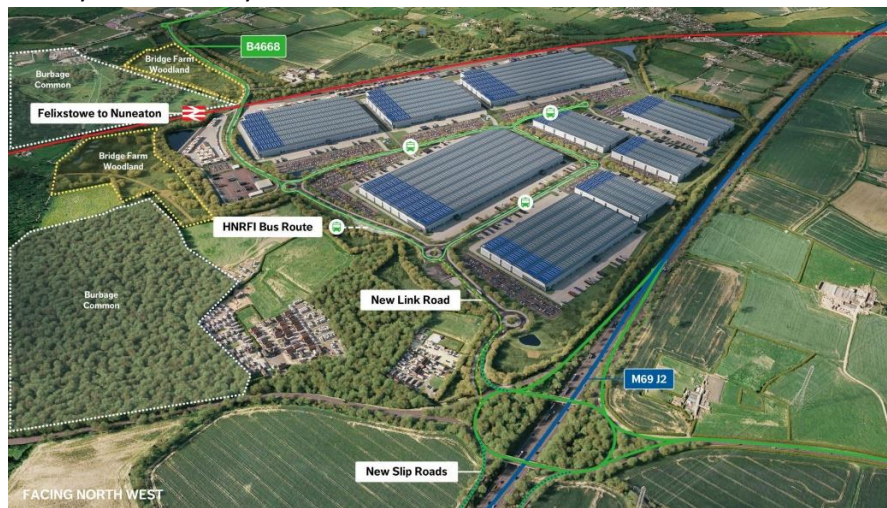
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HNRFI Update – Examination

The Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange will remain in our monthly reports until the final decision is made by the Secretary of State



Item	Matters	Date
11	Issue Specific Hearing – Need and Socio-Economic Matters	Wed 1 Nov 2023
12	Open Floor Hearing	Thur 2 Nov 2023
13	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing	Thur 2 Nov 2023
14	Issue Specific Hearing	Fri 3 Nov 2023
15	Procedural Deadline B – details of Accompanied Site Insp.	Tues 8 Nov 2023
16	Deadline 3 – Updated Statements of Common Ground etc	Tues 14 Nov 2023
17	Accompanied Site Inspections	Wed 15 Nov 2023
18	Publication of Written Questions	Tues 28 Nov 2023
19	Dates reserved for various Hearings	W/B 11 Dec 2023
20	Deadline 4 – Post-hearing submissions	Tues 9 Jan 2024
21	Publication by Inspector – Further written questions etc	Fri 19 Jan 2024
22	Deadline 5 – Comments on any additional submissions etc	Fri 9 Feb 2024
23	Deadline 6 – Further comments	Tues 20 Feb 2024
24	Deadline 7 – Final documents	Tues 27 Feb 2024
25	Deadline 8 – Completed Planning Obligations Section 106	Fri 8 Mar 2024
26	Completion of Examination by end of 6 months	Tues 12 Mar 2024

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New HNRFI hearing announced for Wednesday January 2024

We have just been informed by the Planning Inspectorate that there will be an Issue Specific Hearing on Traffic and Transport, and Noise on Wednesday 24 January 2024. Blaby District Council has been asked to attend. Further details of the hearing are included in the table. Please note that any request to participate in the hearing must be made by 23:59 hours on Tuesday 16 January 2024.

Open Floor Hearing 2



We have been following the hearing closely and at the Open Floor Hearing 2, we were joined by the Leader of Blaby District Council, our County Councillor Maggie Wright and Neighbouring District Councillor for Fosse Stoney Cove, Cllr Neil Wright.

We will continue to fight to stop the HNRFI proposals as we move forward through the examination and beyond.

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Cost-of-Living Information Event

Blaby District Council is running a series of drop-in events to help residents find support with the cost-of-living crisis. The events will give residents an opportunity to speak face to face with council staff and staff from other organisations who can help with problems including benefits, housing, debt, and food support. The events are drop-in sessions, so no appointment is needed, and they are open to all residents across the district. Tea and coffee will be provided. Agencies will bring along a range of free merchandise.

Date	Venue	Time
Thur 7 th December	Enderby Civic Centre, King St, Enderby, LE19 4NT	12pm to 2pm

District and County By-elections

We would like to make you aware that three separate by-elections have been called within Blaby District:

- Blaby & Glen Parva County Division
- Glen Parva District Ward
- Blaby Parish- South Ward

An election will be held on **Thursday 21 December**.

Please note we are not in pre-election period (purdah), this limits press releases from Blaby District Council during the election. Full details can be found on LGA's website here: www.local.gov.uk

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Major Planning Applications

20/1346/FUL – Land to Est of Grange Drive and South of Enderby Road, Whetstone.
Erection of 4 buildings to house 18 small starter commercial units.
Decision- **REFUSED**

21/1497/FUL – Abbey Farm, Lubbesthorpe Bridle Road, Lubbesthorpe.
Restoration and conversion of Abbey Farm Site for 7 dwellings.
Referred until later date.

23/0091/FUL – Demolition of nos. 5 and 7 Groby Road, Glenfield and erection of 74 bed care home.
Decision – **APPROVED**

Local Planning Applications

23/0873/HH – 21 Park View, Sharnford, LE10 3PT
Single storey rear extension.

23/0967/HH – 78 Spa Drive, Sapcote, LE9 4FN
Single storey rear extension.

23/0818/HH - 25 Henson Way Sharnford, LE10 3PN
Single Storey Extension to square off the house at rear of the property.

Local Planning Enforcement Notices

- Mill Bank House, Leicester Road, Sapcote
Appeal against unauthorised erection of a two-storey rear extension.
- Easton House, Hinckley Road, Aston Flamville
Rear extension not built in accordance with approved plans.
- Livesley Lodge, Livesley Drive, Sapcote
Bid to use a former care home as a rooms-to-rent letting house has been dismissed under appeal by Planning Inspectorate.

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Remembrance Day Service



We attended the Remembrance Day service at St Helens Church in Sharnford to lay a wreath on behalf of Blaby District. This is an enormous honour for both of us as District Councillors.

It is so important that we come together to acknowledge those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our great country.

We also attended the Blaby District Council remembrance service at the Council offices.

We will remember them.

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