

## **QDCC - October report – Cllr Lindsay Paterson**

### Waste services

The number of complaints that I have received from residents about waste collections in the Queensferry and Dalmeny areas has been lower in October than in previous months. The [new recycling service](#), which is a feature of the QDCC October public meeting, starts in the west of Queensferry in November and we wait to see the impact of these changes.

QDCC held a meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October with the three ward councillors and John Porterfield and Alistair Holman of the waste department to discuss ongoing problems with collections in Queensferry and Dalmeny. The meeting was very informative and has resulted in strengthened communications, which will be valuable during the introduction of the new service in dealing with issues as they arise.

### Local Development Plan

Following the public meeting held by QDCC on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, I have been contacted by a number of local residents who are concerned about the proposals for the Queensferry area in the Local Development Plan (LDP). I have responded confirming my opposition to LDP2 as it stands and that the Conservative group voted against LDP2 at Planning Committee. I believe that a new LDP should be brought forward as the amount of additional housing that the Edinburgh council area has been required to accommodate is overwhelming. West Edinburgh has been particularly affected by the proposals in LDP2. My view is that the allocation of such significant additional housing means that in order to protect our green spaces and to allow development in a sustainable manner, a new plan is required, rather than a revised plan which simply adds in additional housing to a plan which was at its limit.

I believe LDP2 will cause additional congestion and has allocated significant amounts of new housing in areas that do not have the infrastructure to support it. This may render this housing unattractive for new residents and place significant pressures upon existing residents overloading services such as schools and health centres and reducing amenity for residents.

### Abseil for Queensferry Care

I was very disappointed that the abseil from the Forth Bridge for Queensferry Care was cancelled at the last minute on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> due to the bad weather. I was scheduled to register at 3.18pm and was waiting outside the Hawes Inn when the marshals advised participants that the abseil had been called off due to weather warnings. I hope to complete the abseil at the next opportunity and will use the extra time to add to my fundraising for QCCC which currently stands at £430- if you would like to donate you can find my fundraising page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lindsaypaterson1>

### Chimney smoke

I have received enquiries and complaints about chimney smoke in Queensferry. For information, the whole of the CEC area is a smoke control area, which means that smoke can't be emitted from the chimney of any building. More information can be found [here](#), including where to find advice on exempt appliances and authorised fuels. The smoke control rules don't apply to bonfires.

### Surgery

I hold my October surgery in Echline Primary on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm.