

County Report
Ilmington Parish Council 24 September 2026

Apologies

As usual I'm afraid I have my regular work commitment this evening so please accept my apologies and I hope this written report is helpful

South Warwickshire Local Plan

Consultation has now closed and will proceed to Regulation 19 with a decision on the plan by the Government Inspector expected in Spring 2027. There is little direct impact on Ilmington, but the new NPPF does assume a presumption in favour of development.

The changes/postponement of LGR have little or no impact on SWLP

I don't believe anyone believes this iteration of the SWLP is perfect, far from it. But if we don't have a plan approved by the Inspector, we will simply have a planning 'free-for-all' and decisions will be made on appeal and most likely in favour of developers. This would give the local planning authority little or no control over which sites were developed and what infrastructure; shops, medical/community centres, schools etc would be put in place.

It's also important to remember the SWLP is up to 2050, and it is this government that is imposing the housing targets

Local Government Reorganisation LGR

As announced on 7 September the Government is delaying LGR due to several legal challenges from Reform UK, primarily around the size of the new Unitary Authorities. The Government's initial guidelines proposed population size of 500,000, the North and South Warks split had a population of circa 230-250,000.

It is now likely that District and Borough Elections will take place in May 2027, probably for a 2-year term, with elections to the new Shadow Authority, whatever that may be, in May 2028 with 'vesting day', 1 April 202... but who knows...?

Darlingstons/Fosse Crossroads

Speeding is a problem throughout the County and the spate of recent accidents has raised many questions. I met the Portfolio Holder for Highways on 2 September at the Darlingstons/Fosse crossroads. Cllr Shaw is not unsympathetic, but the problem will not be easy to resolve.

I will present the petition at Full Council on 15 December and will liaise with Sheila Lowe. If residents can speak to the petition at Council it may give added weight

The Portfolio Holder will respond and, I'd suggest that as he's sympathetic to the problem, a constructive rather than antagonistic approach may be more productive. I get on well with Stephen, although we are on very different sides politically, and will talk with him in advance of the meeting.

Update: In fact I spoke to him again this morning and I am confident he will work to try and achieve safety improvements to this junction

I hope all that helps

Funding CAPP Grant

The CAPP grant is being delivered by the Community Safety Team and includes measures to tackle and prevent crime and increase community safety. It may be possible to get funding from this pot for the new lock arrangements at the sports hall? Apologies, I'm not sure of the details but I recall there was an application to my Cllr fund for this.

CAPP grants need to be submitted by your Cllr and I'm more than happy to do so on your behalf.

Community safety is a holistic partnership approach to reducing crime and disorder in local communities, enabling people to feel safe at home, at work, walking down the street or in other public places.

The Crime Awareness and Prevention Programme (CAPP) is launching at the start of June 2026.

- [Find out more about the CAPP](#)
- [Submit a request](#) (Please note, requests must be submitted by an elected member.)

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gives key agencies, including County Councils, a legal duty to work together to address crime and improve public safety.

Highways Delegated budget and white lining

I still have funding in my Highways Delegated budget for any highways projects and the re-lining is still in the jobs plan

Mables Farm

I'm still waiting for a meeting with SDC re the access route, Sarah Flaherty, SDC planning officer, has been unwell but I've chased her again today (Wednesday) for a meeting date. My understanding from meetings at County is that County, WPDG and the developers are looking to produce a revised layout resulting in a slight reduction in numbers and density. I should be able to give further information in the next couple of weeks

Just had a reply from Sarah Flaherty, we're meeting on Teams on Oct 8

Village Gateways.

I don't know whether these would be considered as 'Highways' but if so and it's possible, I'd be happy to use some of my Delegated Budget to help towards

Bollards on Mickleton Road

I did email Michael Rogers on 11 August about this, as yet no reply. Apologies, I've also been on holiday but I have resent my email to him and asked for a reply!