

Greville Road News

**From your local Labour councillors: Peter Chowney & Jay Kramer
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Today, we have been calling on residents to see if we can help with any problems you may have with the County or Borough Council. We have produced this newsletter to help keep you in touch with what's going on.

Planning Application for Victoria Avenue



Upper Ore Valley: a 'brown field'?

A new planning application has been submitted for the Victoria Avenue site (between Church Street and Greystone Lane). The developer proposes to build 53 dwellings – 48 flats in three-storey blocks and five town houses. This is a reduction from the 73 proposed by the same developer (and rejected) last year.

This application is just one of half a dozen applications to build housing in Tressell Ward that are raising concerns. Recently, more than 120 people came to a meeting to set up an 'Action Group', to oppose over-development in the Ore Valley. Speaking at the meeting, Peter Chowney said: "Jay and I fully support the aims of the Action Group. We must oppose development in the upper part of the valley, and do all we can to ensure housing development in the lower part is of the highest possible quality."



Peter Chowney

"But the Upper Ore Valley is still classed as 'brown field' land and zoned for housing – I think it's important that we try to get this changed in the new Local Development Framework, which the Council is putting together now. We need to ensure this unusual habitat becomes protected open space for all to enjoy."

Jay and Peter are meeting with planners to discuss this further.

Problems with Rubbish

Many of you have complained to your local councillors about problems with street cleansing and dog fouling. These problems were caused by two things: several key council staff leaving, and a new refuse and street cleansing contract starting.

Jay Kramer has been dealing with many of the complaints, and says: "I think the Council could have done more to bring in temporary staff, but they have a new team in place now. We have had to arrange site visits to deal with some of the more difficult problems. Dog fouling in particular still seems to be a nuisance, and we are hoping to get more dog waste bins put in. If anyone is still experiencing problems or knows of an area that needs cleaning up, contact me or Peter and we'll try to sort it out."



Jay Kramer

Do you have any comments you'd like to make about the Upper Ore Valley or refuse and street cleansing? If so, contact us! See contact details overleaf ...

Some useful contacts ...

Dog mess and litter?



You can report any street cleansing or refuse problems on 0845 2741077.
e-Mail: refuseandrecycling@hastings.gov.uk

Untaxed and abandoned cars?



You can report untaxed and abandoned cars by phoning 783376, giving the number, description and location of the car, or e-mail: abandoned-untaxedvehicles@hastings.gov.uk. Abandoned cars are often in a dangerous condition – do please report them, and they will be removed!

Crime and anti-social behaviour?



You can contact the Safer Hastings Partnership on freephone 0800 0854500, or e-mail antisocialbehaviour@hastings.gov.uk. Or you can contact Alison Lambert-Gorwyn, the Police Community Support Officer for Tressell Ward directly on her work mobile number: 08456 070999. She works shifts, so leave a message if she isn't on duty.

You can contact your Labour councillors via the Town Hall, or:

Peter Chowney: Tel: 01424 436032 e-mail: cllr.peter.chowney@hastings.gov.uk
Jay Kramer: Tel: 01424 781983 e-mail: cllr.jay.kramer@hastings.gov.uk

Jay is also the County Councillor for Tressell and Old Hastings. You can contact her about County Council matters as above.

Jay and Peter are will soon be starting regular advice surgeries at the Bridge Community Centre – see local press for details.

Reply slip: Send this slip to Cllr. Jay Kramer or Cllr. Peter Chowney, Town Hall, Queen's Road, Hastings TN34 1QR

I would like to raise the following issue:

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Name:..... Address:

Telephone: