

Report from Cllr Dermot Bambridge WNC to Syresham Parish Council for the meeting on Wednesday 26th April

My apologies for missing the meeting but I will be in the Netherlands for a few days. Unfortunately, neither Alison Eastwood nor Charles Manners are able to attend due to other commitments and send apologies too.

There is not a lot to say since my report at the end of March but here are the latest updates and news.

Regarding the **Truck Stop**: Cllr Charles Manners has been contacted by a resident who refers to a report that she had commissioned by a noise expert that appears to be at odds with the revised report from WNC's Environmental Health Officer. Charles is seeking clarification on this.

Moving on to **other planning matters** and Shacks Barn Silverstone, DHL and other local employment site applications around Towcester. I have no new information on these since your last meeting nor any dates for respective committee meetings. I understand that June is likely to be the earliest date.

I mentioned last time that the **Sponne Arcade Car Park** in Towcester is due to fully open on 30th May. This will more than double the capacity to boast 150 spaces, additional lighting, CCTV, landscaping, and new walkways to make the car park safer and more accessible. New motorcycle parking and a bike shelter will also be included.

The **Boundary Commission** review consultation of the West Northamptonshire wards and the number of councillors serving them closes on 15th May.

<https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/local-government-boundary-changes-1/>

WNC is currently consulting on **school transport** seeking views on changes it is proposing to the Home to School Transport service. These changes are required to meet increased demand and operating costs, whilst also exploring opportunities to give greater flexibility for parents, support young people's independence and help to promote sustainable travel. This closes on 3th May.

<https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/home-to-school-transport-2023/>

Finally I hope you have received the emailed WNC Town & Parish Briefing magazine, which went out on Friday. It contains a lot of useful and interesting news about what is happening in this part of the county.

Dermot Bambridge 24th April 2023