

## Cllr Johnny Denis's ESCC July 2023 Report

### Transport

The last two meetings of the Lead Member for Transport have been disappointing though not unexpected. The Lead member has recommended ignoring the petition for 20mph as a default speed in residential areas, and most recently, has recommended rejection of the motion coming to full council in 10 days' time. This motion calls on ESCC to update its speed-setting policy in line with national policy guidance and to be able to take into account impacts on residents and environmental and health impacts and feelings of safety. The County's position is that they know best. Colleagues from many parties will be contesting this view.

Due to recent bereavements, the administration is reduced by two members. This vote may therefore be closer than some.

There are presently 2 by elections underway. One in Eastbourne (Meads) and one in Wealden (Heathfield & Mayfield). Judging by recent district/borough elections these will be interesting, possibly affecting the make-up of the administration.

### Road Closures, etc.

You can keep an eye out for *planned* roadworks here:

<https://live.eastsussexhighways.com/downloads/file/28/planned-maintenance-programme-2023-24>

which is updated weekly.

### Love Supreme

I'd like to get feedback from the Parish on the traffic implications from Love Supreme. Various traffic orders were in place and I would like to understand whether they worked and what the impacts were on residents.

### Weight Restriction

Glynde (river) bridge has a weight restriction on it. Unfortunately, while the signage from Ringmer and Moor Lane is in place, it has been missing from the A27 at Station Road and at Mill Lane for a while when the predecessors of National Highways, Highways England, took them down while putting on the original cycleway to Lewes. This has led to increased numbers of HGVs coming to Ringmer via Glynde. I have been in touch with both ESCC who say it is down to the Parish to pursue with National Highways and directly with NH to rectify. I am hoping for a better response than previous attempts as now have new named contacts to aim for.

### Repairs

The new contractor, Balfour Beatty, have produced an intro sheet which I have shared with the PC. BB do appear to be doing a better job than Costain with some longstanding jobs being done. The 2 manhole covers at Harrisons Lane were finally fixed by Southern Water. The hard bit was getting ESH to assign it to them. That's quite a low bar so let's keep an eye out. The reporting a problem page has been revamped and councils and councillors are now encouraged to use this way of reporting issues. [Report a Problem – live.eastsussexhighways.com](https://live.eastsussexhighways.com).