

WNC Councillors Report

Braunston & Crick Ward

To:	Kilsby Parish Council Meeting
Date:	11th November 2025
From:	Cllr Rosie Humphreys Cllr Andrew Simpson

1. WNC Matters

a) Management of council homes

At its next meeting on 11th November, WNC's Cabinet will decide whether to bring WNC's social housing stock and related housing services, currently delivered by Northamptonshire Partnership Homes (NPH) back into direct management by the Council. The decision comes after a report last November found serious failings in how NPH complied to home safety and quality standards of the 11,500 properties it manages. A recent consultation of tenants and leaseholders indicated a majority supported returning to direct management by WNC. The meeting agenda will be published on 3/11/25: [Browse meetings - Cabinet - West Northamptonshire Council](#)

b) WNC progress summary October 2025

WNC has issued a list of actions and achievements this year. Many of these are focused on Northampton - visitor numbers during the Rugby World Cup, recent events in Northampton's Market Square, targeting substandard houses in multiple occupation - although there is reference to the recent town and parish councils' annual conference and the development of a charter to increase engagement and partnership working.

As the number of children in WNC's care is at its highest since 2022-23 (an increase reflected nationally) the expansion of Family Hubs is of course to be welcomed. Part of the purpose of the hubs is to prevent family and parenting issues escalating. They offer support and a welcoming space for families with children from 0-19 years (or to 25 for a child with a special educational need or disability) The Hub in Daventry opens on 15th November. [Family Hubs | West Northamptonshire Council](#)

The report refers to the ongoing *"toughest budget-setting process for the Council yet"*, meaning that this is the most challenging year, financially for the WNC, now in its fifth year. Spiralling costs of adult and children's services continue to be the cause of the financial pressures. The Cabinet meeting where the draft budget for 2026-27 will be published has been put back until 22nd December by which time there will be confirmation of the amount of the first multi-year settlement awarded to WNC, following the fair funding reforms announced by the government.

c) Consultation on Developer Contributions (Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 agreements)

The council is currently consulting on a draft Supplementary Planning Document that will set out how the Council will ask developers to mitigate the impacts of their developments and contribute to things like:

- Roads and transport improvements
- Schools and education
- Health services

- Parks and open spaces
- Waste and recycling
- Affordable housing
- Emergency services
- Community facilities

These contributions help make sure that new developments are supported by the right infrastructure and services, so that communities can grow in a fair and sustainable way.

The consultation can be accessed here [Have your say on delivering infrastructure and services to help mitigate development - West Northamptonshire Council - Citizen Space](#)

The consultation closes on 21st December 2025.

2. Local Issues

a) Kilsby in pilot scheme to for additional recycling of soft plastic

Kilsby has been selected, along with Barby, Braunston, Lilbourne, Norton and 500 properties in Daventry to be part of a pilot scheme for collection of soft plastic bags and wrapping to be collected as part of the normal blue bin collection. The pilot is being run ahead of a launch across the whole of West Northamptonshire in 2027.

This recycled plastic can be used to make plastic packaging, “bags for life” and materials used in farming and construction. Almost all new plastic comes from fossil fuels which contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

The pilot has been launched because of a visit in May by the Kilsby Residents Climate Action Group (KRCAG) and attended by various parish councillors from neighbouring villages to the Sherbourne recycling facility near Coventry where WNC takes recyclable waste. It is a state-of-the-art facility which accepts soft plastic for recycling which was something not previously promoted by WNC because it only applied for homes in the Daventry and South Northants area as Northampton recyclable waste goes to a different facility which cannot process soft plastic.

Attendees on the site visit questioned this approach and as a result Rosie met with WNC Officers to see if it could be promoted. The result is a pilot is now underway.

Information leaflets (see below) have been printed for every household and WNC has asked for the community’s help in delivering these.

Frequently asked questions

Why have you introduced plastic bags and wrapping to my recycling collection service?

By adding these materials to your recycling service, we're helping reduce the amount of waste sent to disposal, cutting pollution, and supporting the recycling of more of your everyday packaging, like bread bags, frozen food bags and crisp packets. This is possible because your recycling is sent to a new state-of-the-art recycling facility at Sherbourne Resource Park near Coventry which uses advanced technologies such as AI and robotic arms to sort the recycling, including these flexible plastics.

What are the environmental benefits?

Creating new products from recycled plastic provides many benefits to the environment. Almost all virgin plastic (plastic that has never been recycled) comes from fossil fuels, and the process of manufacturing plastic creates millions of tonnes of greenhouse gases every year, which harms the environment.

Can I still recycle my plastic bags and wrapping at my local supermarket?

You can still do this if your supermarket offers this service. This new kerbside collection service aims to make it more convenient for you, allowing you to recycle your plastic bags and wrapping in your blue-lidded recycling bin from your next collection.

Can I put all types of plastic bags and wrapping in my recycling bin?

Any plastic bags and wrapping listed in this leaflet will be accepted, so long as they are clean and free of food.

Download our app for information about waste and recycling services, including this pilot scheme. Search 'West Northamptonshire' in your app store.

Find out more by scanning the QR Code or visit:
westnorthants.gov.uk/plastic_pilot



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Your new plastic bags and wrapping service

PILOT SCHEME
You can now recycle your plastic bags and wrapping in your blue-lidded recycling bin!



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Welcome to your new plastic bags and wrapping collection

Your household is included in a pilot area for a new service which will allow you to recycle plastic bags and wrapping as part of your normal recycling collection. This pilot project is being run ahead of a launch across the whole of West Northamptonshire in 2027.

What do I need to do?



1. Your plastic bags and wrapping should be empty and free from food residue



2. Place loose plastic bags and wrapping into your blue lidded recycling bin with other recyclables



3. Put your blue lidded recycling bin at the kerbside on your collection day

Keep it loose

Do not place bags within bags, and make sure the material is loose so it's easier to be sorted and recycled into something new!

Why are we collecting plastic bags and wrapping?

Almost all new plastic comes from fossil sources, which every year, is creating millions of tonnes of greenhouse gases that harm the planet.

Recycled plastic bags and wrapping can be used to make plastic packaging, 'bags for life' and materials used in farming or in construction.

What can I now recycle?

All items should be clean and free of food.

All plastic bags carrier bags salad/fruit/vegetable bags frozen food bags bread bags cereal bags flower bags	Cheese, fish, and meat wrapping Outer layer bags and wrapping multipacks toilet and kitchen roll magazine and newspaper wrapping
Confectionery wrappers chocolate sweets biscuits cakes ice cream and chewing gum wrappers	Plastic film and sleeves removeable film lids plastic sleeves for bottles and jars
Foil lined packaging crisp/snack packets coffee bags	Bubble wrap and cling film maximum 1m sections Fruit and vegetable net bags

DO NOT recycle:

For the full list of items that can be recycled, please scan the QR code on the back of this leaflet

- Pouches, sachets and packets - microwaveable food, baby/pet food, cosmetics, detergent and cleaning
- Balloons
- Blister packs, pills, and tablets packaging
- Compostable or biodegradable bags and wrapping
- Crisp tubes
- Disposable gloves or masks
- Foam or polystyrene of any kind
- Plastic straws or cutlery
- Textiles and clothing - book a free collection by searching 'clothing collections' at westnorthants.gov.uk

b) 2023/5783/MAF Cadman Sporting Club

The case officer Eamon McDowell has recently advised that he is still chasing ecology information and when received there will be a further full 21 day consultation. This will mean that "any potential planning committee would be into early 2026 (January or February) assuming no new issues arise from the consultation exercise." So regrettably there is continuing uncertainty as to when the additional bund application will come to the planning committee.

- c) Rainier Developments - Rugby Road Development Proposal for 63 Houses
Rainier Developments have conducted a similar approach as they are on the Kilsby site for a site in Long Buckby which again has not been allocated as a development site in the adopted local plan.

The Long Buckby site is more advanced and Rainier have submitted a planning application which can be viewed here [Planning application: 2025/4146/MAO - Planning register | Planning register | West Northamptonshire Council](#) It might be useful to compare the approach here should they put in a speculative application for Rugby Road.

- d) Improved Cycleways and Pathways
The working group will be meeting on 19th November for a workshop being facilitated by the Walk, Wheel and Cycle Trust to look at ideas for improved and new routes between the villages and towards Houlton, Rugby and the new station. Many thanks to Kilsby PC for the use of the Kilsby Room for the meeting.

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