

District Councillor Report - Wythall West

Without a doubt planning queries from residents have been many and varied over the last twelve months and not all have been resolved satisfactorily. One running sore has been the section 106 funds from the Bleakhouse farm development relating to support for the S3 service and provision of CCTV at the station. I have at last ascertained that these are held by Bromsgrove District Council and the first drawdown was made earlier this year. This initial claim triggers a 6-year period in which money to support the service can be drawn and relieves a worry I had that we may have to return some of the funds if not used. The money for CCTV has been handed over to West Midlands rail and I will be chasing this up also. My thanks to a resident of Station Road for being persistent on this item.

It gave me much pleasure to be invited to cut the ribbon at the opening of Shirley Aquatics new home on Becketts farm as this shows we can attract new business as our transport connections are great and it will provide some local jobs as well. Other business development land is designated on the Phoenix site and talks have started to discuss bringing that into use. It would certainly give Wythall a boost and I will continue to work to support business throughout Wythall West.

Councillor Geoff Denaro