

Hilperton Update

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Dear Resident,

Future planning for the Hilperton area

With the new government now in place, it will be intriguing to see what plans are announced for the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The NPPF governs what can be built, and where. It takes precedence over any local plan and so it will be vital to see what any new NPPF has to say, as it could seriously affect the Wiltshire 2038 Local Plan (which is still very much a 'secret' document with contents known only to the WC spatial planning officers; NOT shared with local councillors).

I'm sure that you are all aware of the Labour thoughts on house building over the next five years but, currently, we cannot know how this will affect Wiltshire and, more particularly, the land around

Hilperton parish.

For those of us who wish to see appropriate development for local people, with schools, doctor facilities etc. included, this is a time when we can do nothing other than speculate as to what the government has in mind.

Keep in touch with what is news in the parish

I'm told that people appreciate my Hilperton Update newsletters. However, these are only suitable for 'long term' news/opinion. For more 'immediate' matters I have an e-newsletter which is sent out on a monthly basis. It also allows me to contact residents regarding important local issues.

If you wish to be added to the mailing list (your details will not be passed to anyone else)

**please register via
www.ernieclark.org.uk**

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Hilperton Area Action Group (HAAG)

Some years ago, the parish council set up a working group to look at the WC plans for future housing in this area.

The group is currently awaiting publication of the 'Inspection Copy' of the WC Local Plan but is keeping itself busy with other matters.

It has a core of active members, but new faces are always welcome. If you wish to be involved with HAAG please either contact them direct or via myself.

Hilperton Parish Council meets all costs etc. incurred by the group.

Trowbridge - Melksham cycle path

This government funded scheme will be complete, in Hilperton, by the time you read this. Whether it will generate the increase in use by cyclists and pedestrians we will

see over the coming months.

WC was warned by myself and the parish council, amongst others, that laying tarmac on the by-ways between Hilperton and Semington would increase use by motor vehicles - we were correct!

To stop this use, WC has put an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) on both by-ways. This ETRO bans the use of the by-ways by motorised traffic unless it is for access to the fields adjacent to the by-ways.

As expected, there are a number of people who don't believe that this new law applies to them and they continue to use the by-ways illegally; it is an 'actual' offence for which drivers can be fined/ have points added to their driving licence.

If you are aware of any illegal use please contact Trowbridge police or, if you have a photo of the car/ van, send it to me and I will redact your details and pass it on.

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