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MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025

MEPAL CREMATORIUM

East Cambridgeshire District Council began work on its £13 million crematorium at Mepal on Monday 4 August. The scheme is being paid for by contributions from developers which were meant to improve local communities facing pressure from local development.

GARDEN CLOSE SUTTON VARIATION OF APPLICATION

Planning officers have confirmed that the variation to the planning consent for the new Garden Close development (25/00667/VARM) requested by the applicant is to remove all affordable housing from the plans.

We believe this is unacceptable, and that the developers should continue to be obliged to provide the minimum 30 per cent affordable homes required by the district council's Local Plan for sites of more than ten dwellings.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSED CHANGES TO PLANNING SYSTEM

The district council has written to Angela Rayner MP asking the Government to reconsider its proposals to further reduce the number of planning applications that are determined by council planning committees.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- Wednesday 3 September: Planning Committee
- Wednesday 10 September: Licensing Committee
- Thursday 18 September: Full Council
- Thursday 25 September: Finance & Assets Committee
- Monday 29 September: Operational Services Committee

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

We will be at Joy Bistro, 65 High Street, Sutton on Monday 6 October and Monday 3 November at 6:30-7:30PM. Between surgeries, residents can continue to contact us by email, Facebook, or phone.

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District Councillors for the Sutton ward (Mepal, Sutton, Wentworth, and Witcham)