

# Mike Sole's Report

## March 2025



Kent County Councillor -Canterbury South

Canterbury City Councillor – Nailbourne



Do you remember all of those potholes that I reported to KCC, that disappeared off their system without being repaired? I raised this in a formal question at KCC Full Council and the Cabinet Member for Highways acknowledged that something had gone very wrong. I asked for a full review to ensure that no other reports had disappeared. I'm sure that it hasn't escaped your notice that since I raised this, there has been a flurry of activity with potholes being marked up, roads closed where necessary and repairs underway.

Planning for Local Government Reorganisation continues at a pace. I attended a very useful meeting of the parish councils in the district that was organised by Canterbury City Council. KCC, Medway council and all councils in Kent have now submitted information to government setting our various options for how Kent might be split into either 3 or 4 unitary councils.

In the meantime though, it is business as usual at Canterbury City Council. With elections to KCC taking place on 1 May we will have to see how they impact the political balance, but Local Government Reorganisation is a top priority for the government and if definitely happening, with KCC and CCC being replaced by a new (probably East Kent) unitary council, most likely in 2028.

It has been a busy month of council meetings, with full council both at KCC and CCC, meetings of CCC cabinet, KCC Growth, Economic Development & Communities Committees, and the Joint Transportation Board.

I met with KCC to discuss parish council Highway Improvement Plans. Items raised included Littlebourne and Barham 20mph limits, speed limits on The Chartham Downs, Church Lane & Gravel Castle Road in Barham, some new signage, and bus stop enquiries.

I attend parish council meetings in Barham and Littlebourne and was very pleased to be invited to speak to pupils at St Edmunds school about why local politics matter.

**Over the last four years I have enjoyed being your KCC councillor. I hope that I have made a difference to our local area, and indeed the wider Kent area during my term. It has been an absolute pleasure to have had this opportunity, and with your support I hope to continue after the election on 1 May.**



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