

COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM 6 - QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR R SUTTON TO COUNCILLOR M WYATT

'The Kegworth councillors became aware via Facebook of a letter dated July 8th from this Council to a local business, and signed by Cllr Wyatt, extolling the business as a "shining example of community spirit, environmental responsibility and hospitality" backed up by the statement "I believe your work is already making a difference in Kegworth".

While good news is always worth celebrating, could he supply a list of all businesses officially commended by the Council in this way during 2025 by members of the Cabinet or senior officers, stating, for future reference, the criteria for selection of those businesses and the Council process leading to the selections and letters, including any ward member, officer, local council or community group involvement at the various stages.'

REPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR M WYATT TO COUNCILLOR R SUTTON

This was a letter sent by myself to the Roadside Café, A6 London Road, Kegworth DE74 2EY in my capacity as the Cabinet Member for Communities and Climate Change to recognise the great work that I had personally witnessed the operator carrying out to keep the area in the vicinity of the café clean and tidy.

I can assure Cllr Sutton that there is no political motive here at all. I just wanted to recognise and acknowledge those in our district who go above and beyond for their community and customers which should be welcomed by everyone.

This is a one-off letter for which there is no criteria and is the only one I have sent to date. I believe the operator put my letter up in the café and posted it on social media which is of course a decision for them.

I am not aware of any other officers of the Council having sent any such letter during 2025.