

Councillor Paul Hopfensperger

Report to Howard Estate Association of Residents and Tenants (H.E.A.R.T.) Monday January 21, 2019

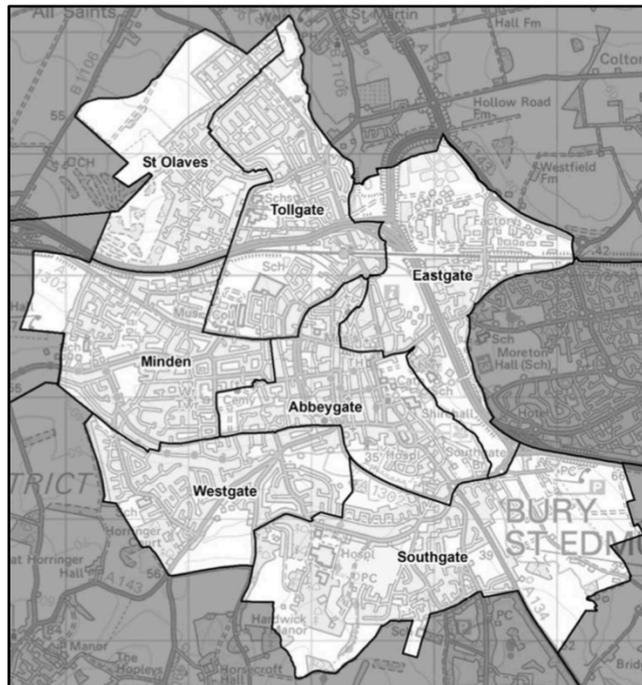
1. Colin and Jo White Fundraising



You may have seen on the front page of the [Bury Free Press](#) on Friday December 28th, where thanks to everyone on both the Howard Estate, and indeed people from all over Bury St Edmunds, I joined the H.E.A.R.T. committee at Howard Primary School where a total of £8465.00 was handed over to Colin White and his wife Jo. As you know, Colin was left tragically paralysed after falling down the stairs at Christmas 2017. I'm sure we all wish them well for the future.

2. West Suffolk Council & Bury St Edmunds Town Council – 2019 Elections

As you all know, there will be local elections held on Thursday May 02, 2019. As I have reported before, On April 1st, 2019, **St Edmundsbury Borough Council** and **Forest Heath District Council** will cease to exist and will be replaced by **West Suffolk Council**. So when you go to vote, you will be voting for two Bury St Edmunds Town Councillors and two West Suffolk Councillors to represent you on St Olaves Ward. So here are two bullet points about the elections:-



- The new ward boundaries have been approved as shown above, and St Olaves Ward will cover all of The Howard Estate, all of Marham Park and a much smaller part of the Mildenhall Road Estate than previously.
- St Olaves Ward had an electorate of 3,055 in 2017, but with the new ward boundaries, it is projected that this will rise to 4,181 by 2023, mainly due to the Marham Park development.

3. Bury St Edmunds Masterplan Update

I am one of a few councillors, and the only St Olaves Ward councillor, who sits on the **Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Master Plan Advisory Group**. This prestigious group is responsible for helping to implement the **Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Masterplan** which was approved in 2017 following extensive public consultation.

3.1 Former Town Centre Post Office Building



We are now well underway with the re-development of the old town centre post office which will deliver not only the widened link that we have campaigned for now for nearly 13 years, but it will also significantly smarten up St Andrews Street South and provide additional town centre housing.

Barnes Construction have been appointed for the first stage of tender of a two stage Design & Build procurement process. A planning application will be submitted in February/March 2019, and work starting later this year.

As part of the development, 6 units of affordable/social rent housing will be provided on a separate site (**1 x 4 bed and 1 x 3 bed for Social Rent and 4 x 3 bed for Affordable Rent**).

3.2 What Next?

All attendees of the meeting highlighted their particular ways of progressing to the next phase of the Master Plan implementation. I felt that a general consensus was to move onto the re-working of St Andrews Street South including the bus station, but this will be confirmed at the next meeting.

4. Post Office in St Olaves Precinct – Planning Application Now In.



Things are moving on with the new post office and Café in St Olaves Precinct, and the planning application has gone in today. I think all of our efforts over the past couple of years have paid off, and I am very excited for both Alison and everyone on the estate, and look forward to getting the post office back again after 2 years!

5. Town Council to Employ 2 New PCSOs

I am delighted that the Bury St Edmunds Town Council will soon be employing two new Police Community Support Officers following our original one, Emily Howell, moving to become a Police Officer.

One PCSO will start towards the end of February, and all I can say is that you will all know this officer, and I am very pleased that they will be joining us. The additional one will hopefully be later in the year after having undergone the correct training.

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St. Edmundsbury Borough Council

Councillor(s) for: St. Olaves Ward
Please ask for: James Claxton
Direct Line: 01284 757382
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Application no: DC/19/0087/FUL
Date received: 16 January 2019
Determination date: 13 March 2019
Today's date: 21 January 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Consultation on application received by St. Edmundsbury Borough Council
Local Planning Authority**

Proposal Planning Application - Change of use from Use Class A1 (Retail) to Use Class A1/A3 (Retail/Cafe) to form a Post Office and Vegan Grocers with ancillary Cafe
Location 6 St Olaves Precinct Bury St Edmunds IP32 6SP
Applicant London And Cambridge Properties Limited

We are notifying you that the application detailed above has been submitted and is located within your Ward. It can be viewed by downloading it from the planning section of our website.

<http://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=PLDORPDLBYQ>

The supporting documents should be available for viewing within 2 working days of the date of this letter.

Yours faithfully
James Claxton
James Claxton
Senior Planning Officer

Planning and Regulatory Services, St Edmundsbury Borough Council, West Suffolk
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6. Sign in old Howard Primary School

I have been contacted by a resident of Howard Estate who informed me that there is a plaque inside the old Howard Primary School in memory of a boy who died of appendicitis in the 1960's. We are looking to save the plaque and either give it to his mum who still lives locally or re-install it into the current primary school. I will update you next month on progress.

7. Sheds/Wooden Buildings in Front gardens

You may remember a couple of years back when this residents association raised the issue of unsightly wooden buildings in people's front gardens after one was installed in Oakes Road for a mobility scooter. It took about a year or so to get it removed, but eventually the hut was removed by the resident after constant pressure from this association, Havebury and St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

I understand there are now others starting to spring up around the estate, and late last week I was asked to investigate these and will do so over the next month or so.

Paul J. Hopfensperger

21/01/2019

Cllr. Paul Hopfensperger

Independent Councillor for St Olaves Ward

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