

LAUNCH OF 13 NEW HOMES IN HILLIER WAY

On a sunny, if cold, morning in mid-January, the Mayor of Winchester and the Leader of the Council cut the ribbon to celebrate the completion of the new Hillier Way affordable housing development. The unveiling of the scheme marks a progression for the Council – which has announced that it has doubled its target to now build 600 new homes by 2020. It is hoped a number of other schemes will be finished in 2018, and more are planned for St Bartholomew Ward.

All of the homes will be owned and managed by the Council, and several are already let. Some have been adapted for use by those with disabilities. As the Leader (who is also the Portfolio Holder for Housing) Caroline Horrill said, “This is central to what we are doing as a Council to ensure Winchester and the District can be a place where residents can comfortably live and work.”

The development was designed by Design Engine to a high specification and Drew & Son were the main building contractors. All agreed at the launch that this was a really well designed, attractive scheme which sat well in keeping with neighbouring properties.



Cllr Rose Burns with Leader of Winchester City Council, Cllr Caroline Horrill, after the launch

HILLIER'S HAVEN

In conjunction with the Hillier Way development, a previously inaccessible area of open space has been transformed. The construction works are mostly complete and new pathways lead through this beautiful woodland area.

Some work remains to be done, such as a sculpture trail, seating and bird boxes. A trim trail has been installed at Chandler Road open space and there are six fitness stations by the pathway which are already proving popular with local residents. The Scout Hut is on its way, initially in temporary form.

WORTHY LANE CROSSING

In advance of the anxiously awaited Movement Strategy, Cllr Burns, with Steve Brine's support, has been pressing HCC for a pedestrian crossing near Arthur Road. She believes it would help slow down the traffic and provide a safe crossing, in particular for the growing number of families living off Northlands Drive. Local resident and campaigner, Paul Humm, endorses this urgent need, saying, “I welcome the forthcoming survey of pedestrian and vehicle activity to decide this important issue”.



The refuge where we want the pedestrian crossing

NEWS IN BRIEF.....

- **Thanks to Cllr Rose Burns' persistent efforts, a pedestrian guard rail** has been installed outside the Hyde Tavern, for the safety of all Tavern-goers.
- **We are one stage nearer the implementation of residents' parking** in Winnall, following positive public feedback. Hopefully this will benefit the entire community but comments are welcome.
- The Winnall Article 4 Direction, which now requires planning applications to turn homes into Houses in Multiple Occupation, was confirmed by the Council in 2017 and will come into force on 1 May 2018.

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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EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY

An empty property is a valuable wasted housing asset. By bringing properties back into use, owners can possibly generate an income and the property will cease to deteriorate and cause problems such as fly-tipping, vandalism and antisocial behaviour.

Cllr Rose Burns first raised the issue, and the resulting Empty Property Strategy was adopted in March 2016 with the aim of providing advice to owners. In 2016-17, officers have been reviewing the database, visiting empty properties, liaising with landlords and taking action to return homes into use. 236 properties, empty for more than 6 months, are now occupied.

Should you be aware of an empty property that needs action please complete the online form 'Empty Properties', available at :

www.winchester.gov.uk



One of a number of empty houses in the Winchester area

CENTRAL WINCHESTER REGENERATION CONSULTATION CONTINUES

The formal consultation, following the extensive and popular public engagement focused on creating a draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), started on 11 December 2017 and closes at noon on Monday 5 February 2018. The Consultation Statement sets out what consultation and engagement has been undertaken to date and how it has influenced the content of the draft plan, which has been formulated by a team from JTP, working with the Central Winchester Regeneration Group of councillors (including Cllr Rose Burns) and officers. Hopefully you have had your say on the draft SPD via the online survey available under the Major Projects tab on the WCC website.

THE STRONG LOCAL TEAM FOR ST BARTHOLOMEW WARD



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