

District Councillor report Lighthorne Parish Council 13th December 2022

South Warwickshire Local Plan

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Stratford District Council want to involve residents every step of the way and this consultation presents a great opportunity to have your say on the issues and options identified following your initial feedback in May 2021

Budget

SDC has started the budget process. SDC review the budgets for each Head of Service area together with the relevant portfolio holder. The impact of Covid means that this is the first time in three years they have been allowed followed this process. In 2019 the value of tourism to Stratford-on-Avon District was £476 million; in 2021 this had dropped to £320 million. This is a decline of 32%. The volume of tourists declined from 6.5 million in 2019 to 5.2 million in 2021. This was a decline of 20%. The difference between the decline in value and the decline in volume is largely explained by the drop in international tourists. International spend in 2019 was £61.8 million and this had declined to £9.9 million in 2021. This is a decline of 78%. In 2019 tourism supported 8,973 jobs across the District; by 2021 this had declined to 6,621.

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ity, and biodiversity, affecting the way we live, work, and spend our leisure time up until 2050.

The Issues and Options consultation will provide a second opportunity for residents to have their say on the emerging Local Plan, following feedback from the initial Scoping and Call for Sites consultation carried out in May 2021. It will include different options for selecting preferences to several planning policy issues and the policy options to address them. It will also set out broad options for consideration on where to best accommodate new development in the future.

The consultation will run from 9 January – 20 February 2023

Detailed information about the consultation and call for sites exercise will be available to view on our website www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp from the start of the consultation and a new portal will be used to submit comments. www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp

The Energy Support Fund

Stratford-on-Avon District Council has made £50,000 available to support lower income households who are struggling to pay energy bills this winter. The Council has partnered with Act on Energy, a local energy advice charity with over 20 years' experience helping people to keep warm and well. Act on Energy will administer the **Energy Support Fund** on behalf of the Council. Households with children could benefit from up to £500 and households without children up to £300. Act on Energy will make the payment directly to the household's energy supplier or issue pre-payment vouchers.

To be eligible households must have a gross income under £30,000 **and** no savings **and** someone in the household must be living with a vulnerability (eg a long-term health condition, in receipt of Personal Independent Payment (PIP), pregnant, recently made redundant or in receipt of free school meals)

Households can apply online at the Act on Energy website. Households will need to provide evidence that it meets the eligibility criteria, as well as a copy of their energy bill so Act on Energy can make the payment to the correct account.

Professionals from other organisations can also apply on behalf of clients once they have proof that the household is eligible. Referrers can apply using the same online form.

For more information visit <https://actonenergy.org.uk/project/energy-support-fund/> or call 0800 988 2881.

123+ Waste Collection service

The new 123+ Waste Collection Service, is achieving improved recycling rates and reduced carbon emissions across both Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick Districts since its launch on 1 August 2022.

This new service collects 287,000 bins from 135,000 households across both Districts each week and is already showing a reduction of more than 33% of general waste and an increase of over 10% in the amount of waste being recycled in Stratford District.

The new separate weekly food waste service is collecting over 200 tonnes per week which is being converted to generate clean energy and reducing harmful greenhouse gases at landfill sites in line with the climate change objectives of both Councils.

Christmas recycling and rubbish collections

Your refuse, recycling and food waste collections will change over Christmas and New Year

From Monday 26 December 2022, your collections will be a day later than scheduled.

Normal collection date	New collection date
Monday 26 December	Tuesday 27 December
Tuesday 27 December	Wednesday 28 December
Wednesday 28 December	Thursday 29 December
Thursday 29 December	Friday 30 December
Friday 30 December	Saturday 31 December

Collections will take place as normal on Monday 2 January 2023.

Please ensure your bins are presented at the edge of your property by 6am on your collection day.

Green bin collections suspension

Green bin collections will be suspended for two weeks from Monday 26 December 2022 to Friday 6 January 2023, to allow our crews to prioritise the additional recycling and food waste that accrues over Christmas.

If you have any garden waste over this time that can't wait for the next collection, you can take it to your [local recycling centre](#)

Green bin collections will resume from Monday 9 January 2023.

Download our app!

Our dedicated app will let you know what bin to put out and will keep you updated of any changes to services in the event of bad weather or other disruptions.

You can win £100 throughout the month of December just by having the app! There's three chances to win, so don't delay – [Download it today!](#)

Bad weather disruption

In the case of snow, ice or other bad weather some services may be disrupted – please check our website for details of any service disruptions. We'll also notify you through the app.

Recycling wrapping paper and Christmas cards

Wrapping paper and Christmas cards can be recycled in your blue-lidded wheeled bin.

We **cannot** recycle foil wrapping paper, glittery wrapping paper, glittery cards, ribbons, bows and tape.

For a full list of what can be recycled please visit our [recycling pages](#).

Extra recycling over Christmas?

Put extra recycling in a sturdy container or red box and place beside your blue-lidded wheeled bin. Please flatten or cut large cardboard in pieces no larger than 1m x 1m.

Side waste

We are not able to collect any side waste from your grey bin or food caddy. Please ensure that all waste is inside your bin or caddy.

Christmas tree recycling

We'll be collecting real Christmas trees from Monday 9 January to Friday 20 January 2023, and you don't need to have a green bin permit subscription to have yours collected. Please ensure that all lights and decorations have been removed from the tree. Any tree that is over 5ft tall must be cut in half.

Leave your tree outside in a place that's not obstructing the highway and we'll collect it for you.

If you're subscribed to the green bin service, you can chop it up and put it in your bin.

Other ways to recycle your Christmas Tree

You can also take your tree to the nearest recycling centre – [find your nearest recycling centre](#)

Stratford-on-Avon District Council closure and reporting missed collections

Stratford-on-Avon District Council will be closed from 2pm on Friday 23 December 2022 and will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023. However, the refuse, recycling and food waste collection crews will continue to work during this time, including the New Year Bank Holiday.

Missed refuse, recycling and food waste collections can continue to be [reported online](#) during this time or through the app. Please leave your bins out in the normal place and we will return to empty.

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