

Report to Eastfield Town Council Meeting on 09/12/25

Overall a busy month since the last report. We had a briefing on the budget situation at the Council and it's safe to say the situation is not good.

Residual Funding:

I had a good chat with Cllr Gareth Dadd the Executive Member for Finance & Resources. In the discussion he expressed the importance of coming to a consensus on projects to invest in moving forward and that any plan needs clear backing the community. He also pressed the importance that any plan needs to be "acceptable" to North Yorkshire Council.

Highways:

We have had news that Rich Marr our Highways Officer will be moving on to Ripon and we have a new Highways Officer Hannah Benson who started on December 1st. I have reached out to her for a chat to hopefully try and get some movement on longer standing issues.

Eastfield Medical Centre:

After some discussions between myself and Sanctuary Housing regarding the Link Walk building, Sanctuary expressed an openness to discussions, although I was unsure if EMC management follow up on this. It was then reported that Jamie Millard the owner of Fashionable Fitness on Dunslow Road has stepped in to allow them to use the old dental rooms on the premises. This I think is the best solution possible as the rooms are already to a medical standard. Hopefully the landlords can follow through with their March estimate for a re-opening of the medical centre.

Overdale demolition:

I received reports from residents about significant damage to pavements, driveways and grass verges from trucks related to the demolition on the old Overdale School site. I had a discussion with Stephen Cooke the project delivery manager. He has met with the contractors who will be instituting daily road sweeping as well as monitoring the situation regarding any potential damage. I have asked the residents who contacted me to keep me posted and I have been up to check on the road a few times myself. The

Council is aware of the damage to paths and it has been logged onto their repair schedule.

Casework Highlights:

Nothing noteworthy/relevant this month.