

### **Community Recycling**

I have learnt that all 17 community recycling centres are being closed. I have personally objected to the one being closed by Wilderness Wood but I have been told there will be no consultation. It has also been suggested by Cllr Gareth Owen Williams who is the portfolio holder for waste and recycling that this decision was taken by the previous administration. It is true that some problem sites (where flytipping was present) were closed under the old administration but this was on a case by case basis and in consultation and agreement of the local parish/town council. It is disappointing that local opinions are not being considered. The savings across the district is predicted to be £50,000.

### **Local Plan**

The Cabinet are moving ahead with a new local plan. It is scheduled to be released for consultation in early part of next year. But the devil is within the details, and specifically the housing numbers. The process is quite complex and compromises will need to be taken into account. I will try to explain this in person at the Parish Council meeting.

**Enforcement Matters** - Drakes Den – these matters are ongoing. I believe it's been nearly a year now since this was first raised. Issues of longstanding vehicles at Wilderness Wood suggest that these have been moved on by the owners.

A number of significant **planning appeals** are ongoing across the District. The latest was Bird in Eye housing development which was refused by the planning inspectorate which was a significant win for the Council. Others are ongoing.

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