**District Councillor Report to HPC meeting on 18th July 2022**

Cllr D Evans, Horndean Kings and Blendworth ward

**Actions to Improve Waste Collection**

Many residents have been receiving a below-standard service recently, especially for garden waste and the Leader, Cllr Millard, has taken steps to fix this.

**On 29th June** Cllr Millard, issued an instruction to add an additional Garden Waste collection vehicle and supporting crew to the East Hampshire area.

[Decision - EHDC GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION CAPACITY | East Hampshire District Council (moderngov.co.uk)](https://easthants.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?id=196&LLL=0)

**On 15th July** Cllr Millard, issued an instruction to increase the Driver and Loader pay to that recommended by NORSE SE for the staff working in the East Hampshire geographic area. EHDC is experiencing severe service failures by Havant Borough Council, the waste collection authority. Due to the geographic and demographic makeup of EHDC, the collection authority and their joint venture partner NORSE SE experience significant difficulty recruiting and retaining staff to deliver the service in EHDC.

[Decision - EHDC Waste Remuneration | East Hampshire District Council (moderngov.co.uk)](https://easthants.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?id=198&LLL=0)

**Inquiry: Land east of New Barn Farm Lane, Blendworth ref: SDNP/21/00548/FUL.**

The final day for the closing statements will be held on 20th July from 9:30 to 17:30 via Teams.

**Progress on a new Local Plan**

In a Press Release on the 17th June, EHDC announced:

*EHDC to consult again on Local Plan following ‘brutal’ housing targets*

*East Hampshire District Council will consult with residents on its Local Plan again in response to the Government’s ‘deeply flawed’ planning rules and ‘brutal housing targets’.*

*The council previously consulted throughout 2019 but will seek residents’ views again following changes to national policies, rising housing figures and the desire for higher environmental standards.*

*Angela Glass, EHDC’s Portfolio Holder for Planning, said: "Climate considerations and the moving of Government goal-posts means re-consultation has to take place if we are to deliver a sound and successful Local Plan."*

*The consultation will be held towards the end of the year.*