

Woodlands Park Borough Councillor Report September 2020

Borough Council

Council has kept operating through Coronavirus and meetings are being held online with the options to join online or by phone if you would like to listen in, or ask a question at the beginning of a public meeting. Please see the Borough Council website for more details [www.bedford.gov.uk](http://www.bedford.gov.uk)

Litter and bins

This has been an issue during the past few months and we have raised this repeatedly with the Council as we know have members of the PC and members of the public. The officers have been pretty stretched and so they haven't been able to undertake more collections. Philippa has highlighted this issue in the Bedford Independent (<https://www.bedfordindependent.co.uk/view-from-the-villages-littering/>)

Bin collections have now returned to normal, and the tip is operational with the booking system still in place.

Local Plan Consultation

The next local plan consultation is open until Friday (4th September) and we urge you to have a look if you haven't. The consultation considers the time period that the plan should cover and the broad locations for growth. The Council has made 6 suggestions of options some of which will affect Willington more than others, but you may prefer a combination of the options or have your own suggestions. It will be quite a difficult challenge for the council.

Track and Trace

The Council will now contact those whom the national team has not been able to contact after 24 hours.

Pavement Parking

Residents may be interested in the consultation that the Government is also running a consultation on parking pavement nationally with three options:

1. Improving the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process, under which local authorities can already prohibit pavement parking.
2. A legislative change to allow local authorities with civil parking enforcement powers to enforce against 'unnecessary obstruction of the pavement'.
3. A legislative change to introduce a London-style pavement parking prohibition throughout England.

This runs until 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-pavement-parking>

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