County Councillor's update: Warndon Villages Parish Council meeting on 8th June 2026

County Council meetings of note:

Next Full Council meeting is Thurs 16th July, 10am at Wychavon District Council offices in Pershore. Agenda, papers and video record of the meeting are available at Agenda for Council on Thursday, 16th July, 2026, 10.00 am - Modern Council

All County Council meeting dates and papers are available via:
https://worcestershire.moderngov.co.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1

County Council administration (cabinet system) is now a confidence and supply arrangement(explainer) between 8 Greens, 7 Lib Dems and 2 independents. With Adam Kent (suspended Conservative) as deputy leader. See news for details Changes to Leadership, Cabinet and Civic Roles at Worcestershire County Council | Worcestershire County Council

SEND:

County SEND updates are now available via signup to e-newsletters – see SEND News and Updates (May) | Worcestershire County Council and SEND news and improvement updates | Worcestershire County Council

Interested in local SEND provision? Link in with Worcs Parent Carer Forum for the latest news, developments and events or to get more involved and attend co-production workshops, forums, discussion groups or to become a parent carer rep at regular meetings with the local area partnership.

Local Issues

Hindlip Anaerobic Digester

Still no County Planning meeting date set. No new consultee comments but several 'Supporting Info' Docs 447 to 463 were added in May including Environment Agency, Natural England and highways documents.

Doc 462 EIA screening opinion under "decisions" at bottom of page provides a useful and indicative summary, likely to feature heavily in reports to committee. Note on page 11: *"There is the potential for increased odour emissions to be generated by the proposed development, principally during the operation of the proposal, including in the process, imports of feedstock and storage and removal of digestate. However, subject to the development being carried out in accordance with best practice methods, it is considered that due to the scale and location the impacts of odour emissions are not considered to be of more than local significance, and unlikely to result in significant environmental effects."*

And on page 12: "*The applicant states that the proposed facility would generate approximately 38,000–43,000 tonnes of whole digestate per year as a bioproduct of the biomethane generation. Digestate produced by the facility is aimed to be treated as an organic fertiliser and soil conditioner and sold for use on local farms. The applicant confirms that whilst they have some expression of interest from local farmers regarding the purchase of digestate from the facility, no contracts have been signed to date. As*

such, the County Planning Authority have little certainty over the markets where digestate would be sold and locations where it would be spread in this instance."

…" As there are no contracts for the onward sale of the digestate, there is no certainty where its ultimate destination may be and consequently it is not possible to evaluate the impact that spreading may have on farmland and watercourses in a meaningful way. The assessment would be over reliant on speculation and conjecture. In view of the above the County Planning Authority conclude that it would not be necessary to consider this indirect impact in the Environmental Assessment Screening for the above proposal."

On page 17: "Conclusion
The County Planning Authority considers that the proposed development is not unusually complex, large or of greater than local significance and, therefore, would not create any significant effects on the environment by virtue of its nature, size and location. It is, therefore, considered that the proposal is not one for which an EIA is required. On behalf of the County Planning Authority, I am of the opinion that an EIA is not required for this proposal."

Consultation deadline has passed. The County's planning and regulatory committee next meets on 30th June 2026 Agenda for Planning and Regulatory Committee on Tuesday, 30th June, 2026, 10.00 am - Modern Council After this one, the next planning committee meeting scheduled is 22nd Sept 2026.

All documents and details visible on the planning website:

https://worcestershire.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/23/000007/CM

Ankerage Green Pedestrian Refuge completed

Many thanks to the team for completing this work, which was funded via local member determined highways funding. It appears to be working as intended, helping people to cross the wide entrance splay safely.



Trotshill Lane East bollards at A4440 Toucan Crossing

One of these, on the Trotshill Lane side, will be repositioned to reduce the space between the two bollards, to allay concerns raised about potential unauthorised vehicle access from A4440 to Trotshill Lane East.

Dugdale Drive wooden post gap

After removal of obstructive metal barriers, concern was raised about the gap width between the wooden posts at https://w3w.co/stem.salon.rounds so this will be resolved by County Highways, who intend to place 2 extra removable bollards at the kerb edging to prevent unauthorised vehicular access.



Smashed Gate by Hastings Drive

The county plan to replace this gate with removable bollards to be compliant with national accessibility standards. I have asked for the 'Wild About Worcester Way' markers to be retained. Timescales unclear for these 'minor projects' works, as they are usually fitted in when possible rather than scheduled months ahead like Major Works projects. The projecting stump of the broken latch post was promptly cut flush with the paving, to reduce trip hazard. Local police have responded with details that will hopefully enable county to recover the repair cost from the driver's insurance or other body.



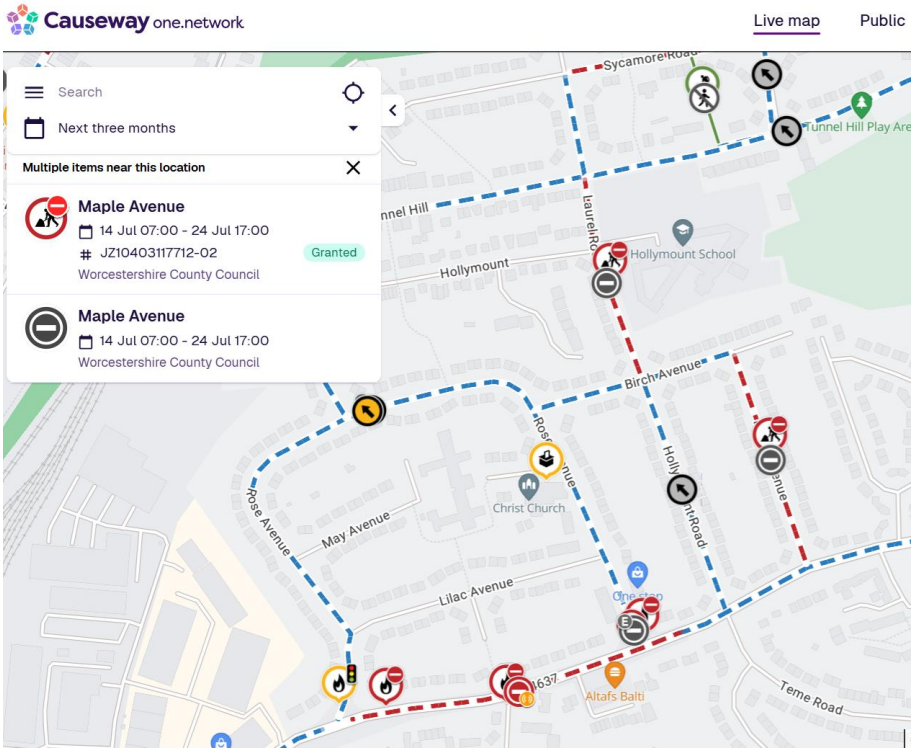
Overgrown shrubs on path from Tesco to Lyppard Hub

Tesco WV store manager has been requested to trim these back. It would be good to have this done before Warndon Villages Annual Fete



Notable road / path works in/near Warndon Villages - see *https://one.network/ for full details*

Tolladine Road closures between both upper and lower junctions of Rose Avenue until 13th July for new gas main installation **in several locations** – diversion via Sheriff St and Newtown Road. See One Network website for full details. Significant delays are likely.



County events: see Events | Worcestershire County Council

Other County News: see https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/news

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