

Brickhill Borough Councillors Report to Parish Council November 2025

**From Charles Royden
and Wendy Rider**



Sale of land off Ashmead Road

Hundreds of local people are supporting our petition to stop the sale of land off Ashmead Road. Residents are horrified that the Mayor and his Conservative administration are proposing to allow housing developers to build over fields which only recently residents planted with trees. One of the most worrying consequences of the council bankruptcy is this fire sale of public property and our green open space in a desperate dash for cash. Once it is gone it is gone forever. A map and full details can be found on our website.

**Please sign our petition
on our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com**



Disappointment as works are scaled back

We have received the very disappointing news that the council are scaling back the proposed works on Avon Drive. The stretch of Avon Drive between Torridge Rise and Tyne Crescent will no longer be included in the scheme. This road has never received any resurfacing and is in a poor condition. Full details can be found on our website with a council explanation concerning overhead power lines

Work will continue until 11 November. If you wish to discuss working arrangements relating to this project please telephone the Highways Helpdesk on 01234 718003 or email highways.helpdesk@bedford.gov.uk.

Please let us know if you have any difficulties during the works.

Charles and Wendy are campaigning to protect waste services

Another outcome of the council bankruptcy is the attempt to raise cash from services such as bin collections. The Conservative administration is consulting on ways to charge for green bin collections and make black bin collections only three weekly. They are also consulting on significant changes to Barkers Lane waste facility. This includes making residents book their time slot before visiting to dispose of their waste and also specify what waste they intend to bring beforehand.

Collecting bins and offering a place for residents to take waste is one of the essential things that residents demand from their council and this is now under threat. The public response has been overwhelmingly against these charges and Conservatives have started trying to distance themselves from their own consultation process! Please send the Mayor and his Conservative administration a clear message that you reject these proposals by signing our petition on our website. You can find the consultation on the Council website and we would encourage you to express your views on these proposals.



[Resources Waste Strategy consultation | Bedford Borough Council](#)



Protecting Services Cutting Waste

Liberal Democrats have had some success already this year in cutting the waste and vanity projects of this administration preventing cuts to our essential services. However we are still currently spending £450,000 a

year just to maintain the Debenhams building which has no external tenants. The council is now bankrupt with a £14 million overspend and the Mayor will need to go 'cap in hand' to the government for a bailout.

- We stopped proposals to close multi-storey car parks from 10.00pm—6.00am
- We stopped cuts to tree maintenance
- We stopped cuts to winter gritting of roads
- We stopped cuts in grass cutting
- We stopped cuts to street cleansing

For the last two years our warnings to the Mayor about overspending have been ignored. We are worried that as well as the 'fire sale' of our green fields there will be more cuts. Already we have seen future proposals including

- Increased parking charges
- Increased council tax
- Cuts to libraries
- Cuts to grass cutting and maintenance
- Removal of public toilets



Thanks to Council Officers

Charles and Wendy have spoken with council officers concerning collection of bins and dog waste. This bin on Jackmans Walk has now been replaced with a new dual use bin following our request.

Police Priorities We have asked the police to target the riding of motorbikes and quad bikes through Clapham Country Park and Woodlands Park.

Help us keep in touch

It is always helpful to be able to inform residents of Brickhill with updates via our email list and if you have not yet signed up for this yet then please do so as this is the best way for us to keep in touch. We won't bombard you and you can unsubscribe at any time. Sign up here

www.bedfordlibdems.org.uk/sign-up

We always aim to respond to residents the same day or within 24hrs. If you haven't had a reply to an email please call us because they can go astray.

Brickhill Drive Shops Saturday 8 November 10.00am

Avon Drive Shops Saturday 22 November 10.00am

Brickhill Drive Shops Saturday 6 December 10.00am

Avon Drive Shops Saturday 20 December 10.00am

Brickhill Drive Shops Saturday 3 January 10.00am

Avon Drive Shops Saturday 17 January 10.00am

Brickhill Drive Shops Saturday 31 January 10.00am

*You can also speak with us or another Lib Dem Councillor
every Saturday morning 11.00am - 12 noon at Bedford Central Library*

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Working all year round not just at election time !

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