**District Councillor's Report to Parish Councils June 2025**

**Cllr. Diana Garrod - Bumpstead Ward**

**Scheduled Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders & Roadworks**

Multi-way traffic signal at New England, Sturmer Road. Commencing 1st May to 24th October 2025 for Utility Asset Works. Anglian Water. Project: SEW-12079 - Stambourne Pump Away Scheme. Installing underground storm water storage pipes. E: **onealliancecustomers@anglianwater.co.uk** T: **03457 145 145**.

**Household Waste and Recycling Collection Service From June 2026**

Changes to the law mean that every council in the UK must expand its recycling offer, including curbside glass collection, from 2026. The Government has a target of recycling 65% of its waste by 2035. Over 50% of the waste that currently goes in your grey bin can go in the other bins.

On Tuesday 27 May, BDC’s Cabinet agreed changes to the future of waste and recycling collection services for households, which will see improved recycling introduced from 1 June 2026.

The changes ensures BDC can meet the new government legislation and Simpler Recycling policy, as well as improving recycling rates and cost effectiveness. They will provide an enhanced service that enables residents to recycle more at kerbside. From 1 June 2026 kerbside waste and recycling collections will include:

* A weekly food waste collection.
* An alternate fortnightly collection of paper and card.
* An alternate fortnightly collection of glass bottles and jars, tins and cans, plastic bottles, tubs, pots, trays, film and bags, and food and drink cartons.
* A three-weekly collection of general waste.
* A fortnightly paid-for collection of garden waste (stays the same).

The new Household Waste and Recycling Collection policy continues to provide additional services to those with specific needs on a case-by-case basis, such as those with larger families and with medical or mobility needs. There is new provision within the policy for those who need collections of absorbent hygiene products, such as nappies, and for those without available space for the new bins.

**Why three-weekly grey bin collections?**

This was a tough decision. BDC is moving to three-weekly grey bins for two key reasons:

* Option 2b of the Waste Review, which included two weekly grey bin collections, would have resulted in a £400,000 increase in the waste budget, meaning increased Council Tax next year.
* With the expanded recycling, over 50% of waste currently going into grey bins will go into the new bins, meaning less waste in your grey bin. This includes food, paper and card, glass and plastics.

**What if I don’t have room to store all of the extra bins?**

BDC will offer a Non-Standard Service that will include fewer bins. BDC has conducted an assessment of 44,000 properties across the District, and found that 13% of them currently qualify for this service. There will be an opportunity for residents to challenge whether their property qualifies for the service. BDC will also offer, where an extra recycling bin is not an option, up to 4 x 55 litre stackable boxes (with lids to keep contents dry) per bin.

Full details in the Cabinet Agenda 27th May 2025: <https://bit.ly/bdcwastepolicy>

**2025 Potential Open Space Improvements Document**

This was agreed at the Cabinet meeting 27th May 2025 (p235) and the Bumpstead Ward can be viewed in the agenda from page Ward p242.

The report introduces the 2025 edition of the Potential Open Spaces Improvements (POSI), this document was formerly known as the Open Spaces Action Plan (OSP). The POSI is a table of outline proposals for the provision and enhancement of open spaces in Braintree District. Its purpose is to demonstrate the need for these and enables Braintree District Council (the Council) to identify where financial contributions (Being sought from developers under the Open Spaces Supplementary Planning Document) are spent.

**Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted to guide development in the village**

The Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan is the eighth neighbourhood plan to be adopted in the Braintree district, after councillors unanimously voted to approve it at a meeting of Full Council this week on Monday, 2 June. The plan, created by Steeple Bumpstead Parish Council, can now be used when determining future planning applications in the area. It sets out how the local community want to shape the development and growth of their area and what it should look like. This includes where they want new homes, what local infrastructure should be provided, safeguarding historic buildings and green spaces, and protecting and improving community facilities. This follows a planning referendum held on Thursday 3rd April 2025 where just over 95% of those who voted were in favour of the neighbourhood plan to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area.

The webcast can be viewed at (about 1.46 hrs): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1ASn9ylqz4>

**Local Plan Sub-Committee Meeting 12th June 2025: BIRDBROOK and BAYTHORNE END**

The agenda for the LPSC 12th June 2025 at 7.15pm is now published. This contains the potential sites for the Local Plan Review to 2041 at Birdbrook – Agenda Item 8 pages 28-35 at the following:

[https://braintree.cmis.uk.com/braintree/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1516/Committee/6/Default.aspx](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbraintree.cmis.uk.com%2Fbraintree%2FMeetings%2Ftabid%2F70%2Fctl%2FViewMeetingPublic%2Fmid%2F397%2FMeeting%2F1516%2FCommittee%2F6%2FDefault.aspx&data=05%7C02%7Ccllr.dgarrod%40braintree.gov.uk%7Cbe265b09f87947e355c008dda3731ad5%7C25f7dc6a2f004c05bf5b651e113d3f16%7C0%7C0%7C638846436948790433%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GzSwHhPGWUjY4qp7jBBLuwz9S2HEigX2%2BKUc4Z9gkSU%3D&reserved=0)

This meeting will be held ‘in person’ in the Council Chamber at Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree.

Members of the public will be able to view and listen to the meeting via YouTube at the following link: <http://www.braintree.gov.uk/youtube>

Other villages in the Bumpstead ward are scheduled for the LPSC:-

19th June 2025 Helions Bumpstead (HELI2206 Pale Green)

25th June 2025 Steeple Bumpstead and Sturmer sites (excl. STUR2293 across Sturmer and Helions)

[31 July 2025](https://braintree.cmis.uk.com/braintree/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1394/Committee/6/Default.aspx) (Evidence base and policy chapters and other villages with no map changes required)

[24 September 2025](https://braintree.cmis.uk.com/braintree/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1395/Committee/6/Default.aspx) (Large and strategic scale proposals (500+ homes and other associated development).

[1st October 2025](https://braintree.cmis.uk.com/braintree/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1578/Committee/6/Default.aspx) (as above)

\*\* See the sites on a map: <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/planning-building-control/local-plan-review-2/3>

Then click: 

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