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June 2024

Following the announcement of a General Election on the 4th July, we felt it would be helpful to share the key dates/deadlines that we have at this stage.

Dissolution of Parliament	Thursday 30 May 2024
Publication of Notice of Election (the start of the election period)	4pm Tuesday 4 June 2024
Receipt of Nominations	4:00 pm Friday 7 June 2024
Appointment of Election Agents	4:00 pm Friday 7 June 2024
Publication of Statements of Persons Nominated	5:00 pm Friday 7 June 2024
Last Date for Registration	Midnight Tues 18 June 2024
Receipt of Postal Vote Applications	5:00 pm Wed 19 June 2024
Last day for Voter Authority Certificates	5:00 pm Wed 26 June 2024
Receipt of Proxy Vote Applications	5:00 pm Wed 26 June 2024
Appointment of Poll and Count Agents	Thursday 27 June 2024
Day of Poll	7:00 am to 10:00 pm Thursday 4 July 2024

New Blaby District Council Chairman Elected



Councillor Nick Chapman has been elected to the civic position of Chairman of Blaby District Council for 2024/25. Nick's nominated charity will be Leicestershire & Rutland Air Ambulance.

Councillor Janet Forey has been elected to the civic position of Vice Chairman.

We hope to see Nick and Janet in our ward of Fosse Highcross supporting our various functions throughout the year.

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Around the District

Special litter pick to end Blaby District Council Chairman's civic year

Blaby District Council Chairman Councillor Cheryl Cashmore celebrated the end of her civic year with a special staff litter pick.



Cllr Cheryl Cashmore, who is a regular litter picker with the South Leicestershire Litter Wombles, led the group event from the Council depot in Whetstone towards the Foxhunter roundabout.

By the end of the event, which involved fellow Councillors, Council staff and Litter Womble members, the team had collected more than 21 bags of grot.

The Council supports the Litter Wombles and other volunteer pickers with equipment and collection of filled rubbish bags.

Anyone can get involved by contacting the Council at [Litter Picking – Blaby District Council](#)

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Councillor Activities

During May there have been many training events, meetings, and social events, attended by one or both of your councillors:

- PCC Election Verification – 2nd
- PCC Election Count – 3rd
- Grievance & Standards Committee – 7th
- Scrutiny Work Programme – 8th
- Planning Committee – 9th
- Sapcote Parish Council AGM – 9th
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy – 15th
- Sharnford Parish Council AGM – 16th
- District Council AGM – 21st
- Local Plan Briefing – 22nd
- Training – Planning Committee – 23rd
- Elmesthorpe Parish Council AGM – 23rd

During June there are the following training events, meetings, and social events, that will be attended by one or both of your councillors:

- Aston Flamville Parish Meeting – 5th
- Scrutiny Task & Finish – Active Travel – 6th
- Sharnford Village Fete – 9th
- Planning Committee – 13th
- Sapcote Parish Council – 13th
- Police Beat Surgery – 17th
- Wigston Parva Parish Meeting – 17th
- Local Planning Briefing – 20th
- Sharnford Parish Council – 20th
- Sapcote Carnival – 22nd
- Sharnford Bacon Buttie – 22nd
- Scrutiny – HR Review – 25th

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News

Closure order for persistent ASB in Glen Parva

A flat leased by a nuisance resident in Glen Parva has been shut down after a closure order was granted at Leicester Magistrates' Court.

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Community Grants Scheme now open to applications



Charities, community groups and sports clubs can now apply for funding from Blaby District Council following the launch of the authority's 2024-25 Community Grants Scheme.

Exciting opportunities at our June Job Fair

Employment vacancies, career advice and volunteering options will all be showcased at our next Blaby District Council Job Fair.

The event takes place on Wednesday 5 June from 3pm to 5.30pm at the Council offices on Desford Road, Narborough.

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HNRFI Update – Examination

The Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange will remain in our monthly reports until the final decision is made by the Secretary of State



Executive Summary

Overview

An application has been made by Tritax Symmetry (formerly DB Symmetry) to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The development is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and is called the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI). While the Secretary of State makes the final decision, the examination process was administered by

the Planning Inspectorate (sometimes referred to as the Examining Authority or the ExA).

The examination has concluded, and the Examining Authority will send the Secretary of State their recommendation report by **12 June 2024**.

Even though the Planning Inspectorate has not officially published their recommendations Tritax Symmetry have entered the following agreement (see below). How could they possibly know the outcome before the Planning Inspectorate, or the Secretary of State for Transport has made a decision? We have written to the Examining Authority and eagerly await their reply.

Maritime Transport signs agreement for Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange

As part of the exclusive Agreement, Maritime Transport will develop, lease, and operate Tritax Symmetry's planned £750 million Strategic Rail Freight Interchange ('SRFI') at Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange ('HNRFI')



Maritime Transport, the UK's leading integrated road and rail freight logistics provider, will develop a 40-acre SRFI, which will be capable of handling 16 trains per day when fully operational. At full capacity, the SRFI will remove more than 83 million HGV miles from the UK road network. The significant volume of goods switched from road to rail could save around 70,120 tonnes of CO2 each year.

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New Local Plan



As promised last month, we are now entering the final stages of our new local plan and will keep you updated with progress.

Blaby District Council and Santander UK are seeking the public's views on a vision for a potential new community in Narborough and Enderby.

Hayes Gardens Public Engagement

The Council has been working with Santander and is proposing to put forward a 57-hectare (141 acre) site for inclusion into the new Local Plan, earmarking it for a future housing development called Hayes Gardens. The Local Plan will guide how the district develops up to 2041 and is expected to be adopted by the Council in March 2026.

If the site is allocated in the Local Plan and later developed, there will be several benefits. The benefits include:

- Up to 800 much needed homes.
- Increased publicly accessible open space.
- Potential solution to the traffic congestion on Mill Lane, Enderby and surrounding streets.
- Help towards the long-term financial stability of the Council, ensuring that we can deliver vital services in the future.

Public consultation

Prior to the site being put forward for consideration into the Local Plan, we are inviting the public to help shape the draft vision for the proposed new development, known as Hayes Gardens. Santander and Blaby District Council have appointed Meeting Place to lead on this engagement. Meeting Place will conduct consultation events and gather feedback through various channels, including:

Drop-in events

1. **Wednesday 22 May (2pm – 7pm) – Enderby Civic Centre**
2. **Tuesday 4 June (2pm – 7pm) – Council Chamber, Blaby District Council**
3. **Saturday 15 June (10am – 3pm) – Enderby Leisure Centre**
4. **Wednesday 19 June (6.30pm - 7.30pm) - Virtual/Online meeting**

The site consists of land within Carlton Park, Narborough and Enderby Golf Course. You will see from the table below that Santander owns 42.5 hectares (105 acres) and Blaby District Council owns 14.5 hectares (36 acres). Blaby District Council owns 25% of the land being put forward for inclusion into the Local Plan.

Over the next six months your district councillors will attend multiple workshops/ meetings as part of the new plan, these include policies and site allocations, leading to a public consultation at the end of the year.

If you do have any queries, please reach out to us.

More details and updates can be found here: <https://www.blaby.gov.uk/planning-and-building/local-plan/new-local-plan/>

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S106 Open Space Contributions

The following S106 Grant Funding was submitted to the Planning Obligations Monitoring Group:

Applicant	Project	Address	Amount	Decision
Countesthorpe Parish Council	Planting and Bench	New Cemetery Extension	£687.15	Approved

Sapcote Planning Proposal – Leicester Road



Rosconn Group ran a virtual consultation on a new development proposal for 80 homes in Sapcote, along Leicester Road.

We met with Rosconn Group representatives to hear about their proposals. We stressed the need for an in-person consultation, as many around the village had issues using the online form.

No planning application has yet to be submitted to Blaby District Council.

More info found here: <https://rosconngroup.com/sapcote/>

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Major Blaby District Planning Applications



23/0891/FUL – Former Smarties Day Nursery, West Street, Enderby
Erection of 21 dwellings with ancillary car parking, landscaping, drainage and amenity space including demolition of existing nursery buildings

Application Approved by Planning Committee on 9th May 2024

24/0143/FUL – Unit D, Optimus Way, Glenfield
Extension to front of existing Geary's Bakery (Class E (g) iii / B2 / B8) for additional bakery production space, together with additional car parking.

Application Approved by Planning Committee on 9th May 2024

22/0048/FUL – Land North and South of Lychgate Lane, Aston Flamville
Ground Mounted Photovoltaic Solar Farm with and approximate electrical generating capacity of 20MW.

Application Approved by Planning Committee on 9th May 2024

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Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Application

24/0434/NACOVS – Manor View, Aston Flamville Road, Burbage

Extensions and alterations of existing ancillary building to form early years nursery with associated car parking.

Local Minor Planning Applications

24/0278/HH – 49 West Field Road, Sapcote

Extend garden wall to incorporate part of front garden into back garden.

24/0388/VAR – Stanley House, Leicester Road, Sapcote

Variation of Condition 3 (Materials) to Planning Application 23/0951/HH.

24/0412/HH – 25 Billington Road East, Elmesthorpe

Proposed single storey extension including walk-out balcony.

24/0364/HH – Strawberry Cottage, Hinckley Road, Sapcote

Garage Store

24/0436/FUL – 20 Pougher Close, Sapcote

Erection of new Self and Custom Housbuilding Dwelling, which will be one and a half storey.

Demolition of existing outbuildings.

24/0441/HH – 41 Bridle Path Road, Elmesthorpe

Proposed extension to the side of existing detached house.

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