



**Green Councillor,
Gregory Smith**

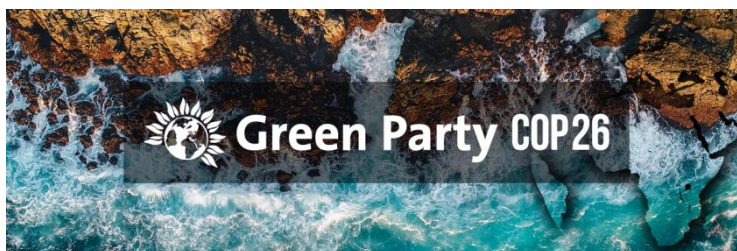
Stop building on areas that flood



Our MP wants developers to stop building on flood plains and says that flood risk should be given higher consideration in the planning process. Green Councillor, Gregory Smith, is in total agreement with Greg Smith, MP and he says that “only local councils understand the risk in areas like Ickford and they should get a bigger say in whether planning can go ahead”. Gregory wants it to be much easier for local councils to act in the best interest of their residents, those already living in the area as well as people moving in to new estates, and he will be pressing for this.

Don't forget to use <https://www.fixmystreet.com/> to report potholes and problem pavements. Get it repaired quicker by also talking to your Councillor, Greg.Smith@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Buckinghamshire Council must act faster on climate change



Our **Climate Matters conference** in Haddenham on October 3rd, chaired by Councillor Gregory Smith, was a motivational event for those who attended. Our three speakers, including Ed Gemmell, Councillor for Hazlemere, gave us a picture of the real threats we face and how the government and local councils must respond. Councillors Gregory Smith and Ed Gemmell are asking for more and faster action by Buckinghamshire Council.

Buckinghamshire Local Plan consultation

Buckinghamshire Council has to develop its own Local Plan to supersede those of the former district councils. **Have your say** on the future of Buckinghamshire by completing the local plan consultation at <https://tinyurl.com/5n8bae3f> ‘It is about issues that local residents and organisations think are important in shaping the future of the area’.

Oxford to Cambridge Arc hasn't gone away

Although the government have shelved the expressway idea, the idea of 1 million new homes by 2040 within the arc has not been dropped.

Stop the Arc action group recently did their own consultation and found that over **90% of local people oppose the Arc concept**. Contrary to popular belief, building more houses does not result in more affordable house prices, there is no need for significantly more jobs here, as there is negligible unemployment and water supplies are not sufficient for such an increase in population. The National Farmers' Union say that 300,000 hectares of good farmland would be lost to development. In addition the group have shown that Oxford, Cambridge and the towns in between have no common industries which would make a joined-up approach useful, unlike some of the Midlands and the north of England.

Please keep telling your MP greg.smith.mp@parliament.uk and local councillors that you oppose this plan.



Gregory Smith at Haddenham business park

Noise
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life

Residents of Dollicott, Haddenham have been complaining of excessive noise from a company on the business park. A resident said that being woken in the middle of the night and again in the early hours of the morning was a real problem. Complaints to Environmental Health and months of noise monitoring made no difference. Councillor Gregory Smith received a plea for help and decided to invite all the parties to a round table meeting. The owner of the company, Mobile LLP attended the meeting and was sympathetic and accommodating. A range of reasonable measures were agreed that wouldn't interfere with the business but that would make a great difference to the residents. Good news all round.

Do you have something that needs mending?

Councillor Gregory Smith says "try having it repaired before you buy a new item". Haddenham Repair Café started up in November at the Village Hall. It will be open monthly, the next will be on the 5th February 9 am to 12. You can bring your broken item and one of the volunteers will see if it can be fixed. Many repairs can be done on the spot or advice can be given on how to mend them. In addition, refreshments are available while you wait. What more can you ask?