

## Meeting with Canterbury City Councillor Keji Moses, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025

In attendance: Keji Moses, Peta Boucher, Roshna Ahmad, Peter Campbell and David Wadmore

**Before the meeting, Peta had sent a preliminary list of questions to Keji. That list, with Keji's responses are below, in red.**

1. Can Keji support us in ensuring CCC enforce planning matters - ultimately, current local devts. are under the jurisdiction of CCC
2. Relief road -any update on CPOs in advance of JTB (March 18<sup>th</sup>)

Response: Email sent Ruth Goudie 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Please see response below:  
[Agenda for Joint Transportation Board on Tuesday, 22nd October, 2024, 7.00 pm | Canterbury City Council](#)

This is the link to the agenda for the JTB on 22 October where both of those matters were discussed.

Network Rail attended and gave a presentation at agenda item 18, including Sturry platform lengthening.

KCC included a progress report on Sturry link road. No further updates

3. Update on platform extension and rail programme -is there a budget?
4. Speed H. Bay Road -40-30mph -needs reducing now with new housing and TESCO etc.

**This will require collaboration with Sturry Parish Council and KCC Council to move it forward.**

5. Crossings needed -Island Rd and HB road
6. What happens when things are reported to CCC/KCC?–  
Dog mess  
Shelford  
Lighting  
Moto cross

- Request for Keji/Harry to direct us to appropriate contact if something is not within their remit

These issues can be reported online: please see links below:

<https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/environmental-problems/report-dog-poo>

<https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/environmental-problems>

<https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/parking-and-roads/report-problem-street-light>

You can also email: [serviceissues.councillor@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:serviceissues.councillor@canterbury.gov.uk)

And [wastecontract@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:wastecontract@canterbury.gov.uk)

7. Lease on Scout hut -is this able to be reassigned to enable community use? – **A conversation with Sturry Parish Council. I will make some enquiries with planning department to find out more about the lease. I was under the impression that the lease was granted to the scout hut by Parish Council.**
8. Has Labour Party motion re prioritising platform extension and suggesting preventing further house-building in the area until the road is sorted gone to CCC? **No**

### **The informal discussion followed the following topics:**

The meeting asked if CCC had a planning enforcement officer, and what, if any, was the Council's approach to ensuring that Section 106 agreements were followed up, to ensure that developers actually handed over monies agreed.

Keji informed us that there was a Planning Sub Committee, under the guidance of Councillor Naomi Smith that was looking into such agreements. KM said it was of great concern to all CCC councillors and that Councillor Smith was asking the right questions.

Mention was made of the S106 agreements for the Braod Oak development and Sabora agreed that they would revisit the planning permission to identify them.

Keji advised that we should deal directly with NS and make sure we copy her in on all communication.

There was some discussion about the new Tesco store on Sturry Hill and the over long delay in street lighting being in place. Sabora raised the issue of speed limits and pedestrian safety.

Keji was asked for support for litter-picking events, as a number of Sabora members are keen to help clean up our area. KM advised we should contact Councillor Cornell.

A discussion took place on the topics of fly-tipping, dog excrement and general dumping of unwanted household items. It was agreed that litter attracts more litter and there should be a campaign to raise awareness of help that is available and to encourage people to take pride in our area.

KM was asked if there was a street cleaning schedule in place for Sturry and Broad Oak. A spring clean event was suggested.

The meeting suggested that CCC should have an 'amnesty' for unwanted household appliances that some less well-off residents are unable to dispose of lawfully. KM agreed to look into this with CCC.

Sabora suggested a leaflet drop with info and advice to all households. Sabora would prepare this and KM would see if there was funding available on receipt of costing estimate.

Green verges: Could these be adopted by the Parish Council? The Sabora gardening group are keen to work on small spaces and to generally enhance the public areas. Hanging baskets in the High Street was suggested.

KM mentioned holding an awareness event on the problem of dog poo not being cleared up by the dog owners.

Sabora asked if there was a Highways Plan in place, especially in regard to crossings, speed limits and safe junctions. Sabora indicated their willingness to collaborate with the appropriate bodies.

The issues around the overgrown (and narrow) pavement on Sturry Hill was raised. KM agreed to look into it urgently.

The subject of extending Sturry Station platforms was raised. Although there is no direct funding currently available, it was considered important that, in the event of further delays or cancellation of the Relief (Link) Road, urgent reviews of how S106 monies may be allocated was needed.

Discussion then followed on the trigger mechanisms (houses sold and occupied) that would ensure that the developers released the funds. Sabora asked how much money has been paid so far. KM agreed to find out how such funds are monitored.

Following this discussion, Sabora agreed to email the members of the Joint Transport Board re funding issues. KM advised contacting Councillor Prentice who has in depth knowledge of local rail issues.

*The meeting thanked Keji for her time and clear answers and agreed that another meeting should be held in a few weeks' time to review progress.*

**Very quickly after the meeting, Councillor Moses replied with the following:**

**1. Highways Improvement Plan**

I've spoken with Ken Dekker, the Clerk for Sturry Parish Council. He confirmed that the Highways Improvement Plan has been submitted to KCC, and they are currently awaiting a response.

**2. Overgrown Verge on Sturry Hill:**

The Parish Council has contacted the owner of the land with the overgrown verge on Sturry Hill. While some clearing has been done, there is still more work needed.

**3. Widening Sturry Hill Road:**

I suggest contacting Neil Baker, KCC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to explore the possibility of widening the road. Additionally, gathering residents' feedback via a poll (e.g., on your page) could help gauge local support. However, please keep in mind that not everyone has access to Facebook, so the results might not fully represent all residents' views.

**4. Adoption of Verges:**

I had an informal conversation with Ken about the Parish Council adopting verges, but he's initial response was not supportive of the idea. This might be a discussion to take up with KCC. You can contact them via the following email to explore the possibility of verge adoption: [highwaylicences@kent.gov.uk](mailto:highwaylicences@kent.gov.uk).

Additionally, a formal request to the Parish Council would be needed to have this matter added to the agenda for future meetings.

**5. Spring Clean Event:** I will make further enquiries about organising a spring clean event and get back to you.

**6. Agenda Item 8:** I will also follow up on the motion under item 8 of the agenda.