

News for Kempston West Ward

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Time For a Change

GIANNI FOR MAYOR. MATT FOR KEMPSTON WEST.

Gianni has been around Kempston West with Matt, speaking to residents and asking what their issues and concerns are, both for Kempston and for Bedford.

Gianni says, "What is becoming apparent, is that residents feel let down by the council, and feel that they are not getting value for money services. Many people we speak to are dismayed by the state of the roads, by the general appearance of the town and say they are being taken for granted. It's time for a change."



FLYTIPPING REPORT

Matt has been liaising closely with the Council and Bedfordshire Police regarding fly-tipping between the Bedfordshire Police Headquarters and Abbott Crescent bridleway. He is pleased to report substantial progress. The rubbish has been successfully removed and the Council has erected signs to deter further fly-tipping. Matt said: "My thanks to both the Council and Bedfordshire Police for their work in addressing this issue. We want a safe and pleasant community. Let's work together and not let people ruin it!" Fly-tipping is an offence and the Council has the power to issue fines of up to £400 to those caught illegally fly-tipping. If you spot any in the area, please report it.



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KEMPSTON RURAL SCHOOL

A number of residents have contacted Matt as they are concerned for the safety of the public, especially children visiting the Kempston Rural Lower School. During school times there are many vehicles that drop-off and pick-up

their kids at the school which is causing significant disruption. Matt noticed the absence of road markings which are the norm outside schools and contacted David Wilson to have them introduced. It appears the zig-zag lines were never installed despite being included in their plans. **Matt said:** "This was clearly an oversight by the developer and I'm glad that they have installed the markings after I spoke to them. The school and parents are delighted, and I hope this increases safety outside the school."



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MATT TAKES ACTION ON POTHOLES



Over recent weeks, Matt has continued to report potholes to the Council, and he's pleased to inform you that many have been repaired. In March the Government announced a further £305,589 of funding to Bedford Borough Council to repair roads badly affected by recent winter weather. This is on top of the £219,000 already allocated through the Pothole Action Fund for this year. The Council also announced a £1 million funding boost for roads.

Matt said: "With the amount of funding committed to improving roads, there can be no excuses for inaction and the poor conditions of roads in Kempston West. Thank you to all those who have continued to alert me to potholes, and I would encourage you to let me know of any more in your area, or report these directly to the Council for repair at highways.helpdesk@bedford.gov.uk"

Matt is also concerned with the quality of recent repairs, and is pressuring the Council for improvement. Matt said: "While I am delighted that many of the potholes have been fixed, I've noticed that some are starting to reappear. It is a waste of taxpayers money for these to be repaired again and would urge the Council to take more care."

DAVID WILSON UPDATE

Matt and Gianni have been working extremely hard to help residents on the David Wilson estate. They recently met residents to learn more about their issues and concerns and have since acted upon that feedback. They spoke to the Regional Managing Director and his team, and can report: Potholes and kerb maintenance issues have been addressed; missing street nameplates have been installed; the surfacing of Martell Drive will be carried out once the Barratt site is completed later this year. We have been assured that the Commercial team is working closely with Barratts to monitor progress and will arrange the works to follow on as soon as possible.

Other issues have also been reported to David Wilson including faulty street-lighting, rubbish and litter, particularly in the streams, and the maintenance of the grass and planted areas.

Matt said: "It is incredibly important that David Wilson is held to account and I am doing this on behalf of residents. It is encouraging that the developer has been responsive to the needs of residents, and I hope that this can continue."



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