

The Village Green



Aylesbury Vale Green Party
Covering Haddenham, Long Crendon,
Stone and surrounding villages
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Haddenham and Stone
Councillor David Lyons

Councillor David Lyons opposes loss of Green Dragon pub in Haddenham to private housing

Green Party Councillor **David Lyons** has written in opposition to the planning application to change the use of the Green Dragon pub in Haddenham to a private dwelling, and encouraged others to do so too.

Both the Haddenham Neighbourhood Plan and the draft Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan seek to retain community amenities, but

this is not happening.

David said: "Charging exorbitant rents makes it too difficult for businesses to succeed and insufficient time is given for community groups to raise funds to keep the pub. The Green Dragon is part of the historic centre of Haddenham and, with a growing population, residents would support the pub."



Green Party Councillor David Lyons outside the Green Dragon pub in Haddenham

Bus changes cause chaos for users and local residents

Many complaints have been made about the new timetable and rerouting of the 280 bus from Aylesbury to Oxford. Particular issues include the changeover stop, which is now at Fort End, Haddenham, having formerly been the station. There is not enough space for buses there and they also leave their engines running, much to the annoyance of local residents.

In addition, the electronic signs are frequently incorrect and buses late or cancelled. The Parish Council is aware of these issues and members, including **Green Party Councillor David Lyons**, are making complaints. David said: "Rural communities depend on their bus services. If they are not reliable, people stop using them and then the services are removed completely, which we don't want to see here."



The 280 bus at Fort End in Haddenham

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Expressway review awaited



Buckinghamshire
Expressway Action Group

Green Party Councillor David Lyons

is hoping that the Conservatives will keep their election promise of reviewing the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway. In November, transport secretary Grant Schapps offered a priority review if the Conservatives were returned to government, saying that the scheme might not “provide the benefits that we first thought”.

However, the government is committed to the growth corridor, which is dependent on the expressway as well as the East West Rail project.

David Lyons and the Buckinghamshire Expressway Action Group oppose the expressway, which will not help in combatting climate change, and the money would be better spent in the north of England. David said: “Let’s see whether the idea of a review was just election rhetoric on behalf of the Conservatives or whether they genuinely want the best for local communities.”

Consultation on 40mph speed limit at Scotsgrove Corner

Highways agency Transport for Buckinghamshire has been asked by Haddenham Parish Council and the Local Area Forum to set up a 40mph speed limit at Scotsgrove Corner on the A418. The agency is holding a consultation on this limit and **Green**

Party Councillor David Lyons urges residents to send support by 24th January via www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay so that this corner can become safer for cars, cyclists and pedestrians, and make it easier for homeowners to exit their drives.



Haddenham Parish Council seeking 40mph limit at Scotsgrove Corner on the A418

Former Green Party leader speaking in Haddenham

Former Green Party leader **Natalie Bennett** (pictured), now Baroness Bennett, is coming to Haddenham Village Hall on Friday 24th January (7pm). She will be giving a talk, entitled “What difference can Greens make?”. The event will be open to the public. Natalie, who previously came to Long Crendon in 2017, is an inspiring speaker.



Greener Living Fair success

The autumn Greener Living Fair in Haddenham was our best yet. It was very well attended and there were more stalls than ever, plus the vegan BBQ, which proved very popular. It was great to have the refillable stalls where you could get foodstuffs and household products. Thanks to everyone who had a stall and all those who supported the fair.



Greener Living Fair's vegan BBQ was a sell-out success

Contact David Lyons



Got a problem or want to get in touch with your Green Party Councillor for Haddenham and Stone **David Lyons**?

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