



# Councillor Mike Sole's monthly report

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This is my monthly update for **August 2025**.

The major issue this month is that Canterbury City Council have published details of changes to the draft Local Plan and new sites that are included will now be going to further public consultation in September.

As result of evidence from the last consultation, and careful reviews of issues such as highway and environmental concerns, the land north of the University of Kent and the land north of Hollow Lane, have now been removed from the draft plan. The council does need to plan to deliver a nationally set target of 1,215 new homes a year, every year, until 2042/43 and a recent increase in this target has added a further 1,149 homes in that period. This means that additional sites are now being consulted on to replace those that do not meet viability criteria.

The council made a specific request from landowners for more brownfield sites. Several have now been included, but there is still a shortfall that has to be filled by greenfield sites in order to meet the government's targets.

Some of the key sites, in or near my KCC area, that will be consulted on are:

- Land to the east of Canterbury, to include housing and a new Park & Ride and extra bus services through Spring Lane.
- As permission has already been granted for a new slip road off the A2 into the Wincheap Park & Ride, a new Park & Ride facility on some of Thanington recreation ground.
- Housing on land at Rattington Street, Chartham and Chartham Paper Mill
- Expansion of the National Highways lay-by at Ropersole on the A2 to add a further 20 HGV parking spaces.

The City Council have recently contacted parish councils about the capital grants scheme.

I attended Lower Hardres Parish Council to discuss Local Government Reorganisation and the Neighbourhood Plan consultation event in Chartham.



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