

LIB DEM EASTLEIGH COUNCIL BULLDOZING ACROSS LOCAL LANDSCAPE

Cllr Sue Cook has been working tirelessly to represent the concerns of her constituents about Eastleigh Borough Council's building plan. She attended the meeting of EBC on the 11th December when she left the council in no doubt about the objections to the building of 5,200 houses, which will have a significant impact on Colden Common & Twyford as well as the destruction of an area of beloved precious countryside and sites important to nature conservation.

This plan will cut across the boundary between Winchester and Eastleigh. Indeed the proposed road to service this huge housing sprawl will need to go over land owned by Winchester District Council. In addition, the proposed new road, as drawn, ends at the Allbrook bridge, adding to the jams that already form on both sides of the bridge. This, and the increased traffic from over 5,000 homes will cause problems on the already busy roads through Colden Common. Cllr Cook will be keeping



Over 700 people attended the meeting

a careful eye on EBC's plans, which allow for 2,000 more houses than Eastleigh need to provide, and on the impact on traffic and services, especially water absorbance from the rivers and sewerage, both already at capacity.

THE BOOMTOWN FESTIVAL

It just gets bigger, more problems, traffic, nuisance and drugs. Cllr Sue Cook feels that Boomtown is now big enough. She has attended all the relevant meetings for the festival to represent the interests of all affected, in particular that of Twyford, which has increased traffic congestion over the festival period. At the meeting on January 11th she strongly objected to the increase in number of participants to 75,000, and the supply of alcohol 24 hours a day throughout.

FINDING SURPRISES UNDER THE BRAMBLES!

Following requests from residents, Councillor Sue Cook, armed with secateurs, went off to clear the undergrowth covering the bus stop at Twyford Moors on the Main Road. Clearance accomplished, she found deep potholes in the pavement as shown in the photo and called in Hampshire Highways to re-tarmac the area. A temporary bollard now covers the dangerous pothole and re-tarmac will happen within days.

Called to do the same in Hunters Park, Sue found a fallen log carved into a seat, under the brambles!



Cllr Sue Cook — In Action!

NEWS IN BRIEF.....

- The faded lines on the very narrow road outside The Bugle Inn, and the yellow no parking lines further down, will be renewed and road signs repainted, to make it easier for motorists leaving Park Lane!
- Hampshire Highways are working hard to keep the roads moving **during the winter months. Follow the 'gritter twitter' @hantshighways** to find out when and where the salting lorries are out.
- Work has started on Sandyfields Nursery site. The site will deliver 40% of affordable homes and contribute towards the allocation of 250 homes in the Colden Common Village Development Strategy.

CONSERVATIVES REJECT ALLOWANCE INCREASE

Conservative councillors on Winchester City Council have rejected a proposal by an independent remuneration board to **increase their councillors' allowances** by 8%. At a meeting of full Council in January, Councillor Ian Tait, who represents St Michael Ward in the City, proposed that the substantial increase should be rejected, when public finances are so stretched and staff are not receiving such a substantial increase. While almost all LibDem councillors voted for the 8% increase in allowances, Conservatives out-voted them, so saving £20,000 per year. Allowances are paid out of your taxes, so must not be wasted.



The last Cabinet meeting was held in Alresford and will be held around the District in future

NEW CANCER TREATMENT CAMPAIGN

Steve Brine MP met up with Victoria's Promise this January, the charity set up to support young women through their cancer treatment and beyond.

They launched their campaign in the first week of the new year to raise the £100,000 to bring their services to RHCH so that the young women treated there will benefit from the support the charity is presently giving the young women at other hospitals in Hampshire and London.

You can find out more via www.victoriaspromise.com/vp2w

SCHOOL FUNDING

The Government has delivered on its schools funding increase promise. As a result of the changes to the local funding formula for 2018/19, Hampshire schools have an increase of 2.6%, with Winchester schools specifically receiving an increase of 3.7%.

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE - KERBSIDE GLASS RECYCLING COMING SOON

Winchester residents should soon be able to recycle more types of waste as the City Council starts planning to collect glass as part of the regular kerbside collection. The Conservative administration is to include a monthly District-wide kerbside glass collection as part of the waste collection negotiations for the new contract that starts in 2019. In addition, we are working with Hampshire County Council and other councils to expand the range of plastics and other waste that can be recycled locally.



Cllr Jan Warwick

Councillor Jan Warwick, the City Council's Environment lead said, "Until now, it has just been too expensive to introduce glass collection, but initial discussions for the new contract have indicated that we can improve our recycling rates without **wasting taxpayers' money**. There is a lot of support among residents to increase what can be recycled, with glass collection being top of the wish list. We think that residents are willing for us to spend a bit of their money in order to **improve the service that we deliver.**"

A free container will be supplied to each household that wants one and there will be no **additional charge for using this service**. The existing 'bring sites' (bottle banks) will remain in place unless they are no longer needed once the new service has bedded in.

NEW LEISURE CENTRE AT BAR END

The plans for the new sports and leisure park at Bar End are firming up. Over the last few months, local residents have been working closely with the City Council's design team, sports groups and other partners to define the Urban Design Framework – which sets out what may happen in each part of the whole area. The outline business case has emerged alongside this, so the Council is now in a position to start procuring a construction company and an operator for the whole leisure park.

Councillor Guy Ashton, who represents residents of St Michael Ward, which includes Bar End, said, "The interest shown in this venture, by those who will be impacted by the project, has been tremendous. I have led the engagement activity, so I am delighted that the City Council is taking full account of the wishes and concerns of the project's neighbours.

We will continue to make significant changes to the proposals as a result of their feedback, which means that the new Centre will be built on the Garrison Ground, not the King George V Ground, and the size of the building will be constrained, so it fits alongside the athletics track and does not overly dominate the area.



Cllr Guy Ashton

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VISION FOR CENTRAL WINCHESTER

You have been having your say on what should happen to the centre of Winchester. After 20 years of local disagreement, the new Conservative administration at Winchester City Council has engaged with local residents, businesses and other stakeholders to create a new vision for how to improve the rundown part of our beautiful City.

Council Leader Caroline Horrill said, "The inspiring way that so many people have joined in the process to influence what happens next in Winchester, fills me with hope for the future. While the Supplementary Planning Document will soon be adopted, after we have reflected the comments that we receive, there will be many further opportunities to shape each step of the way. We will certainly use this open approach to development for all our major projects, so everyone can play their part."



The Cabinet directing people during the closure of the Bus Station for refurbishment

MAJOR OVERHAUL FOR JUNCTION 9

Steve Brine MP has warmly welcomed news that the M3 J9 will be redesigned under plans to create dedicated free flow lanes which will allow drivers travelling between the M3 and the A34 to avoid using the junction roundabout.

The roundabout itself will be redesigned into a new 'dumbbell' layout, which will increase capacity, improve safety and make journey times more reliable.

More than 6,000 vehicles currently use the junction each hour during peak times, and local residents have long been aware of the queues and congestion.

Steve Brine said, "I am delighted at this long-awaited news, and the proposals to separate out the long-distance traffic passing by Winchester from our local traffic.

"I am also pleased to see that improved access for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians are also very much part of the plans."

Subject to confirmation, construction could start in 2021 and take around two years to complete.



Today's Junction 9

www.stevebrine.com/junction9

FOCUS ON RHCH

Steve Brine MP has said the focus needs to be on securing RHCH, following news that there will not be a new Critical Treatment Hospital built between Winchester and Basingstoke.

Senior clinicians have been in discussions about the future configuration of services, and concluded that a new centre was not affordable and would have impacted other health services across the area.

Steve Brine said: "We have to maintain a sensible and balanced discussion about the future of acute care that, above all else, ensures the local NHS is there when we're acutely unwell."

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QUESTION TIME AT CITY SCHOOL

Steve Brine MP visited St Faith's C of E primary school in December, as a follow up to a group of Year 4 and Year 5 children visiting Parliament in September.

The Winchester MP held a special question time session, which was decorated with key backgrounds and props that the school borrowed from Parliament's Education Centre on their visit.

Steve Brine said: "What a delightful visit, and all credit to the school for making use of the excellent accessories provided by the Education Service. I really enjoyed the session, and hope the children took a lot out of it."



Steve Brine MP at 'Question Time' with pupils from St Faith's School

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THE M3 JUNCTION 9 UPGRADE SURVEY

M3 Junction 9 connects South Hampshire with London, the Midlands/North, and to the principal east-west A303 corridor. The roundabout is a bottleneck and causes significant delays. During peak periods, traffic queues on all roads leading on and off the roundabout. This scheme will aim to:

- Reduce queuing and delays.
- Reduce congestion and improve reliability.
- Reduce the number of people affected by noise and improve air quality.
- Improve conditions for non-motorised users.
- Support sub-regional economic growth, unlocking road capacity for jobs, businesses and new homes.

To fill in the survey go to:

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/m3-junction-9-improvements/consultation/intro/>

Or ring Cllr Cook who will deliver a copy to you.

NORRIS BRIDGE, TWYFORD

This Grade II listed structure, built in the early 1700s and rebuilt in 1891 with cast iron arches, now needs refurbishing.

Cllr Cook is delighted that work on the bridge is due to be completed in early Spring, by Hampshire County Council. Additional signage will be provided to help those walking between Twyford and Shawford.



Cllr Sue Cook at Norris Bridge

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