

UPTON NEWS

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Earlier this year I was interested to learn of the 'Town Plan' drafting process that was underway in the town. Now that the questionnaires have been returned it has been encouraging to see that over four hundred people participated in what is a most important exercise. I was interested to read the results of the survey work and see a wide variety of comments on issues ranging from trade and tourism to transport. The challenge is to see how these suggestions on the future of the town can be developed into a sensible package of proposals. Two statistics were of particular note. Firstly, 75% of respondents felt that the town would benefit from a bypass, a suggestion that has been made in the past. Although an expensive exercise, this might be worthy of serious consideration again, as a means to deal with traffic problems in the town. There also seems to be a continuing dissatisfaction with the profile of local police services with just 9% satisfied with the present situation. I share the aspiration that there should be a more visible police presence.

How splendid to hear that the new Upton viaduct is making the headlines once again – this time for all the right reasons! I was most impressed that the £3.5million project picked up two prestigious accolades at the recent Civil Engineers (West Midlands) awards. This recognition is a fitting tribute to what was a practical and efficient solution to a considerable challenge.

Once again the summer months will see the town host number of exciting events with the June Jazz Festival and the Water Festival later in August. I am sure these will be tremendous successes. I know how important such activities are to the life of the town, so long as they are not too disruptive to local residents. It is good to see that the Upton in Bloom competition is gathering pace.

As Member of Parliament, I represent all those who live in the West Worcestershire constituency, regardless of how they voted at the General Election. If you would like to discuss any local or national issue of concern, I can best be contacted by writing to me at the above address or by attending one of my monthly interview sessions at the Memorial Hall in Upton. Details can be found in the local press, by calling 01684 573469 or logging on to my website www.sirmichaelspicer.net

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