

# Parish Council Update - October 2019

## Traffic Calming Update

It has now been five months since the Parish Council sent the independent report on the Traffic Calming Scheme to Somerset County Council Highways department. Despite regular efforts to arrange a meeting with them there has been no useful response forthcoming.

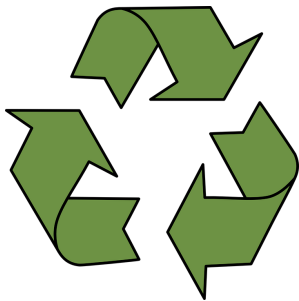
Due to this lack of engagement the Parish Council has now escalated the matter to David Fothergill (Leader of Somerset County Council) in a letter that highlights the lack of adequate response to the report. The letter requests his help to start discussions to move the matter forward.

A copy of the letter can be found on [the Parish Council website](#) or on the village notice boards.



## Recycle More is coming in 2020

The [September briefing](#) from Somerset Waste Partnership announces that their new “Recycle More” service will begin rolling out across Somerset from mid 2020.



In a nutshell the upgraded service will add a range of new materials to the weekly recycling collection, including a wide range of plastic food packaging, batteries and small electrical items. A new fleet of higher capacity collection vehicles will also be rolled out under the scheme.

Due to the increase in the amount of material being recycled, the normal black bin collection will move to a 3 weekly cycle. More information on Recycle More is available on [the SWP website](#).

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## Planning - even more voices?

The Parish Council is encouraged to see an increasing number of fellow villagers taking the time to send their views on planning issues to South Somerset District Council for consideration during decision making. This is very positive as it is very important that as many views as possible are heard to give balance to the discussion.



However given the apparent weight SSSDC places on feedback in numbers this trend needs to continue and even more people need to be encouraged to express their views on planning. This is especially true for the larger development proposals which will have the biggest impact on Templecombe.

There is still opportunity to express your views on the application to build up to [49 houses near West Street](#) and an application for up to 80 houses at Manor Farm is expected to be submitted before the end of 2019. Keep an eye on the PC website for updates.

## Parking Restrictions update

At the October meeting the Parish Council voted to bring our village into line with the requirements of the Highway Code and support the proposal to mark 'drop kerb' junctions with double yellow lines thus prohibiting parking.



Although there were a relatively small number of objections, the Parish Council felt that it was important to maintain a continuity of footpaths for pedestrians using the drop kerbs as well as improve visibility at these junctions for both drivers and pedestrians.

These changes are unlikely to be implemented until Spring 2020 which allows time for any additional parking issues to be raised and dealt with where possible.

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