

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2025



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Cornwall Council and around the Peninsula-

Cawsand Carpark & Antony Road Carpark

What a fantastic result this was, to receive the news just after my last update, the Cornwall Council decided to not remove Cawsand Carpark from the parking order - which means that it will not be leased out to Corserv nor will it be run by a third party operator. This means local residents that have the relevant street parking permits will be able to continue parking in the carpark. The right decision made at long last after such a prolonged period of indecision. I am requesting to have sight of the "legal complications" which meant we saved this carpark, as I believe we have the right to understand these. Huge thanks again go to Maker with Rame Parish Council and the many locals that gave me documents, information and completed the consultation - this was a HUGE team effort!

Antony Road carpark (Sainsbury's carpark) has also been saved, so good news all round for our corner of Cornwall.

A38 Safety Upgrades

More good news, this time in terms of the long awaited safety upgrades to the A38. Safe38, the campaign group, have been pushing this for many years - I have been really pleased to work with them and support them however I can. We all thought we were nearly there around 18 months ago, but then found out that funding was diverted and any upgrades were pushed into the long grass by the previous Government. Since last July, Anna Gelderd MP has been banging the drum for this - meeting regularly with the Dept for Transport, and other stakeholders. Devon and Cornwall Police allocated a substantial amount of funding and Government agreed to provide the rest - and the safety upgrades are now green lighted and we will start seeing these happen quickly.

There are a number of really good parts of this, but I think the reduction in speed limits and the installation of average speed cameras will be incredibly effective. We have seen the impact the average speed cameras have had in the Glen Valley already, so I am sure we will see similar results here.

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Full Council Report

We had budget setting Full Council during February, which saw a challenging and difficult budget in front of us. As a group, we were pleased to support an alternative budget put forward that protected some vital services that work with children and young people. Surprisingly, the administration found the money to fold these changes into their main budget which made many question if there was money for those why were they being touted for cuts in the first place. Government has increased a number of funding streams considerably to Cornwall Council this year, and from next year we will move to multi year funding settlements which will make things easier to plan and forecast. Local Government funding has been cut to the bone since 2010, which is why it feels we all pay more in Council Tax and receive less in services. That combined with Adult Social Care and Childrens Social Care costs spiralling - not just because costs increase, but because we have more and more using these services. Cornwall has a "super aging population" so this can not be helped.