

District Council Report

Corks Lane/Angel Court

The Angel Court development is back on, following the COVID lockdown and the contractors are making good progress with demolition, foundations and the first installation of blocks, for the substructure, is now all completed. We anticipate completion of the homes by June 2021.

The Former BDC HQ site has resolution to grant planning, subject to S106 and agreement with the adjacent cricket club. We are very close to an agreement with the cricket club which will then enable planning to be officially granted. Whilst negotiations have been on-going with the cricket club the consultant team have been progressing the detailed design of the first phase and we are currently anticipating going out to tender for this phase this Autumn. This news is rather confusing as back in February, at full Council, I asked John Ward about this development and was told that work was due to start in the Spring this year!

Discretionary Business Payments

- Babergh have so far paid out £652,500 to businesses in discretionary payments
- There is still £545,000 remaining in the fund
- Total applications to date = 136
- Number of Grants paid out = 101
- Number rejected = 70
- Number of new applications received = 25
- 28 applications are in progress and 7 are in a waiting state

The Council will do all we can to ensure that as much of the outstanding fund is used up as is possible.

Solar Carport Funding

The growth of sustainable technology across the districts – a major part of the councils' ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030 - will receive an injection of up to £800,000 in matched funding from the "Getting Building Fund", with the money going towards a pilot scheme to introduce electricity micro-generation and storage solar carports in Sudbury and Stowmarket.

The successful bid for funding will provide up to 50% of the budget for Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council to install multifunctional solar carports, which will generate and store electricity for electric vehicle charging. The locations currently being assessed are surface car parks at Station Road, Sudbury and Gainsborough Road, Stowmarket with a flexible third option also to be modelled.

Compost Giveaway

We are giving away 480 bags of free compost all in the name of recycling, gardening and homegrown veg on the **19 September, 9am-12pm, Bridge Street, car park, Hadleigh**

- Attendees will be allowed up to two bags of compost per car - once it's gone, it's gone.
- A one-way traffic system will be in place with staff on hand to guide attendees through.
- Attendees are asked not to get out of their car, if possible, to help our staff maintain social distancing
- All the compost has been supplied by Suffolk's Material Change facilities using recycled garden waste - find out more about the facilities on the Suffolk Recycling website.