

## Warmer homes for many, thanks to successful bid for local cash

**Stroud District Council's plan to become a carbon neutral district by 2030 has been helped in Cam by securing a £1,094,050 government Green Homes Grant.**

This will provide insulation to 100 park homes across Gloucestershire and top up funding to install 50 air source heat pumps to rural properties not connected to gas.

Residents of Dursley Vale Park in Cam are top of the list for improvements which will provide warmer homes and lower fuel bills.

"This is a win-win situation", says Cam West councillor Paul Denney, "because we're helping those living in park homes to live in warmer homes at lower cost to themselves, plus we're making savings on CO2."

Cllr Colin Fryer, who is on the council's housing committee added that the health and well-being of local people is one of Stroud District Council's priorities: "Living in a warm home that isn't too expensive to heat has a really positive impact on people's health."

SDC Sheltered Housing schemes in Draycott and Glebelands are also due for investment that will see new homes built and existing ones continuing to see work to make them meet high environmental standards, with solar panels, air and ground source heat pumps being considered as part of the plans.



Good news for Dursley Vale Park, Draycott and Glebelands

Liz Ashton, Paul Denney and Colin Fryer

## Protecting Cam from Conservative planning proposals



**Labour district councillors are fighting Tory government proposals for new planning rules that will take power away from local people.**

Labour believes the government's proposals are a "developers' charter" that will take local powers away and hand them to Whitehall leaving local councillors and local residents with little say in planning applications.

"Labour wants to see local people having a bigger say over the development of their neighbourhoods, not less," said cllr Miranda Clifton. "With new housing being built in Cam, we have listened to community concerns and have been lobbying hard for improvements to local infrastructure, including better roads, new schools, a new footpath and cycleway over the M5, and much-needed improvements to Cam & Dursley station. But if these new government proposals go ahead, we will see a national not a local system of paying for infrastructure. Labour's concerns are that we'll see less funding for crucial infrastructure and less affordable housing – the two key things that developers always try to push back on."

## Cam, Dursley, Uley Greenway



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**Work continues on completing the Greenway cycle and footway route from Cam & Dursley railway station to Dursley (and eventually to Uley).**

Stroud District Council is working with the local Greenway community group, Cam and Dursley parish councils and the county council Highways team - and has now secured £50k funding for design work for sections of the route including through Cam. The design work will focus on all the sections of the Greenway not being provided by developers on the Cam to Dursley section. Some parts of the preferred route along the old railway line don't work because of land ownership issues so the route will have to be partly on-road from north end of Everlands to the Memorial Hall. "The route through Littlecombe will be complete in 2021, so at that stage there will be a good alternative to cycle and walk between Cam and Dursley that avoids the hills and the busy A road," says cllr Paul Denney.

