

# CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR JUNE 2025



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## Cornwall Council and around the Peninsula-

Some great news to start off this monthly update - and that is that the village of Tideford is getting a signalised crossing (ie a push button crossing). I am really grateful to Council Officers who have listened to me banging the drum for this and other safety upgrades to the dangerous A38 for the last four years.

While I appreciate this isn't the solution that most (not all) would like to see, and that there is still a strong voice for a by-pass of the villages, we know that if that were to come about, it would take years to design and build, and even if there was suddenly a new by-pass road, a crossing for the village is still needed.

This is something that has consistently been raised with me by residents in Tideford, and I am pleased that it has been heard and funding finally realised to make this happen. This in conjunction with the speed limit being lowered through the village and average speed cameras being installed should make a big difference to the feel of the road and will mean all folk can get across the road without feeling like they are taking their lives in their hands.

I am also pleased to report that I have been elected as the Chair of the Together with Families oversight and scrutiny committee - I have been on this committee for four years and I am proud of the cross-party way of working that has developed. There is much to do on that committee where we look at SEND provision, school transport, education, maternity care and looked after children amongst other things. The idea is that we are a critical friend to the administration, asking questions and scrutinising the work that they are doing.

I am also pleased to say that I have been put on the committee for the Tamar Crossings - I was not on this committee last administration, not for want of asking. I am looking forward to getting into the detail of this important bit of work.

And finally for committee news, the Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee has still not been formalised, I am still hopeful I will be given a seat on it - but I am really disappointed at the amount of time this is taking. So long, in fact, that the first meeting has had to be postponed from the 4<sup>th</sup> July until the 8<sup>th</sup> August. With so much happening in the park, this is incredibly frustrating.

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### Continued:

Finally, a brief update on the Sandways Camping saga, as I know how many are interested in this issue.

The Councils (Plymouth and Cornwall) jointly manage the land here, and jointly own it, as folk will remember I took the planning issue to committee last year and it was given consent for another 5 years. Just after the consent was given, a small landslip occurred.

Not long after this, a land safety report from 2013 was brought to light and the council's decided that this was enough to refuse to renew the licence for camping on the site - so while the land enjoys planning consent, the association did not have their licence renewed to use the land.

An update to the 2013 report was done, of sorts, which comprised of an email report saying the land was still unsafe due to landslips. Since then, the camping association have tried to open a dialogue with the landowners, as have I, but we have been getting nowhere.

This year, the association decided to put up their tents as they have for the last 90 years pretty much continuously, at the beginning of June notices were placed informing them that they had no right to be there and the council's were planning on bringing enforcement action against them through the courts to have them removed from the land. I was only informed of this AFTER the notices went up.

My asks of the council's have been clear through out: restart a dialogue with the camping association and provide a new detailed report on the land. I do not think that is too much to ask for. I was delighted to see over 100 people, from that parish and surrounding parishes, attend the Maker with Rame Parish Council meeting last week to show their support for the camping association. The association continue to have my full support in trying to find a resolution for this situation.

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