

**Thorndon Parish Council 2.4.2015**  
County Councillor Report

**Education & Learning Infrastructure Plan**

The County Council Education Department, should have sent you a letter regarding we can “join things up” in how we support children’s education.

Much of this focusses on how we will provide the best facilities in the future for growing communities. One key element of this work is shared intelligence; please let us know if you have any information, so we can build this into the plan. It is the Local Authority that has a statutory duty to plan for places and discuss and secure the relevant developer contributions as appropriate. Of course with government allowing more and more exemptions for developers, it is getting harder to secure the monies needed to provide the appropriate School buildings to meet increasing needs.

**Broadband Provision.**

The next programmed broadband upgrade is due to be worked up between June & September 2015. And will be installed beginning 2016, as soon as we know the mapping of this investment I will inform you all, also anyone without access to a 2 mbps connection, will be able to apply for a voucher to install a satellite internet connection free of charge, although the monthly rental will be charged for.

Just for information, Mendlesham’s upgrade happened today, this is just to inform you not to annoy! Although the mapping for Mendlesham suggests that not everyone will get access to this service in the parish.

**Speed Limit Amendments**

At the last full Council meeting, Suffolk County Council agreed to end the moratorium on Speed Limit extensions.

This does not mean that signs will immediately be amended, A clear set of criteria has been worked up so that some amendments will be possible, and these proposals are to be heard by a Speed Limit Cases Panel, made up of elected members to ensure that is consistency of approach to change proposals. This is relevant to the recent interest in possibly changing the limit to the north along the B1113

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