

For North Walsham Town Council

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From County Councillor Saul Penfold

North Walsham West & Erpingham Division

I have been working with Highways (including the Director of Highways) on delivering the Aylsham Road Safety Scheme. There is understandable frustration in the community as to the delays in the installation of this scheme and I share this frustration. The Highways Officer responsible has very recently confirmed that the signs have all now been delivered to the Aylsham depot, and that he is just awaiting the delivery of the 20mph roundel stickers to install onto the existing mantel signs on the Aylsham Road. Once these arrive he will confirm a start of works date with Norse and will let us all know.

At the Extraordinary Norfolk County Council meeting held at the Norfolk Showground on 7th June, Council agreed to the construction of the Norwich Western Link, to complete the Northern Distributor Road. This was a passionate meeting with sincerely held opinions expressed by those both for and against the scheme. I do have concerns about the new road, particularly around the environmental damage it will cause to the Wensum Valley. I will therefore be pushing for stronger environmental mitigations to be put in place.

I have now become a member of the County Council's Audit Committee, its Employment Committee and also the Norfolk Joint Museums Committee.

I also continue to liaise closely with my District Council colleagues on the Heritage Action Zone in North Walsham and on the North Walsham West proposals.

Many thanks

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