

My report for November is as follows:

Cllr Smith, District Councillor Report - November 2024

District Matters

Recycling: The kerbside collection of batteries is going well.

New Waste Depot: Work is now underway on a new depot in Grantham which will be for bin collection, street cleaning and parks maintenance teams. This new depot is needed as the current depot was built in 1970's, is close to residential properties and is no longer adequate or fit for purpose. The new depot is costing £8.8m and is due to be operational 2025/26

Cattlemarket Car Park in Stamford: SKDC have recently approved the expansion of this car park. The adjacent brownfield land will be used to create 146 new car parking spaces with 11 accessible bays and 8 EV charging points. (Current capacity is 290)

SKDC and landowner partner Burghley House Preservation Trust Ltd have now entered into purchase agreements with Morris Homes, Inspired Living and Burghley Land Ltd for the St Martin's Park project on the former Cummins site and adjoining land. The development will feature a designated commercial area; mixed-use area; retirement village; and a range of residential properties, including affordable homes; plus areas of green and open space.

To view any SKDC active consultations go

to: <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/consultations> (Currently a consultation on SKDC's Air Quality Action Plan - closes on 11th December 2024)

As per previous report, SKDC is running a Make Space for Nature Biodiversity Projects Scheme, which also includes tree planting. The deadline for applications is 16th December 2024.

Community Funding Workshop: SKDC is holding another workshop for community groups on 23 Jan 2025, 6-8pm in Stamford. Free event but tickets will need to be booked.

SKToday: Available online

Tulips to honour airborne forces: Maroon tulips are being offered for planting across the District as part of a growing international Airborne Tulip Memorials trail. SKDC's 'Soldiers from the Sky' project is funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. A number of free bulbs remain available for visitor sites, schools, parks, parish councils, public spaces and members of the public, possibly with family links to airborne forces. To request bulbs, please email armedforces@southkesteven.gov.uk with quantities requested and proposed planting sites.

SKDC discussed Devolution on 21 Nov 24 and has agreed to work to establish the District Joint Committee for the Greater Lincolnshire Mayoral Combined County Authority. A suggestion was made there may be a vote for Lincolnshire's new Mayor as soon as May 2025.

Quarry Liaison Committee for Greatford: No further update since last report

Workings East End: No update

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