

**November Full Council:** Key decision report:

Framework and timescales outlined for the next local development scheme (local plan, not about the sites yet, that will come forward by March) - first signs of a “fired up” opposition party since May elections.

Motions debated including opposing terror and promoting peace and community cohesion; one from opposition party on action on violence against women and girls

(5 out of 8 attending councillors spoke during debates, including two maiden speeches (Cllr Marc Amron and Cllr Shailain Shah)

**September Full Council:**

Recycling initiative passed, food waste weekly collection from March 2025, enforcement of singleblack bin, introduction of opt-in garden waste service from March 2024. (Since this decision was taken, government response to consultation has been published which fully backs up our work, but still to clarify how they will define “new burdens”.)

**Other news:**

Well attended (by ward councillors) Remembrance day events in the wards, Cllrs Shenton and Shah at the civic office armistice day.

We have fulfilled manifesto commitment to open up the grounds of former Bushey Country Club to residents (well done to Chris and Maxie). The long term strategy for the site to be shaped by a new cross party member panel.

Progression on the Bushey-wide parking review

Issues raised over lengthy process involved in planning enforcement much to the frustration of residents.

Surgeries held in all three borough wards.

Group well represented at all local events of which we are made aware (museum, Bushey Forum etc.)

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