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District Councillor's report Ullenhall Parish Council 7th July 2026

If you need to contact me, please email me as I aim to respond within 24 hours otherwise leave a message on my mobile phone. I am here to help you.

Development in and around the ward of Wootton Wawen – my view

As you will know, the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) (Regulation 19) options were published recently and the nearest site to Ullenhall would be in Henley in Arden on the old golf course which is on the north side of Henley. This site will also have additional infrastructure such as possibly a 6th form college and a medical centre. A relief road is also planned to exit close to the A4189 near Mayswood road. It is this relief road that may cause some concern as it will funnel traffic to the traffic lights towards Warwick, East along the A4189 to Mappleborough Green or south towards Stratford using Mayswood Road. The full plans have yet to be brought forward so nothing is absolutely certain, but these would appear to be the biggest possibilities. The District Councillor, Parish Council for Henley in Arden and myself support this development in principle because if we must build, as the government has told us, this represents a suitable location near to the town centre, access to the railway station and brings infrastructure with it. This is expected to take just under 2000 houses. The vote to approve the plans to go to consultation has been delayed until the 15th of July due to a by election being caused by the resignation of the Lib Dem councillor for Kinwarton which includes Wilmcote. The timing of the resignation was interesting because it immediately meant that the original vote scheduled for earlier in June could not go ahead as I pointed out to the Party leaders and the Chief Executive at SDC. After consultation with legal experts, they agreed with my assessment.

The Links to all the published papers for the SWLP are as follows:

The agenda papers for the Joint Committee on 14th were published on Friday [Agenda for Joint Cabinet Committee on Tuesday, 14th July, 2026, 6.00 p.m. | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#).

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Appendix 1 of those papers is the draft version of the Regulation 19 consultation itself. [Appendix 1 - Publication draft South Warwickshire Local Plan.pdf](#)

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Appendix 9 is a schedule of the main changes since 28th May version was published. [Appendix 9 - Reg 19 Amendments Schedule Jul 26.pdf](#)

There is also a tracked change version on the SWLP website at [South Warwickshire Local Plan](#). Please note: this version has no status and is published for information purposes only.

We are also hosting a SDC online member briefing this **Friday at 10.30am**. For those who cannot attend, there is a further briefing **Friday at 6pm** for parish, town, district, and county councillors across South Warwickshire. The purpose of the briefing is to (1) outline the content of the plan highlighting the main changes and (2) explain how to respond to the consultation.



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There is also a site that isn't in the plan that is likely to submit an application. This site is to the south of Henley and "wraps" around **Blackford Mill** and will have two exits, one onto the A4189 Warwick Rd houses., the other onto the A3400 Stratford Rd (opposite the Birmingham City training ground). You may have received a letter from a company called SP Broadway inviting you to a public consultation for the potential site being developed by Mac Mic Strategic Land. At this point in time the district councillor and Parish Council for Henley and myself do not support this proposal.

It is clear that the SWLP will not please everyone and whilst the original proposal for 6,800 houses at Bearley/Wilmcote have been dropped out of the Regulation 19 version, 3000 of those houses have been "tacked" onto Bidford on Avon which more than doubles the size of the town with the main "chunk" now allocated to Long Marston. The Long Marston site will be expected to take thousands of new houses possibly twice as many as were allocated to Bearley/Wilmcote, but this depends on building a new relief road costing £250m and unlikely to be completed before 2035. The uncertainty around the funding of this relief road and the slow rate of potential building until the road is completed could be a problem when the SWLP goes to the Building Inspector for examination, later this year, and could mean the plan is rejected. If this happens then a new set of rules mean that it could be another two years before a new plan is submitted with even bigger targets.

In addition, there are potential developments proposed for land bordered by the Alcester Road and also for land around the Keyte Garden's site.

In total we could see around 300 to 400 new houses being built within the Wootton Wawen Village boundary which far exceeds the level required for a local service village and far exceeds any published housing need survey. Whilst some development is obviously needed to encourage young families to move to Wootton Wawen all three of the developments proposed within the boundaries of Wootton Wawen are driven by profit not by need. If it was driven by need, we would see only smaller affordable houses not 4 bedroomed houses that will be market priced. Keyte gardens, in particular was 14 affordable houses which if the village magazine is correct would be swamped by up to 80 new houses of which most will not be affordable houses. The planners opposed the original Keyte Gardens development, as I did at the time, but the planning committee approved. Many of the dwellings in Keyte Gardens were allocated to former residents of the Allens Caravans site (more correctly it is a park home site).

In the meantime due to a lack of foresight by the district council our 5 years housing land supply number has fallen to 2.2 years, the minimum should be 5 years, which means that developers now have the upper hand in planning and can bring plans forward for consideration in areas where we would not want development i.e. on green belt land. Developers can hold the district council to ransom and negotiate away affordable housing and infrastructure using the argument of viability. The district council blame the government for the increased target of 1100 new homes per year but this new target was known way back in 2024 as I specifically raised this in a councillors meeting with the planning department and challenged their view, as I was adamant that this target would be imposed upon us, the council disagreed and we are all possibly going to pay the price for this huge mistake by the district council and the current administration, in not reacting to the problem two years ago with applications for settlements in locations where we might not want them. The current Lib Dem administration appears to have been "asleep at the wheel" and have not come up with a plan B in the last two years to rectify the 5-year housing land supply.

All of these developments will have a direct impact on Ullenhall as the traffic has to go somewhere. This could potentially mean over 7,000 vehicle movements each day. Our roads and lanes will definitely be a lot busier if all of these are approved.

Other News

Changes to publication of Councillors' home addresses -From 29 June 2026, local authorities will no longer be required to publish the home addresses of elected or co-opted members in councillors' registers of interest.

The introduction of Section 32A of the Localism Act 2011 confirms that a member's home address must not be included in a local authority's public register of interests unless the member has specifically requested its publication.

Stratford District Council will implement this change with immediate effect, ensuring compliance ahead of the 29 June 2026 deadline. This will apply to all councillors within the district.

Members will still be required to provide their home address (and details of any land they own) as part of their register of interests submitted to the Monitoring Officer. However, home addresses will be withheld from the public version of the register unless the councillor expressly requests otherwise.

If you have any queries, please contact the Monitoring Officer: monitoring.officer@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Every Councillor must complete a Register of Interest form when they are elected or co-opted as a member of their Council. They must also update it when the information in it is no longer accurate, or if they gain more interests that are not already listed.



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Register of Interest forms are important because they tell you about any interests that might affect the Councillor's discussions or any decisions they make in their role as Councillor.

The Monitoring Officer of Stratford-on-Avon District Council holds Register of Interest forms for all District Councillors. He also holds Register of Interest forms for Parish and Town Councillors in the Stratford-on-Avon District Council area.

Please go to our [district councillors](#) page to find out about Stratford-on-Avon District Councillors. You can click on an individual Councillor's name to read more about them, including their Register of Interest form.

Find out more about Parish and Town Councillors in the Stratford-on-Avon District area on our [contact details for parish councils](#) page. You can click on a Parish or Town name to read a list of the Councillors who serve that area, then click on an individual Councillor's name to find their Register of Interest form.

Stratford-on-Avon District Council has successfully obtained a grant of £2,250 from the Chewing Gum Task Force, administered by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, to help clean up chewing gum and reduce chewing gum littering.

The District Council is one of 50 local authorities across the country that have successfully applied to the Chewing Gum Task Force, now in its fifth year, for funds to clean chewing gum off pavements and prevent it from being littered in the first place.

The clean-up operations will be carried out in targeted areas of Stratford-upon-Avon and Southam by the Council's street cleansing contractor, Biffa Waste Services, in August 2026 using specialist cleansing equipment.

The Chewing Gum Task Force grant scheme is open to councils across the UK who wish to clean up chewing gum in their local areas and invest in long-term behaviour change to prevent it from being dropped in the first place.

In the past four years, the Chewing Gum Task Force has awarded grants worth a total of £6.46 million, funding the cleaning of over 4.15 million square metres of pavements.

Monitoring and evaluation carried out by Behaviour Change - a not-for-profit social enterprise - has shown that in areas that benefitted from funding, a reduced rate of chewing gum littering of up to 86% was seen in the first two months.

Reductions were still being observed six months after targeted street cleansing and the installation of specially designed signage to encourage people to bin their chewing gum.

According to Keep Britain Tidy, around 77% of England's streets and 99% of retail sites are stained with chewing gum.

New homes must be ready for challenge of our climate -If we must have more new houses built, then they should be mainly affordable new homes that are also affordable to heat. This has become more of an issue since the Middle East war drove up the prices of energy. After a frustrating ten-year delay, a policy gap was filled when the UK Government recently published the long-awaited Future Homes Standard. This aims to ensure that all new homes will have reduced energy bills whilst producing significantly lower carbon emissions by mandating solar panels and heat pumps for most new houses.

The Standard will legally come into force on 24 March 2027. However, a requirement for homes to be delivered in line with the Standard has been delayed to 2028 to allow the industry to transition to the new requirements. This is much later than it should be - but is progress, nevertheless. Homes with energy running costs that are affordable over the lifetime of the property should be our aim, especially in a world where energy security matters more than ever. Every year of delay will see homes built to the standards of the past, not the future.

The Climate Change Committee also produced a Report in May 2026 that states that 'The UK was built for a climate that no longer exists today and will be increasingly distant in years to come'. We can't get away from the realisation that the UK has been warming faster than the global average with four of the last five years in the UK's top five warmest on record.

According to a recent Met Office's State of the UK Climate report, the number of days in the UK with temperatures above 28C has more than doubled and the number of days with temperatures above 30C has more than trebled in the most recent decade, compared with the 1961-1990 average. We are also seeing fluctuations from dry to wet periods and back again.

Adapting now will cost the UK less than dealing with the damages and disruption from climate change, but we need Government to create the policy environment. We also need financial incentives and information to allow local government, businesses, and households to protect their futures.



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Police Report

Incidents of a public interest from the last week: -

- ALCESTER Vehicle Crime. Car park of business, Crooks Lane. Yellow Suzuki DRZ 400 motorcycle stolen. 1.10am Monday 29th June. 0027 29/06/2026
- GREAT ALNE Vehicle Crime. Spernal Lane. Grey Land Rover Defender stolen. 11.10pm Wednesday 1st July. 0103 02/07/2026
- SALFORD PRIORS Theft. Electric Sub Station, Cock Bevington Road. 3 Males disturbed at the location stealing copper wires. Offenders had cut fences in order to gain access. They left in a shiny, plum coloured large van. 9pm Tuesday 30th June. 0434 30/06/2026
- WILMCOTE Burglary. Arden Close. House entered and car key stolen. Subsequently a Black Audi A3 was also stolen from the premises. Early hours of Tuesday 30th June. 0073 30/06/2026
- SAMBOURNE Burglary. Wike Lane. Premises entered and a Gold Range Rover Estate was then also stolen from the house. 1.50am Sunday 5th July. 0027 05/07/2026
- STUDLEY
 - Burglary. St Judes Avenue. Garage entered and tools stolen. Overnight 1st & 2nd July. 0089 02/07/2026
 - Theft. Store, Alcester Road. White slim male has stolen various items by way of shoplifting. 5.45pm Wednesday 1st July. 0406 01/07/2026
 - Theft. Store, Alcester Road. Further reports this week of the male with tattoos on his face stealing from the store by way of shoplifting.
- EARLSWOOD
 - Vehicle Interference. Springbrook Lane. Male wearing face covering and dressed all in black seen to get into vehicle on driveway to house. When challenged they ran off to a waiting car. 10.30pm 0493 02/07/2026
 - Attempt Burglary. Umberslade Road. Several males have been seen to jump into private garden and try the door to rear of property. Entry was not gained. These males left in a red new shape ford fiesta with a panoramic sunroof. 10.55pm Tuesday 30th June. 0500 30/06/2026

If you become aware of a crime or a police issue then we encourage you to call us straight away, rather than using social media as an information platform. "A post on social media is not a report to the police and as we do not monitor social media pages, we often do not find out about these incidents until it is too late. "If a crime is in progress call 999, if you wish to report an incident you are aware of that is not time critical you can call 101." If you have any information regarding the above incidents, please contact us quoting the incident number shown at the end of the entry. This can be done via 101 or on our online portal on the Warwickshire Police Website. How to tell us about an existing case or report | Warwickshire Police If you would rather pass on information anonymously, please consider the independent charity Crimestoppers. They can be contacted by phone on 0800 555 111 or via their online reporting portal - Giving information anonymously | Crimestoppers

Two new multi-directional automatic speed cameras have been installed on the A46 between Stratford-upon-Avon and Alcester.

The installation is the result of collaboration among key stakeholders within the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership to improve road safety in Warwickshire. Between 2021 and 2025, there have been 3 fatal, 8 serious and 22 slight injury collisions on this stretch of road, classifying it as a 'high harm route'. The majority of these collisions were found after investigation to be caused by road users 'failing to look properly or failing to judge the other person's path or speed. Careless/reckless, in a hurry, loss of control, and exceeding the speed limit are also among the top 10 factors contributing to collisions. Evidence gained over many years demonstrates that speed cameras are extremely effective at reducing road casualties, especially those of a higher severity.

Funding opportunities

I highlighted these in last month's report so for more details please go to the June report or to the SDC website

Community Climate and Nature Fund - Apply Now!

Have you got a green idea?

The Community Climate and Nature Fund has been reopened for a Fourth Round. The budget for this round is £200,000, and the upcoming deadline for applications is Monday 27th July 2026. [Find out more and apply here.](#)

The Community Climate and Nature Fund is an initiative run by Stratford-on-Avon District Council that provides funding to local councils, community groups, and charities to reduce carbon emissions and improve local biodiversity.



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Wilder

Communities Grant - The Wilder Communities project is being delivered in collaboration with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, with funding available for biodiversity enhancements including wildflower planting and tree planting at community sites across the district.

Eligible sites are as follows:

- School grounds (primary and secondary).
- Playgroup grounds.
- Social housing green spaces.
- Churchyards.
- Playing fields and recreation grounds that are owned by parish and town councils and community centres.
- Parks e.g. those owned by District Council.
- Village verges and green spaces.
- Allotments.
- Nursing homes (with public access to a business within the grounds).
- Local community hubs and businesses.
- Village Hall and Community Centre grounds.
- Shared green space, such as local multi-resident owned land.

Find out more <https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/dunsmore-living-landscape/wilder-communities>