

October 2026 County Councillor Report

1. Barrow Hill/High Street Junction Parking Restrictions Consultation

Thank you to everyone in Acton who has taken the time to respond to the above-mentioned/attached, which we have worked on together.

All properties in the adjacent area have been contacted, and responses are requested via the LHB@suffolkhighways.org email address. We are keen for this consultation to be as representative as possible, so encourage anyone who hasn't done so to write before the deadline.

The closing date for representations is Friday 23 October.

2. Jennens Way Access Improvement Works

Thank you to the Chairman for his recent update to me regarding concern from residents relating to the pedestrian barriers at the High Street end of Jennens Way, particularly for users of disability chairs and buggies.

To help improve the ground level and resurface the area, I am pleased to support the proposed improvements scheme with £750 from my Local Highways Budget.

3. Barrow Hill Tree Works

Thank you for informing me about the hazardous branches at the above-mentioned following damage caused by an HGV.

I have intervened following earlier refusal from the Highways Team to carry out works in respect of Report 77975 & 80501 and works have now been ordered to take place no later than 14 January 2027.

4. Bus Timetables

As requested by the Parish Council in September, I have requested physical copies of the updated bus timetables to be supplied to the village and will provide an update shortly as this has

5. Council Backs Administration's Motion For Suffolk-Wide Referendum On Asylum Seeker Accommodation.

Suffolk County Council will now explore holding the first referendum of its kind in the UK

The motion was proposed by the Deputy Leader of Suffolk County Council, Cllr Philip Faircloth-Mutton and seconded by Cllr Tristan Gale, Cabinet member for Planning, Devolution and the Fire & Rescue Service.

The Council will explore holding a Suffolk-wide advisory referendum on 6 May 2027, giving residents a direct say on the housing of asylum seekers in the county.

The proposal follows Home Office plans to use RAF Barnham for 1,250 asylum seekers for at least 10 years. Officials have stated the site would house men who arrived via small boats, predominantly single young men, with no maximum capacity confirmed.

Local communities have been denied a meaningful voice on decisions that will have long-term impacts, and West Suffolk Council unanimously opposed the Barnham proposal in July 2026