



Naomi Bottomley

NAOMI PUSHES FOR ACCESS TO TRAIN STATION

Naomi has written to local MP to ask questions

As many local residents have pointed out, Sileby train station is not accessible except by a long flight of stairs. This means there is **no access** for elderly people who may struggle with steps, anyone with a walker or wheelchair, or a parent with a buggy. Many residents rely on the train for daily commutes, and many more are unable to make the switch from car to public transport because of the lack of access.

On the doorstep we've been hearing about how much of an issue over-crowding from cars is in Sileby, and increasing the ability of people to use the train station is a clear win-win.



Naomi highlighting how inaccessible the steps are

Naomi says “as a mother of a young child myself, I understand how difficult it can be to get around with a pushchair and how vital it is that everybody is able to access public transport easily and safely”.

Naomi has written to Jane Hunt MP who has responded to say that she is waiting for the “Access for All” Fund to open in order to submit a bid for the station. Naomi will continue to push for a plan that will allow residents to access the train station safely.

PLANTING PLAN TAKING SHAPE

Thanks to locals for finding the best locations

Since the last newsletter before Christmas, locals have been busy figuring out what spots in Sileby could use a few new trees.

Thanks to lots of help, we've decided on two locations in agreement with residents, one on the grassy verge on **Cossington Road** and the other where **Ratcliffe Road intersects with Cemetery Road**.

We have contacted Charnwood Council who were very supportive but unfortunately those two areas are under the control of the County Council. We are waiting to hear back from Leicestershire County Council and will update in our next newsletter.



COSSINGTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT

Naomi wrote to the council with your concerns



Save Sibley's Green Spaces

We know lots of people have concerns about the proposed development on Cossington Road. We've written to the planning department of the council to share some of the concerns from local residents.

We have yet to hear back from the council, but at the latest check the current application from the developer has been withdrawn. We are hopeful that the Council and the developers have taken the views of local residents seriously.

You can read the full letter we sent online here:

<https://loughborough.greenparty.org.uk/letter-to-charnwood-council.html>

Some of the issues raised were:

- Flooding
- Loss of green space and habitat for wildlife
- Overcrowding and parking
- Lack of public transport links
- Lack of understanding of the need for housing

We proposed:

- Clearly link planning proposals with the local plan and active travel plans
- Work with developers to offset the environmental costs of construction

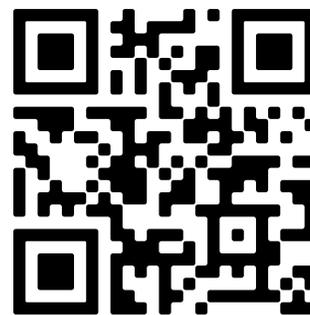
LOCAL VIEWS

We want your opinion

If you you like to complete a 2-minute survey on local issues including flooding and open spaces, please scan the QR code below.

Thank you to those that have already completed.

There is space for you to leave your views on council and what you think needs to be done to improve Sibley.



CAN WE HELP?

If you have a comment or query, Naomi and the team would love to know. Here are the ways you can get in touch:



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Fill in our contact form by scanning this QR code and letting us know how we can help

NEWS IN BRIEF

A STEP TOO FAR: Naomi puts pressure on the MP and council to make Sibley train station accessible. Join us and write to Jane Hunt jane.hunt.mp@parliament.uk

COSSINGTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT: Naomi has written to the council to share some of your **concerns** around the proposed development on Cossington Road.

LITTER PICKS ARE BACK: We'll be back litter picking from **Saturday April 2nd**. We will meet at the **memorial** in the park at **11am**. Contact Naomi to let her know you're coming!

NAOMI BOTTOMLEY: WORKING WITH PEOPLE AND GETTING THINGS DONE