Teignbridge District Councillors Report March 2026

Following my last report I have met the contractor that Teignbridge used to make safe the Ness Headland Floodlighting.As of yet I have yet to receive his report on the current situation,suffice to say when at the cabinet in the Ness Woods the system tripped out as you might well expect given the state of the lights on the pylons. The electrician was going to inspect them at a later date, when the tide was out and see whether its possible to get some working. He did tell me he enjoyed such a project which sounds encouraging, so I have to wait until his report is concluded.

Further to our review of our 2014 Teignbridge Local Plan (PT), this was finally submitted to the Planning Inspector and as we speak still awaiting his review decision. In that review the plan made provision for 720 new homes per annum to be delivered for the future. Shaldon is surrounded by a protection known as the Undeveloped Coast whereby new housing developments are restricted outside what is known as the village envelope, so any future housing developments are unlikely to occur outside our village.With this in mind members of Teignbridge were briefed by officers telling us of the present governments buildings plans for the future. The message for a national plan is, to build ,build and build! So Teignbridge,even before the latest plan is approved, now have to start work on a new fresh plan to deliver, not 720 homes but 1088 homes per year! This seems, I think it fair to say somewhat chaotic. With local government reorganisation in the pipeline officers are almost at at a total loss to know exactly what to do.With a new larger unknown local authority in the offing,as Teignbridge demise takes place, who when and where, are they supposed to work with to set out some sort of local authority plan/ vision to deliver what the government is requesting!

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