

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024



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Cornwall Council and around the Peninsula-

St Germans water treatment works

I was really pleased to join members from St Germans Parish Council earlier in September to visit the new South West Water, water treatment works in St Germans. There has been a huge amount of investment in the area for dealing with storm overflow and capacity. While this is all really welcome, there are still outstanding issues including smell and noise further up in Eliot Drive and Treboul Way. We have asked for these to be properly investigated again, hopefully this will result in repairs being done.

Casework update

Recently, I have noticed a real uplift in casework centred around residents access to adult social care. I am always happy to make enquiries on behalf of residents around this - it can be a really tricky area with services provided and funded from different places, and sometimes we aren't successful, but please do put people in touch with me if you know someone is struggling and I will do all I can to help.

Major works on the Saltash Tunnel

As an update on this topic - I was pleased to join a meeting with Anna Gelderd MP, National Highways, GWR and other stakeholders about the tunnel works. Anna has added her weight to my request for extra stops at St Germans station while the work is ongoing, and asked National Highways to look into the possibility of a park and ride scheme from Trerulefoot to cover the period in which we will see big delays as well. I will report back if this comes to anything, but I think we need to think outside the box for this.

You can find out more about the scheme by visiting nationalhighways.co.uk/saltashtunnel or following this [LINK](#)

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Traffic Lights on the A374

I'm sure you are aware of more traffic lights on the A374, and may be confused as to why it appears that it is not being worked on. After the wall rebuild a little further towards Polbathic, workers cleared the sides of the roads in the area - unfortunately another area of substantial subsidence was discovered. There is currently a design being developed to repair this, and then funding will be sought to do the works. I completely understand people's frustrations at another set of lights and delays along the A374, but unfortunately it is something that we are likely to see more of in the future. As soon as I have more information I will share it.

20 is Plenty

The 20mph scheme is now being rolled out across Antony, Crafhole, Portwrinkle, St Germans, Tideford and Maker with Rame. These are all areas that have a lot of public support and in areas where mostly the average speeds is only marginally over 20mph as well. In addition, there will not be cameras on speedbumps put in either. There is often criticism about this scheme and comparisons to the Welsh scheme - there is a big difference however, in Wales there was a blanket approach, so 20mph zones put in on roads where it quite simply would not be appropriate. As I have put above, this scheme will be on roads where drivers are only just going above the 20mph limit - not on through roads or main roads. You can read more about the scheme by following this [LINK](#) or going to <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/20mph-speed-limits>