

**Cornwall Councillor Report – St Austell Bay Parish – January 2025**

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope you all had a decent break over Christmas.

I was lucky enough to be able to take some time off with my family and along with Cornwall Council essentially closing down for two weeks over Christmas, there isn't a great deal to report locally.

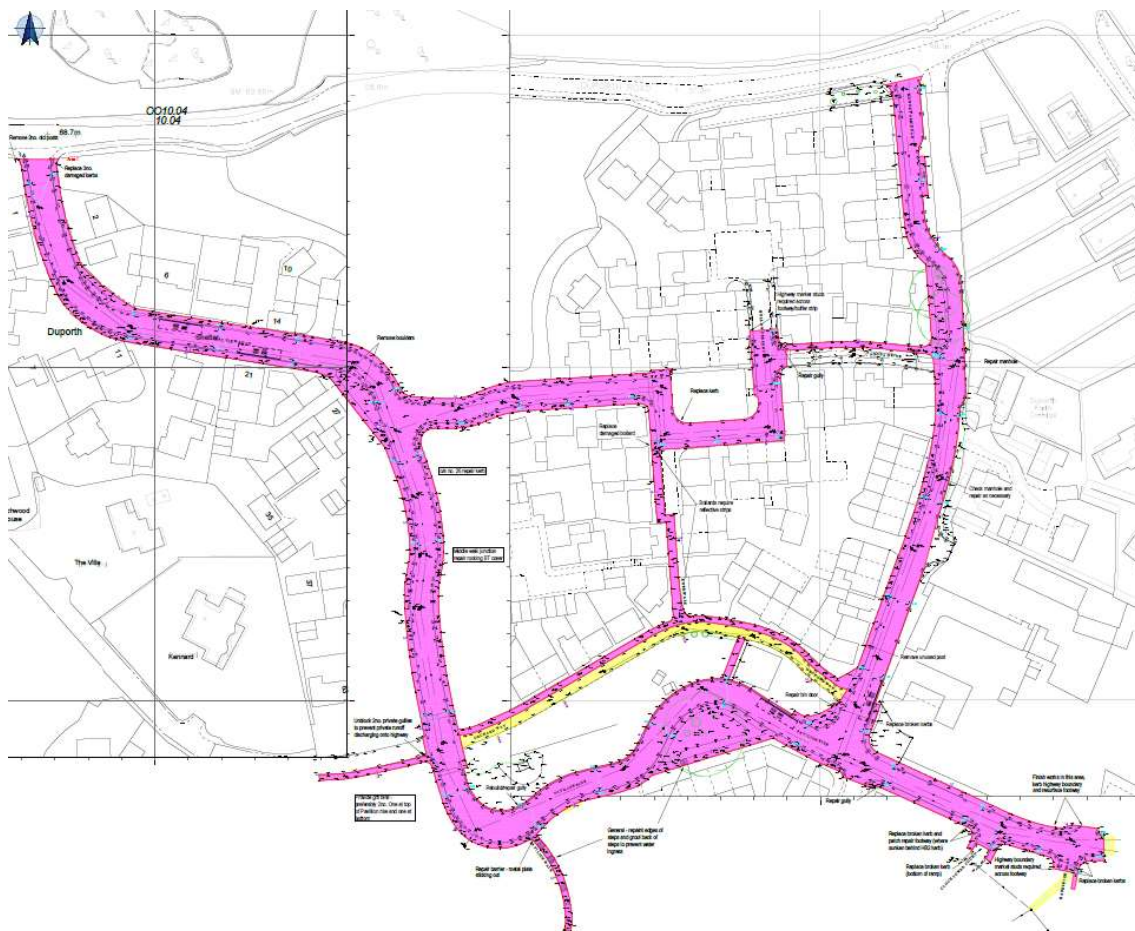
One piece of really good news from last week is the adoption of the 'new' Duporth estate roads and associated infrastructure.

One of the really big issues for me to unpick when I got elected as Cornwall Councillor for the area which includes Duporth in 2021 was the adoption of the majority of the roads and pavements and a small area of green space in the 'new' Duporth estate.

This had been dragging on for years - 10 years + because of issues with the developer.

Since my election I have worked hard with the Duporth Development CIC and Cornwall Council to get this back on track.

Cornwall Council confirmed yesterday that they have now adopted all of the areas highlighted in pink in the map below.



This means they are now responsible for the maintenance of these roads, pavements, the small green space area and streetlights on the estate.

This is significant progress but there is still more to do, and I will continue to work with the excellent CIC and Cornwall Council to ensure the other areas on the estate that the CIC will eventually take over and run are done so in a way that does not unfairly impact on residents.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved on this journey so far!

I was pleased to see the new waste and recycling regime with delayed collections from 25 December to 2 January work just about as well as I think it could have worked.

I have also visited the HWRC a few times with the new booking system and it seems to be working ok. I only had to queue once and I think it may have been busier than usual anyway due to the time of year I visited!

With the recent cold-spell the gritters have been out and about doing all of the routes – I was particularly pleased to see that the one doing our area is called 'Meva-gritty'! Please do stay safe and drive carefully if out and about in difficult conditions.

As ever, should people need to speak to me about any issues, please contact me on 07885 277670 or at [cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk) and I will do my best to help.