

District Councillor's Report for The Mordens Ward SCDC

December 2021 & January 2022

Local Plan

Thank you to all who took part in the local plan consultation. Officers are now looking through all the submissions and are aiming to compile the draft local plan ready for consultation in the Summer.

2018/19 Accounts Audit

The Audit meeting in January has been delayed following resources issues with the external auditors having more staff of sick than anticipated. The meeting will now be on 4th February where it is hoped to bring the accounts to a close.

Green Bin collection

Green bin collections should now be back to normal, waste crews have struggled to collect any bins missed. Unfortunately, if your bin is missed you may have to wait until the next scheduled collection. If a missed green bin causes an especially difficult issue for a resident, such as someone who is elderly, disabled or receives an assisted collection, they are asked to call their Council to discuss their individual situation. South Cambridgeshire District Council: 01954 713 000.

Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant

This grant is aimed at businesses within the hospitality and leisure sector which were trading as registered Business Rates payers in South Cambridgeshire on 30 December 2021. These businesses could be eligible for a one-off payment up to £6,000 depending on the rateable value of each business. Businesses in hospitality, leisure and tourism accommodation sectors, who offer in-person services (like food and drink, experiences and lodging for holiday purposes). Eligible businesses should apply for these grants by 18 February 2022. Payments will be made by 31 March 2022. If you think you know someone who could benefit from this please encourage them to check if they are eligible via the link below.

[Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant and Additional Restrictions Grant top-up payment - South Cambs District Council \(scambs.gov.uk\)](https://www.scambs.gov.uk/omh-grant)

Five Year Land Supply

At a recent Appeal the five year land supply was challenged, I'm pleased that the inspector has found that the council does have a supply still despite the discounting of 978 dwellings that the council had included in their supply. The inspector found that 'the Council's housing land supply as at April 2021 was 5.6 years, a slightly improved position compared to 5.07 years at the time of the last appeal.' This is a relief but no doubt eyes will be closely peeled on the next published figures given the current climate.

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