

Councillor McCormick's update on Borough and County

December 2025

Chalk Pit -

The updated application for the Reston/Sortera site is likely to come to the SCC planning committee in January 2026. More information is due when a meeting with SCC planners is held on 8th Jan.

Following the refusal of the Skip It application in December, we expect a new application to come forward addressing several of the concerns raised in the refusal. It may be that they choose to appeal the decision, but it is not felt that this is likely.

Several follow-up actions from an earlier meeting with SCC planners need to be progressed.

A meeting held with the MP and the land owner saw several action items which again need to be progressed and chased.

Mopeds - Epsom High Street

I brought motions to the Surrey County Council in October 2024 and the Epsom & Ewell Borough Council in December 2024 related to the moped issue on Epsom High Street and the surrounding areas.

Action to convert two parking bays outside the Town Hall into moped parking spaces has been agreed. Once these are repainted, we will leaflet the delivery riders and the restaurants with places to park and encourage them not to park on the pavement. I will also contact the delivery platforms again and share the parking info with them.

Update: The parking bays have been repainted.

I have a meeting scheduled with the Epsom BID manager to agree on communications to the delivery partners, riders and businesses.

SCC -

I raised this item at the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) meeting and it is included in the Joint Action Group (JAG) related to Epsom Square.

There is a new additional CCTV camera on the highway pointing into the entrance of Epsom Square to help with the JAG and the ASB issue in this area.

I still need to chase the delivery partners again for a meeting, so Deliveroo etc.

Epsom Downs - Derby

Epsom Downs Consultative and the Conservators have met since my last report. An issue with mounds on the Downs was reported, which relates to several mounds around the Epsom Downs.

Work on removing the mounds on the Downs is progressing and there should be an update provided for the upcoming Conservators meeting on 26th January.

Work to improve the parking defences in key areas will progress to help deter unauthorised parking around Derby. This piece of work is waiting on a quote to move earth to the site. Will be chased up prior to 26th Jan meeting.

The vending vehicle for the top car park is just waiting on a legal agreement to be drawn up and it will then be in situ. This is being chased up today (6th Jan).

The noticeboard artwork is complete. The designs should have been sent to the printer and installation will happen shortly.

Epsom Lane North hedge row needs cutting back following resident complaints. Trouble is being experienced in getting a clear ownership of who is responsible. I have obtained a quote to get the work done privately if needed.

Planning -

Planning committee in December was also cancelled.

The local plan examination has finished, and the planning inspector has written to the council. There are several areas to be updated and refreshed, which she will be writing back with more detail on. Main items are to revisit the land availability assessment and the green belt study.

Castle Road Footbridge -

I have pressed SCC for updates on where this project is. The footbridge has been closed for years now. Network Rail keeps on pushing the deadline down the path, as it were.

This item will likely be an election item.

Epsom Hospital Car Park -

It appears that building work on the multi-storey car park is starting. I am seeking further updates.

Again, the hospital is likely to be an election issue.

Langley Vale 110 homes -

This item has been pushed from the December planning meeting and is likely come to the January meeting. Still to be confirmed. I will be speaking against the application and have stood down as chair to enable me to do this.

This will be an election issue.

Increased comms and engagement -

I have booked Langley Vale Village Hall for resident updates in Jan, Feb and March.

I will be holding informal meet and greet sessions in Alex Rec and Rosebery Park, and may also cover outside Metro Bank.

Epsom & Ewell Silver Band -

I am again booking the EESB to play music in both Alex and Rosebery Parks in July and August again in 2026.

This generally comes out of my own pocket and is not covered by any council funding. Contributions are sometimes provided by RAs and or Friends groups, but generally each event costs circa £350-400 to put on.

Local Government Reform (LGR) -

A Joint Committee made up of SCC and District and Borough members to is being set up to create the framework of the new shadow unitary, select an interim chief executive, Section 151 officer and monitoring officer. It formally stands up in March after the Structural Change Order (SCO) is heard in Parliament and will meet three times before the elections in May 2026.

The first meeting of this JC is on 15th January 2026.

I still see the role of ALL RAs as key to providing support and representation to residents.

Community Governance Review (CGR)

The consultation has finished and the numbers and details will be shared shortly. The next step is to bring a proposal to full council in December which will go out to public consultation again with a further discussion at full council in March 2026 on whether to adopt or not.

At the full council at EEBC in December, it was agreed to take the second stage of consultation on CGR forward. I supported this next stage of consultation.

Personally, I have replied to the consultation and do not support the creation of parish councils to look after allotments at a £46 per band D cost per household.

We have been trying to improve allotments via the Environment committee and a separate working group for several years, with limited success. I am also concerned that the precept

levy from parish councils is uncapped, and it is unclear what may happen with key buildings in the borough in the future. I will be voting against taking CGR forward at the next full council meeting.

Case work continues through each ward, and my workload has increased with planning items taking most time and effort.

Election 2026 -

I am switching focus onto the election campaign and will be picking up key issues on a monthly basis to provide a focus for newsletters and resident awareness. Highlighting what I have done in the past 4 ½ years and the successes achieved is another item I am highlighting.

I have created a website for the campaign and will update it with correct information and structure over the next few days, but it will be at <https://mccormick.vote/>

I am pleased to have been selected for the Epsom Town & Downs division again with Kim Spickett as my running mate. We have already held a meeting with all currently selected RA candidates and are working together to coordinate possible efforts and efficiencies.

Any suggestions on what items of interest or blog updates would be welcomed.

I thank you all for your support and continue to try to deliver for our residents.