

## West Suffolk District Councillor's Report September 2023

- 1. Jobs Skill and Wellbeing Fair:** This will be held in the Apex on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 10-12.30 as part of the West Suffolk Business Festival. This offers an opportunity to meet and speak with representatives from a wide range of local employers.
- 2. AB Agri and British Sugar:** Development Control Committee approved the application for an Animal Feed Mill and Associated Development at British Sugar, Land off Compiegne Way. This will be the most technologically advanced and energy efficient feed mill in the UK and Europe. It represents one of the first new mills to be completed in the UK since the late 1980's and is a £75-80 million investment in West Suffolk. It will retain the existing local employment and provide an additional 70 jobs. However, it is a substantial development in excess of 50 meters tall and will dominate the landscape from the north east approach to the town.
- 3. Anglian Water:** The works being undertaken beside the junction to Little Welnetham are to do with archaeology survey and ground works prior to work on the long distance pipeline from Lincolnshire to Colchester. The other piece of survey work in the village is connected to a scheme called Woolpit Growth. This will involve a new mains pipe line going through Rougham. At present Anglian Water have not confirmed the route but when they have the information I have asked that they attend a Parish Council meeting to give an update. This will probably not be until the New Year.
- 4. Western Way Development and new Leisure Centre:** The new administration have informed us that they do not intend to progress with the plans for new Leisure Facilities on Western Way. This will be subject to a decision of Council in September. Instead they intend to refurbish the existing Leisure Centre. This throws into doubt plans for the Bury St Edmunds Suffolk Archives to relocate to Western Way and thus remain in West Suffolk.

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