

County Council Report November 2023

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LDC Local Plan

It's great news for the whole area that Lewes District Council have ruled that the development on North Barnes Farm in East Chilmington to build 3000+ houses is not to be put forward for the new Local Plan. This was commonly referred to as "Eton New Town". The council has built an extensive base of evidence which shows that the site is "Not deliverable or developable".

Financial Outlook

The County Councils Network has revealed analysis that many of England's councils face overspending their budgets this year, as spending pressures drive up the cost of delivering services. East Sussex is also facing significant increases in demand for its services in particular Children's Services and Adult Social Care and pressure on its budgets.

The CCN is calling on the Government for emergency funding for children services this year and next in this month's Autumn Statement to prevent them having to undertake drastic spending reductions to other services and reduce their reserves to 'unsustainable levels'.

Be Deer Aware

MOTORISTS are being urged to take extra care on East Sussex roads over the autumn to avoid colliding with deer.

With the mating season in full swing, the risk of encountering the animals on the road increases and leads to an estimated 74,000 deer-related traffic collisions in the UK each year.

During autumn, East Sussex County Council will promote social media messages to share tips to help drivers stay safe on rural roads.

If a motorist hits a deer they should stay calm, park in a safe place with hazard lights on and call the police on 101, or 999 if someone is injured or the deer is in the road.

People are advised not to approach or try to comfort an injured deer as it may make the animal more distressed or cause it to run back into the road.

Over the next couple of months, East Sussex County Council will be sharing tips on its social media channels using the hashtag #deeraware.

More information and advice can also be found at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roads-transport/roads/road-safety/deer

In 2020 the Chief Exec of East Sussex County Council took over as the Chief Exec at West Sussex County Council in a partnership arrangement in place to support West Sussex.

The decision has now been taken to recruit a Chief Exec at WSCC and Becky Shaw (the CEO of ESCC) will return full time to East Sussex.