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OCTOBER 2021 REPORT

Review of SEND provision

Suffolk County Council commissioned an independent review into Special Educational Needs and Disability provision which has now been completed.

The damning report has now been published and has highlighted many failings of the council. There will now have to be a rigorous look at how things must be improved. I have asked that an urgent education scrutiny meeting be convened, but this has been refused so will now have to wait until November.

MOTION TO COUNCIL; My group asked that the promise to increase cycling and walking is fulfilled.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW OF COUNTY DIVISIONS; I am of course very disappointed that the recommendation is to reduce the number of councillors to 70 from 75 and to therefore increase the THEDWASTRE STH division to take in even more parishes, including Tostock and as far as Little Finborough and Combs. Imagine the time to get from Combs to say Thurston. Not to mention the vehicle movements.

CYCLING/ WALKING REVIEW FOR STOWMARKET; I have sent details but hopefully you will get an official invite to give your views. Or go on the website the consultation ends 25th October

REVIEW OF PARKING IN THE DISTRICT; this is taking place to see what the problems are and how they can be resolved. The survey date has been extended to 15th October.

SLIP ROAD FROM A14 JUNCTION 46; following yet another vehicle going straight over the junction into the opposite ditch I have asked SCC highways AND Highways England to look at how this must be made safer.

I have also reminded Highways England that they still have not cleared the culvert under the flyover.

FLOODING; congratulations on the work on drinkstone road.