

### **Cllr Johnny Denis – Update for June 2023**

I will have to give my apologies this time. But glad that Ringmer Skate Park was approved finally after so many hurdles it will be great to see this come to fruition.

At Lewes, as cabinet member for a portfolio including Leisure I have been updated on the position on the Pool. I have now asked for the identification of a revenue funding plan (we already have a capital plan agreed) so that we know that it can be afforded to run it until it can be made to pay its way.

I will, as ever, keep you posted on this glacial project but really keen to have it back in action as soon as possible.

Yet another petition was considered by East Sussex, Lead member for Transport, Cllr Claire Dowling, on Monday asking for a default 20mph speed limit in residential areas including towns and villages. I attended with colleague, Wendy Maples and argued in support of the petitioner. Yet again it was resolved not to change policy. References were made to all the other county councils who have implemented such a default, along with Wales and the WHO advice. Sadly to no avail. I will continue to pursue opportunities for pushing for safer roads. The next two opportunities are the motion to update ESCC policy to reflect national guidelines on taking other factors, such as impact on residents, into account when considering speed limits. And the call for HGV routing to use trunk roads.

Warm regards,  
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