



Councillor Mike Sole's monthly report

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all year round*

This is my monthly update for **July 2025**.

I am delighted to see that work is underway to make the bus stops at Breach (**Barham**) accessible for all bus passengers. This follows on from improvements last year in Kingston, and these changes, that I successfully lobbied for, will mean that those with limited mobility, wheelchair users and those with pushchairs will find it easier to access the **Fifth Trust**, whether students, staff or visitors.

At KCC I attended meeting in July of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee, the Flood Risk Management Committee, and The Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation Committee. I also attended the AGM of the Kent & Medway Fire and Rescue Authority. I have also had Canterbury City Council meetings of Cabinet and Full Council.

At KCC I raised the question of delays over Blue Badge processing times and received assurance that this would be reviewed.

I am aware that plots of land are again on the market in **St Augustine's** without full details of the planning restrictions on those sites. I have made the City Council aware, and enforcement officers have also visited and are closely monitoring a site where clearance work is taking place.

I attended the parish council meeting in **Adisham** and have been able to assist with grant funding for speed reduction measures. I also attended **Bishopsbourne** Parish Council and met up in **Lower Hardres** to discuss their parish council Highway Improvement Plan that will be used to lobby KCC for lower speed limits.

I took part in a successful joint surgery in **Bridge** with the KCC Community Warden and Kent Police Rural Task Force. It was good to discuss several issues with local residents.

On the KMTV politics show I discussed issues including crime, the cost of living, local government reorganisation and flooding where I challenged KCC to review the cleansing schedule of drains and review their capacity to deal with heavy rainfall.

Other issues worked on included school transport appeals, planning permission, pollution, ragwort, dogs, council tax, potholes, drainage, signs and road closures.



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