

MPs CHALLENGE LOCAL HOUSES PLAN

Steve Brine, Mims Davies and George Hollingbery have written to Eastleigh Borough Council asking it to halt "the unstoppable march" towards over 6,000 new homes in Bishopstoke.

This would also include 29,000sq metres of offices and effectively concrete over the last green space in the Bishopstoke area. They want to see EBC look towards solving traffic and infrastructure issues before committing to any solution, and feel EBC is going against the wishes of residents without proper consultation.

Cllr Judith Grajewski said: "These proposals will require massive and so far unfunded new road infrastructure to manage the huge increase in traffic, and the countryside threatened is of the highest quality.

"We are also concerned the new housing would be built right up to the border of the South Downs National Park. It would be a huge mistake. We cannot understand why EBC seem intent on burying one of the few truly open tracts of countryside in the area under concrete when **other options are available**".



Steve Brine MP with Cllr Judith Grajewski

The MPs also share concern EBC is formulating plans in isolation, not considering the impact on Meon Valley, Chandler's Ford and Winchester.

You can read the full letter at via www.stevebrine.com/localnews

NEWS IN BRIEF.....

- **The County Council's 'Hampshire Now' news is now available to** read online at www.hants.gov.uk/news/yourhampshire
- Hampshire County Council is providing an extra 18,275 school places by 2020 to ensure that every child has a place.
- Not on the Electoral Register? You can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

MORE TRAFFIC MISERY FOR CHANDLER'S FORD?



In the House of Commons last November, Sajid Javid the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government said, not once but twice, that Eastleigh is letting down its residents on the lack of a Local Plan and on the potential loss of ancient woodland associated with Options B & C. (The land north of Bishopstoke which local MPs have written to Eastleigh Borough Council about.)

Cllr Judith Grajewski says, "It's disgraceful that Eastleigh Borough Council still has no Local Plan for 2011-2036. Building thousands of homes at Bishopstoke with a new bypass north of Bishopstoke to bring more traffic to the motorway will put intolerable pressure on Junction 12 of the M3 and local roads in **Chandler's Ford**".

As reported in In Touch a year ago, if there is no Plan in place by early 2017, central government could well intervene to arrange for the Plan to be written for us.

SALT BIN REFILLS

Following the bad weather at the beginning of the year, if a salt bin near you hasn't been replenished yet, you can order a refill online at: www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather/salting/usingsalt

Hampshire County Council has over 3,000 grit and/or salt bins around the county. Please remember that the salt in these bins is NOT for use on private driveways and paths.

COLLEGE STUDENTS VISIT PARLIAMENT

A group of sixth-formers from Peter Symonds College visited Parliament on Thursday 24th November.

The students had a tour of the House, and took in a session with the Parliamentary Education Service, before joining our local MP, Steve Brine, for a special Q&A session.

Steve said: "I enjoyed speaking to the students today, and we covered a lot of ground. We spoke about our voting system, and also the voting age, as well as how educating people about politics is so important".



ROYAL VICTORIA COUNTRY PARK

Conservative-run Hampshire County Council has developed an exciting strategy to enhance our country parks. **Eastleigh's Royal Victoria Country Park at Netley Abbey is one of county's five country parks set to benefit from the total £8.7 million investment.** Conservatives are committed to seeing the country parks thrive and attract even more visitors.

COUNTY COUNCIL ACTS ON HILTINGBURY ROAD SAFETY

In the Autumn 2016 edition of In Touch, we reported that Cllr Judith Grajewski was in discussions with Hampshire County Council calling for measures to improve safety at the Hiltingbury Road/Lakewood Road crossroad. We are pleased to report that **Hampshire County Council has listened to residents' concerns. Several measures have been introduced recently including bold new white lining with extra 'SLOW' road markings, additional speed limit reminder signs on Hiltingbury Road and a strategically located bollard close to the south-east corner of the junction.**

Judith says, "Residents have been telling me that they welcome these improvements. We all want greater safety for road users and pedestrians. I'm pleased that action has been taken at this busy and accident-prone junction".



Hiltingbury Road



Lakewood Road

DRIVER SKILLS SCHEME FOR THE OVER 60s

Mature drivers generally have fewer accidents than younger drivers. However many older drivers would like to update their knowledge, refresh their driving skills and maintain their confidence on the roads. This scheme is open to Hampshire residents aged 60 and over. This scheme is part of the Older Drivers' Forum. The aim of the 90-minute assessment is to help people stay safe on the road for as long as possible.

To find out more and to book an assessment, please visit:

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadsafety/drivertraining/driverskills

CHANDLER'S FORD LIBRARY REPAIRS



Chandler's Ford Library

Many of us will have noticed the temporary fencing across the front of the library in The Mall. These unsightly barriers have been here for many months. The area behind them is looking dirty and untidy and the seat is out of bounds. County Councillor, Judith Grajewski is on the case. As a result, the area is set to be cleaned up shortly and Hampshire County Council is now in the process of selecting a contractor to replace the roof tiles on this Grade II listed building. Work is expected to start before the summer.

STRONG AND COMPETENT LEADERSHIP IN OUR COMMUNITY

BOROUGH'S FEES & CHARGES RISE AGAIN

Eastleigh Borough Council has increased its fees and charges again for a raft of services by more than double the rate of inflation. The Council wants to increase the overall income from these charges by a minimum of 2.6 per cent. Some charges will rise by much more.

From January 1st 2017 :

- Garden Waste Bin – up by 5.9%
- Additional Garden Waste Bin – up by 13.8%
- Concessionary Garden Waste Bin – up by 16.3%
- Pest Control Services – up by 2.2 to 10.0%
- Burial & Cemetery Charges in Chandler's Ford – up by 2.4 to 3.2%

Cllr Margaret Atkinson who is a member of the Council's Audit & Resources Committee says, "These annual above inflation increases are a regular feature of Eastleigh's financial planning. Some of these charges hit low and fixed income residents the hardest; people who cannot get to the tip by themselves and the bereaved". Your Conservative councillors would like to hear your views.

NEW FLEMING PARK COSTS RISE AGAIN

Construction of Eastleigh's new leisure centre continues apace, but at what cost? In

January 2016, In Touch reported that the expected costs had already risen from £19 million in 2014 to £25 million. In December 2016, councillors were told that the cost is now likely to be nearer £30 million. Cllr Margaret Atkinson asks, "Is there no limit to the amount of money Eastleigh Borough Council will borrow to fund this project? The new facility looks great but can we afford even more debt?"



Fleming Park Leisure Centre

COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRANTS SCHEME

Could your local charity or group benefit from a county councillor grant? If you wish to apply, please contact Cllr Judith Grajewski first. Judith says, "Every county councillor has a budget to use in the scheme. These small grants can make all the difference in the community. I've been very pleased to approve grants to several local groups and charities. This extra money can make all the difference to what they do for the community."

Find out if your project might qualify and read more at:

www3.hants.gov.uk/grants/county-councillor-grants.htm

The deadline for applications is 28th February 2017.



Cllr Judith Grajewski

ANOTHER CROSSING FOR OAKMOUNT ROAD



Oakmount Road Crossing

Hampshire County Council has constructed a new pedestrian refuge in Oakmount Road just north of Hillcrest Avenue. Chandler's Ford county councillor, Judith Grajewski says, "Voting in favour of approving the funding for this much needed crossing was one of the first things I did after being elected. It was my predecessor, Colin Davidovitz who had put forward the proposal for consideration. A crossing at this location will be of great benefit to pedestrians who need to get to and from the local schools safely and will hopefully contribute to traffic calming along this busy arterial road.

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EASTLEIGH PARALYMPIAN WINS GOLD



David Smith MBE with Cllr Judith Grajewski

In November 2016, Hampshire County Council hosted a reception for our Olympic and Paralympic athletes who competed in Rio. Nine Hampshire athletes won 12 medals, including five athletes who have been supported by the County Council through the Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme (HTAS).

Congratulations to local paralympian David Smith on his gold medal in **boccia and on being awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List.** David was awarded the Freedom of the Borough in 2013.

PARISH COUNCIL SET TO IMPROVE HILTINGBURY PAVILION

Since taking over the pavilion from Eastleigh Borough Council ownership, the Parish Council has developed plans to rejuvenate the pavilion and provide exciting new indoor sports facilities. Parish Council **Chairman, Cllr Margaret Atkinson says, "There is an increasing demand for sports facilities locally and this building has been in need of attention for some time. We welcomed residents' views on our proposals in the recent public consultation. The Council is pleased that Eastleigh Borough Council has agreed to provide £402,800 from the New Homes Bonus toward our refurbishment and extension project. Final plans are still to be approved and we are moving on to the next stage as quickly as possible".**



Hiltingbury Pavilion

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please let us know of any local issues which are of concern to you:

Please give us your contact details so we can keep in touch with you about the issues you have raised

Name

Address

Home/mobile number:

Email:

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- Display a poster at election time
- Deliver leaflets
- Join the local party
- Vote by post
- Stand for Council

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IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES THAT YOU THINK YOUR LOCAL CONSERVATIVE TEAM IN **CHANDLER'S FORD AND HILTINGBURY CAN HELP YOU WITH, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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