

Councillor Liz Vickers – Fakenham Lancaster South Ward

Report October 2024

Community Centre Car Park

Residents raised safety concerns about the trees in the Community Centre car park. I commissioned a tree safety inspection which was carried out on 14 March this year. Remedial work was delayed, apparently due to the bird nesting season. Work was finally carried out over the weekend of 26 and 27 October. There were three trees that couldn't be addressed due to parked cars. The team will return shortly to remedy this.

Pavement on Norwich Road near the Junction with the White Horse Street Roundabout

The pavement in front of the new build houses on Norwich Road remains a tripping hazard. Widening the road and making the pavement safe was part of planning permission. I have asked planning officers to look into when this will be completed.

McDonalds

I met some residents from Holt Road to discuss their concerns about the planning application to build a McDonald's Drive Through Restaurant on the site behind Lidl. Like me, they have no objection in principle to McDonalds. Their concerns are primarily around traffic, road and pedestrian safety. I have also noted the NNDC Environmental Protection Report and share the reservations about noise control, light pollution and customer safety. I will be doing my utmost to make sure these issues are taken into account.

Update on 9 Norwich Street

Earlier this year I asked NNDC officers to seek independent legal advice to attempt to understand the legal complexities surrounding this case. The case is complex because the building is Grade II listed and is not owned by NNDC. Advice has been received recently. I met officers and the Leader of the Council, Cllr Adams. I have asked for a confidential options paper with cost benefit analysis to be prepared for NNDC Cabinet and members to consider at the earliest opportunity. However, as this is a live enforcement case, it will not be possible to publicly share this information at present.