



Focus On North Taunton Online

From your Liberal Democrat District Councillor
Lee Baker



More Affordable Homes for You

The major housing development in Priorswood is now planned to finish ahead of schedule.

Somerset West and Taunton is spending £14.5m building new council homes and refurbishing others. These will replace the Woolaway houses that were built as an emergency stopgap measure after World War 2. They will be replaced by houses built to high-environmental standards meaning cheaper bills for tenants.

The first phase will see 47 properties and a community centre built by late 2022 with the additional phases of 227 new homes and the refurbishing of 27 homes delivered over 8 years, rather than the 12 originally planned.

Lee is delighted with this: "The impact that regeneration will have on the area is vital and I am glad we will be able to provide more affordable homes and green spaces for local people".



Lee Baker pictured outside demolition works on Rochester Road and the Woolaway project office.

Happy Birthday 'Eastwick Hole'

Lee wants wish the 'Eastwick Hole', a hole left by Somerset County Council after digging out a tree, a happy first birthday after a year of inactivity to fill it in.



Once lockdown is over, Lee looks forward to a pothole party - maybe the Council might provide a free bar? Next step is the Guinness Book of Records for the longest man-made hole!

Funding for Town Centre and Communities

As part of the Council's plans for Taunton, not only has Somerset West and Taunton (SWT) allocated £200,000 towards improving Taunton town centre, it was also successful in obtaining £14m to help finally deliver development at Firepool.

Plans for Firepool include a digital innovation centre to support local businesses, a cinema, a potential performance venue and new homes. These will be set around a boulevard leading from the train station. Expect to see work start in April!

Lee is also extremely pleased the Liberal Democrat administration at SWT have set aside £100,000 from the 2021/22 budget to enhance our communities through increasing litter collecting, providing new bins and refurbishing play parks.

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A HUGE THANK YOU!

Lee would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported the community during the Lockdowns.