

# FOCUS

ON LEAMINGTON CLARENDON



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## HUGE CHANGES FOR LEAMINGTON

### Our Town Could Look Very Different in Just a Few Years

**New developments across South Warwickshire and a shake-up of council services will have huge implications on our town over the next few years. Make sure your voice is heard!**

#### Warwickshire Unitary Authority

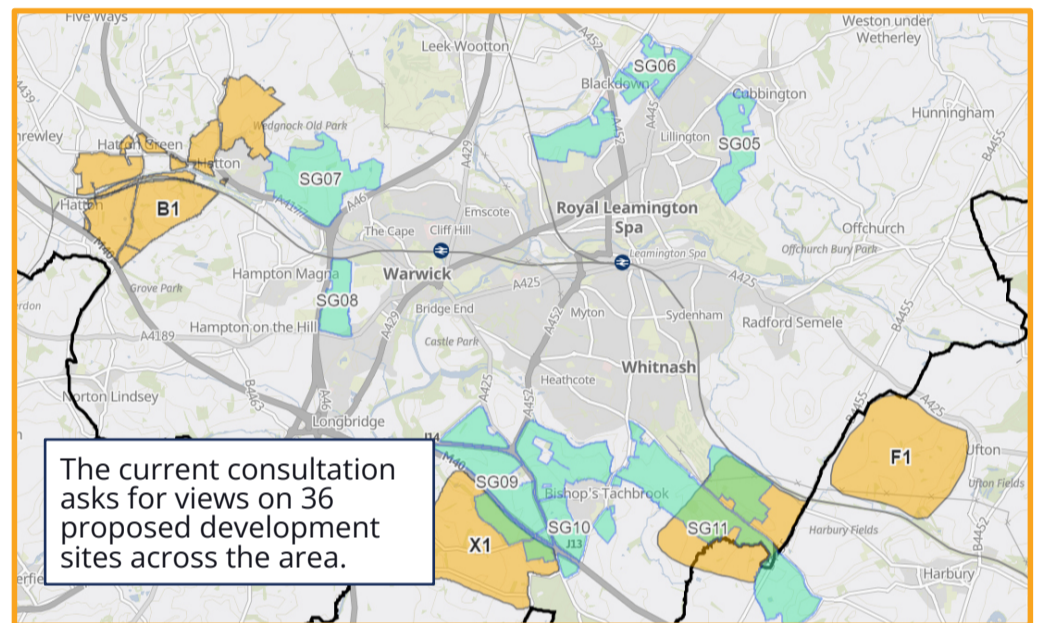
The government has announced plans to reorganise two-tier authorities - with county and district councils - like we have in Warwickshire - into single-tier unitary authorities. Plans about exactly what this new authority will look like are still unclear but these changes will radically change how our council works. Watch this space!

#### South Warwickshire Local Plan

The process is underway to agree a new local plan for South Warwickshire which will shape development across the area for the next 5 years. Several areas have been identified for new housing to hit the target of over 2,000 new homes that has been handed down by the government for South Warwickshire.

One consultation will run until March 7<sup>th</sup>, before a consultation on the final publication towards the end of 2025.

You can find out more details at: [southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp](http://southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp)



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### LOCAL ELECTIONS CONFIRMED FOR MAY 1ST

The government's decision to not press ahead with the reorganisation of Warwickshire's local government immediately has confirmed that **local elections will go ahead in our area on May 1<sup>st</sup>**. This will be to elect councillors to the County Council who are responsible for highways, social care, education and the local economy. Make sure you're registered to vote and have the correct Voter ID at: [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

### LEAMINGTON VISION



This new vision for the future of our town will have a huge impact on our community.

**The Leamington Transformation Board has published its vision for the future of Leamington, with huge implications for our community.**

The Leamington Transformation Board is made up of local organisations, including the county and district council, the university and local businesses. One next step will see the establishment of a new

masterplan for the Parade to reinvigorate the town centre.

#### KEY PRIORITIES:

- **Healthy People** - Promoting efforts to increase footfall in the town centre, encourage active travel and strengthen local networks.
- **Healthy Place** - Build a thriving business ecosystem through investment in the town centre and the re-purposing of vacant space for housing and workspace.
- **Healthy Planet** - Improving local air quality, greening the town centre and improving access to the River Leam and the canal.

You can view the full document here: [wdlibdems.org.uk/leamington-vision](http://wdlibdems.org.uk/leamington-vision)

### MEET MAX

YOUR COUNTY COUNCIL CANDIDATE



On May 1<sup>st</sup> we'll have a chance to vote on who will represent us at Shire Hall. They will oversee a vital period for our community, with the reorganisation of the council, a new local plan and a perilous financial position.

Max Langer lives in Leamington and is standing to be a strong voice for our area. Max works as a consultant in the public sector, supporting the NHS to tackle the unprecedented demand being felt by all of our health and care workers. He has expertise in delivering operational improvement in tough situations.

### Have something to say?

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# SEVERN TRENT ROAD CLOSURES

The works are a part of a £78 million investment to create two stretches of bathing-quality river in Shropshire and Leamington



Severn Trent have been working to build tanks that will hopefully return the Leam to a bathing river this year.

Max Langer said "This work needs to go ahead to ensure the River Leam can be protected from the repeated dumping of sewage which we have seen in recent years. However, Severn Trent need to be mindful of the disruption to local residents and ensure they are kept up to date."

Current and upcoming works are planned for these streets:

- Kenilworth Rd
- Arlington Ave
- Lillington Ave
- Binswood Ave
- Campion Rd

Full details can be found at:



"Fancy a dip? Wild swimmers could be taking the plunge in the River Leam by 2025"

Leamington Observer - 23/05/22

# NEWS & ACTION

## TAKING PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Graffiti, litter and overflowing bins are all too common. We want us all to be able to take pride in our local area and so are actively reporting issues across our community, like this bin on Kenilworth Rd. Get in touch with any issues we should be raising!



## LEAMINGTON LAGS BEHIND ON EV CHARGERS

Government data shows how, despite being a leader in the automotive industry, our area lags behind in its electric vehicle charging network. Warwick District has only 110.5 public chargers per 100,000 people. That is less than 6 times as many as nearby Coventry. We need rapid action to catch-up with the transition to EVs.

## DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR COUNCILLOR IS?

Local residents have been commenting on how invisible our local Labour representatives have been in our community. Attendance records show that our county councillor only attended 43% of council meetings last year. We need active representation, not a part-time councillor. So, next time you visit the ballot box ask yourself "When did you last hear from your councillor?"

## LABOUR GET THEIR PRIORITIES WRONG (AGAIN)

Labour politicians, locally and nationally, continue to fail to deliver for local people. From social care, to local services, to the climate, Labour simply aren't delivering the change they promised.

Firstly, the Labour government have decided to press ahead with a third runway at Heathrow Airport. This decision is expected to cause an **additional 4.4 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually** according to the Airports Commission.

Next, rather than taking action to fix the crisis in social care, the Labour minister has announced that action will be delayed until after a report is delivered **in 2028!** So, councils will have to wait another three years for any support.

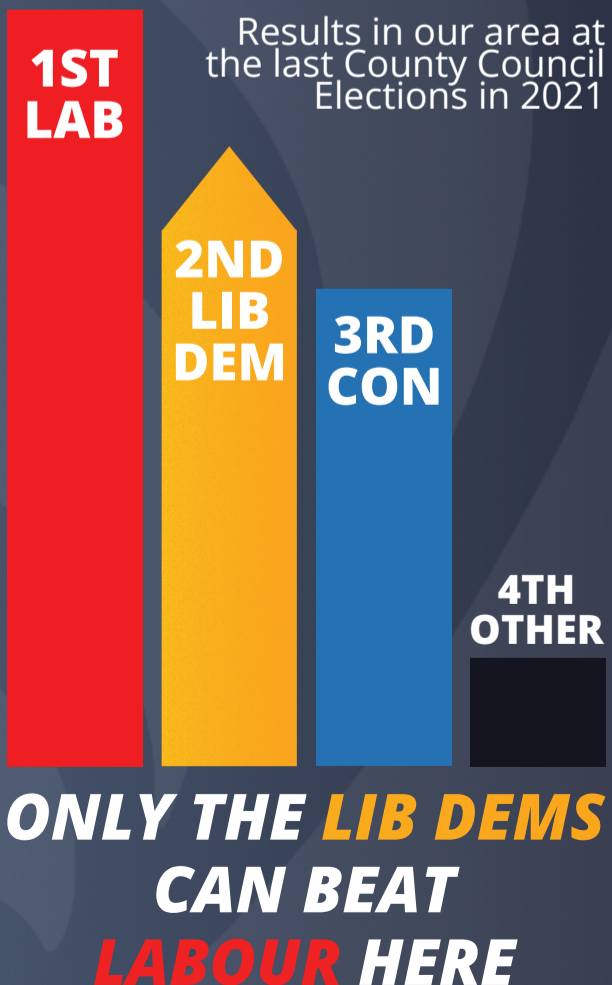
Meanwhile, in Warwick District Council, in a debate about the reorganisation of local



Labour are failing to deliver the change they promised to our country, and our community.

government, a Labour councillor for our area stated that **she wanted local council tax to be spent in North Warwickshire, not here in the south of the county.** So don't hold your breath for them to be prioritising Leamington anytime soon.

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## MAX'S PRIORITIES

Max Langer is standing for County Council to be a strong voice for our community

**1 Council services we can trust**  
From potholes, to SEND provision, to social care, council services aren't delivering for local people. As your councillor, I'll be a strong voice to demand better for our area.

**2 Care in the community** - As our hospitals come under increasing strain we need to transition to delivering better care and support for people in the community. I've delivered this change in my career and can take this experience to the council.

**3 A plan for the future** - With climate change and continuing technological changes in our world, we can't afford to stand still as a community. I want to push for bold action to decarbonise our area and give people the skills to prepare them for the future.