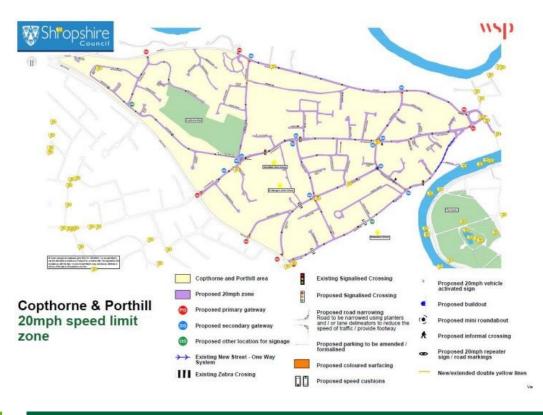
78% SUPPORT 20MPH

The autumn consultation about the 20mph zone once again showed high levels of support for the scheme. 78% of people who responded either strongly supported or tended to support the idea.

The zone is coming, but, frustratingly, there have been delays. Active Travel England, who are paying for the work, asked for some improvements for pedestrians. Contract changes at Shropshire Council have added a few weeks to the timescale. The money is in place so I'm confident this will happen. I am as keen as you are to see this go ahead as soon as possible.



SHORT TERM LETS

I joined two local meetings earlier this year about worries over the rising number of short-term holiday lets. The risk is that there are fewer homes available for rent and that houses may become a nuisance to neighbours.

I am helping to set up a councillor working group to look at this in time for some expected changes in the law, so that Shropshire does what it can to make homes available for local people, and to ensure holiday lets are well managed. (I have also declared an interest – you can see that on the Members declaration of interests on the Shropshire Council website.)

KINGSLAND RD AND LONGDEN RD

Residents have told me about long-standing concerns over the junction of Kingsland Road and Longden Road. I think safety would be improved if throughtraffic was prevented on Kingsland Road, whilst still allowing access to homes and businesses. Let me know your views.

Longden Road is used by many school children and there are safety issues for pedestrians and cyclists especially around the start and end of the school day. I am working with Shropshire Council on plans for better safety for children walking and cycling to and from Meole Brace School and The Priory.

Both a town-wide 'movement strategy' and cycling and walking plan will soon be open for comment. This will be an opportunity to make the case for local changes. Search 'get involved Shropshire' to find consultation pages.



ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

EV charging points are coming to a stretch of Copthorne Road. This will help residents without off-street parking in the area to convert to electric vehicles.



KELSALLS LANE

I have been pushing for action on the lane between Copthorne Road and Woodfield Road. For far too long the building site opposite the school was left unsafe. A new fence is now in place, although it remains an eyesore.

Meanwhile Shropshire Council, who own the lane, haven't got a plan for its upkeep, which relies on contributions from those who have properties along the lane. I will continue to push for some attention for the lane. Part of the 20mph zone plans should include safety measures at the junction with Copthorne Road.



****SPRING LITTER PICK****

Join me on Sunday 21st May, 10.30am.

Meet at Woodfield Stores, Woodfield Road.

All welcome!



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RIVER POLLUTION

Like many rivers in the country our rivers are being polluted by sewage, much of which is illegally dumped.

Last year sewage overflowed into local rivers 1,482 times!

In March I won support to get Shropshire Council to take more action on this. The vote followed a well-attended Shrewsbury Town Council meeting on the issue.

Much more investment is needed by Severn Trent Water. I will be working to hold them to account, to get them to come clean on the impact of new development and to push them to speed up on investment. The council can and should make sure new homes are only occupied once we know the system can cope.

We also need our MP to be more effective in pushing for faster clean-up of our rivers, rather than allowing long delays, whilst the water companies are still paying dividends to shareholders and bonuses to executives.

Shropshire councillors to call for rules to protect water quality

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Stricter requirements could be brought in to ensure new developments do not add to existing water quality concerns in the county.

The motion, put forward by Green councillor Julian Dean, says the council has an obligation to protect the county's rivers and watercourses.

STREETLIGHT FIXED

It took a while but this streetlight on Granville Street has now been fixed, without damaging the tree. You can report broken street lights, and other issues, on FixMyStreet, and I'll get an alert: fixmystreet.com



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