

Councillor Liz Vickers, Fakenham Lancaster South Ward, Report April 2024

1. I am continuing my campaign to resolve the situation at 9 Norwich Street. Two local people, a resident and a business owner, came with me to speak very forcefully at NNDC Full Council. A subsequent meeting with these residents, leading officers and the Council Leader, had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances but will be rescheduled for early May.
2. I attended NNDC March Cabinet to object to its proposal to apply for a Compulsory Purchase Order for the Shannoeks site in Sheringham, which I think is an unnecessary gamble with a potentially very large sum of Council Tax payers' money. There are many sites in the District more in need of this expenditure. Photos in the EDP, which showed the old Shannoeks Hotel side by side with 9 Norwich Street, may have misled residents. Infact, the Shannoeks Hotel was demolished in 2021, the site is cleared and ready to build. I understand that the site owner has expressed his wish to develop it.
3. Along with Cllr Joslin, I did a walk through of the Community Centre car park. I subsequently met NNDC's car park officer on site to review lighting, which will be updated and I have commissioned a survey and safety check of the trees in the car park.
4. Much of my work over the past months has been with residents. I was a guest at a lunch given by Fakenham Rotary Club, who responded very generously to my appeal on behalf of a local family in need.
5. The new footpath at Hall Close is now complete and new street signs are in place at Lancaster Rd, Jubilee Rd and Heather Barrow Court.
6. I am continuing my work on the NNDC cross party working group on Homelessness and as Jerome Mayhew MP's representative on the FLASH project working group. I have attended NNDC Development and Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
7. I hope the new bin collection rotas are working well for residents in Fakenham Lancaster South ward. Please get in touch if you experience any problems.