



# GREEN VIEW

## PORTSWOOD



**Katherine Barbour,**  
your local Green campaigner

### PORTSWOOD – HIGHFIELD – ST DENYS

# COUNCIL ANNOUNCE PLANNED ROAD REPAIRS

## But Kent Road missing from list this year

Southampton City Council has outlined its plans for road repairs by January 2022. Only one street in our ward is being sorted this year: the residents of **Tennyson Road** will be happy but **Kent Road** residents continue to wait for maintenance of their street.

Katherine is disappointed that Kent Road is not a higher priority for the council.

The road is used by many lorries to access an industrial estate, and Katherine has previously campaigned on behalf of local residents to reduce the number of lorries using the road, as the lorries have caused damage to the road surface, to residents' vehicles and to nearby houses.

In addition to the lorries currently using the road, planning permission has been approved for a car showroom at the

end of Kent Road – despite there being an empty car showroom in the nearby St Denys Road. There is currently a planning application to build flats on the St Denys Road site.

Katherine doesn't believe that the former showroom on St Denys Road is a suitable place for more housing:

**“There are a number of reasons why this development is totally unacceptable. There are already traffic queues up and down the road for over 4 hours every day – building more flats will make this worse, and also increase the pollution and noise issues which currently affect residents along St Denys Road.**

**Living in an area with poor air quality is associated with an increased risk of respiratory disease and other illnesses, and the lack of green space in this development will not be good for the mental health of future residents.**

**The unacceptable increase in traffic and air-pollution are the reasons why I have now made a formal objection to the plans to build flats on St Denys Road. I will keep monitoring the situation.”**



Above: Kent Road (picture by James Newell Photography, resident of Kent Road)

# KATHERINE CAMPAIGNS AGAINST AIRPORT EXPANSION PLANS

As Greta calls COP26 a load of “blah blah blah”

Southampton Green Party has been working with other Green groups to highlight the issues that are affecting us in our city. One huge issue is the airport and its planned expansion.

Fighting the airport expansion is Katherine's top priority and she continues to contribute both time and money to try to stop this lunacy. To get involved in this campaign or find the latest news, please follow the links on the AXO page:

[axosouthampton.wordpress.com](http://axosouthampton.wordpress.com)

Green Party candidate Katherine Barbour believes Greta spoke the truth about the climate change conference, and took part in the demonstrations to demand more action to tackle the climate crisis:

**"COP26 is just a lot of hot air and not much more. Other countries get blamed for their emissions but who is asking them to manufacture all the things they do?"**

**It is all too easy to buy lots of new things, especially at this time of year, without thinking about what had to happen to deliver them to our doorstep.**

**Sadly things have got to change or it will impact every one of us."**



Below: Katherine (front right) with other COP26 demonstrators

## 20MPH LIMITS

**Applications open now**

If you find traffic goes too fast along your road, you can **now apply** for a **20mph speed limit** on your street.

To learn more about this plan or to apply, go to the council website:

[transport.southampton.gov.uk/20mph](http://transport.southampton.gov.uk/20mph)

Katherine says **“A 20mph limit on residential roads has been Green Party policy for many years so it’s nice to see that the council has finally caught up with us!”**

## ‘PLAYING OUT’

**Safer streets for children**

The ‘Playing Out’ scheme, based in Bristol, has been working to help cities across the country adopt **lower speed limits** and to set up street spaces where children can **safely play** after school.

Visit their website to find out more about the benefits of “play streets” and **get tips** on what you can do to make your street better for outdoor play:

[playingout.net](http://playingout.net)

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Please get in touch if there is anything we can help with, or if you'd like to help deliver leaflets or join a litter pick. You are ensured a warm welcome!



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## E-SCOOTER TRIAL

**Tell us your thoughts!**

How are you finding the Voi e-scooter trial? Is it a thumbs up or a thumbs down? On the streets, Katherine has heard mixed views on them: they can be useful for those journeys where the bus network does not provide a route, however riders aren't always following the Highway Code. **Tell Katherine what you think and she will feed this back to the council.**

**KATHERINE BARBOUR: WORKING HARD AND GETTING THINGS DONE**