

# NEWSLETTER

## Cheshire East Residents Hub



Issue 4 - July 2025

### Headlines:

More disappointment for residents of Middlewich after the Government's spending review for 2025 provides no commitment to fund the Middlewich Eastern Bypass!



Councillor Mark Goldsmith, chair of Cheshire East highways and transport committee expresses his disappointment in a statement on 11th June.

### This Month:

**In Focus** - This month we examine how public consultations are nothing more than a legal box ticking exercise!



**In the Spotlight** - New weekly food waste collections to begin in April 2026 forcing revised black bin collections to every three weeks - HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST YOU?



### EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY 2025

#### IN CONCERT - MACCLESFIELD YOUTH BRASS BAND

Saturday 5th July - 7.30pm - 9.30pm

#### HOLMES CHAPEL SUMMER CELEBRATION 2025

Friday 4th July - Sunday 6th July

#### WOODFORD SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 15th June - 11am - 4pm

#### TEGG'S NOSE BUTTERFLY WALK

Saturday 19th July - 11.00am - 1.00pm

#### THE NANTWICH SHOW

Wednesday 30th July - 8.30am

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# In Focus!

## DID YOU KNOW?



**PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS in the UK are governed by both statutory requirements and common law principles, notably the GUNNING PRINCIPLES!**

### What does this mean?

#### **The Gunning Principles:**

These principles, derived from case law, are fundamental to fair consultations. They dictate that consultations must:

**Be at a formative stage:** Proposals should be at a stage where they can still be influenced.

**Provide sufficient information:** Consultees need enough information to understand the proposals and respond meaningfully.

**Allow adequate time:** Sufficient time must be given for consultees to consider the proposals and formulate their responses.

**Conscientiously take responses into account:** Decision-makers must demonstrate that consultation responses were seriously considered before a final decision is made.

#### **PARKING CHARGES CONSULTATION:**

"Of the 8,384 representations received by the council; 2% supported the proposals and 96% objected to the proposals"

#### **EVENING AND SUNDAY PARKING CHARGES CONSULTATION:**

"Of the 1,141 representations received, 96% were objections to the proposed Evening and Sunday charges with 1% in support"



#### **3-WEEKLY RESIDUAL WASTE COLLECTIONS**

"The consultation received 6,257 responses. Whilst a proportion of the respondents (13%) supported the preferred option, the majority of respondents (84%) opposed its implementation"

**Proof that the Council really do not listen to the taxpayers!**

# In the Spotlight!

## WEEKLY FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS



### **TOTAL COST TO TAXPAYER: A WHOPPING £5.4 MILLION**

**Coming into effect April 2026 forcing a 3 weekly black bin waste collection!**  
*(Cost as detailed in the Capital Programme 2025/26)*

**In July 2024 the Environment and Communities Committee met to report on the implementation of Weekly Food Waste Collections and the move to a three weekly collection frequency for residual waste.**



**Of particular interest this report pertains to the need to recruit an additional 36 staff to service the new collection rounds and also the need for additional parking and staff welfare capacity!**

**A further report was submitted in November 2024 to the Environment and Communities Committee detailing the outcome of the public consultation in relation to these radical changes.**

**Of particular interest we refer you to point 26 and 27 of this report which detail allowing the "authority greater powers to issue fixed penalties following appropriate waste education to households causing a nuisance or detrimental effect on local amenities through misuse of household waste"!**



**Tenders are now out to:**

**Purchase 12 Refuse Collection Vehicles (preferably electric) - contract value £3.6M**

**Hire of Refuse Collection Vehicles  
contract value £2.2M**

**Purchase of approx. 190,000 23ltr Food Waste Caddies  
contract value £1.1M**



# HAVE YOUR SAY!

**THERE WILL BE NO POLL THIS MONTH!**

**Congratulations to the WINNER of our JUNE prize draw!  
We hope you enjoy spending your voucher!**



## Current Public Consultations



### Diversity, Inclusion and Equality (DIE) Strategy 2025 - 2029 - Consultation

*Closes Sunday 20th July*



### Domestic and sexual violence partnership strategy consultation

*Closes Friday 25th July*

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