

## KEEP ANDOVER ROAD OPEN CONSERVATIVES BACK CALL FOR COMMON SENSE

Hundreds of local residents have called on the Highways Authority to re-think proposals to close Andover Road, diverting the traffic through the new Kings Barton estate, where 2,000 homes are being built. The closure will force all the traffic from the main arterial road through the middle of the densely populated estate. In response to ideas on how to improve movement around Winchester, residents in villages to the North of the City, including South Wonston, Littleton, Sutton Scotney and Sparsholt, have sent a clear message to transport planners: **“Keep Andover Road Open.”**

The call is fully backed by Conservative Councillors, including your Ward Councillors, Caroline Horrill and Stephen Godfrey, as well as local County Councillor, Jan Warwick.

**Stephen said, “We will make sure that residents’ views on this are heard, but we need you all to take every opportunity to push home what a crazy idea it would be to close Andover Road. It will make the new estate more dangerous, force vehicles down unsuitable roads and discourage many from the City altogether.”** Proposals from the Movement Study will come out later this year.



*Councillors Stephen Godfrey and Caroline Horrill with local campaigner Patrick Cunningham at one end of the new route off Andover Road*

## NEW CROSSING FOR A30

Conservative-led Hampshire County Council is to put in a new crossing point over the busy A30 road in Sutton Scotney to make it safer and easier for residents to cross to and from the new Post Office facility in the Texaco garage. There are plans to also include some improvements to the drains under the road to reduce the risk of flooding. The work should be finished in the next few weeks.

## BETTER COMMUTER PARKING IN SIGHT

With more travellers using Micheldever Station after the arrival of a new train operator, the need for improvements to parking around the station has become more pressing. A new round of discussions, led by MP, Steve Brine, have brought South Western Railways and Network Rail together with local stakeholders. They are working towards various solutions that will suit commuters and residents alike. Prospects for change are good.



*Councillor Stephen Godfrey and local campaigner Patrick Cunningham are calling for more commuter parking away from nearby homes*

## NEWS IN BRIEF.....

- Proposals for reducing congestion at the M3 Junction 9 roundabout at Winnall have now been made public. Have your say at [www.highways.gov.uk/m3j9](http://www.highways.gov.uk/m3j9)
- Winchester City Council prosecuted 12 fly-tippers last year. If you see any rubbish dumped locally, report it to [www.winchester.gov.uk/report](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/report)
- Winchester City Council gave £24,000 to Hampshire Air Ambulance from proceeds of our clothing recycling containers. Please consider using the blue bins to recycle your unwanted clothing and textiles.

## 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](http://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*

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## 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 RIGHT FUTURE FOR THE BARRACKS

MP, Steve Brine and all your local Conservative Councillors, want the best for Flowerdown when the Sir John Moore Barracks closes in 2021. With growing pressure to build even more homes across the country, the right decisions need to be made to meet local needs as well as those nationally.

Caroline Horrill, Leader of Winchester City Council, said, "We want an attractive mixed development of high quality employment sites, like a Knowledge Park, good housing and great community facilities, so our Local Plan, which will start to be reviewed later this year, needs to respond to the many calls from local people for this type of development in this sensitive gap. You can expect Conservatives to protect and enhance this important area through the Local Plan."



*Councillors Caroline Horrill and Stephen Godfrey and local campaigner Patrick Cunningham want to shape the future of the Barracks area*

## HOUSING TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS

Our villages are popular places to live, so the demand for homes is high. Local people cannot easily find somewhere to live that they can afford. Conservative-led Winchester City Council is working closely with Parish Councils to find sites for new homes that local people can afford – either to rent or to buy. We are building 17 homes in Sutton Scotney today, with more sites identified and many more still needed.

Councillor Caroline Horrill, leading on Housing, said, "Providing affordable homes for people who want to live here will make sure Winchester keeps thriving."

## THE STRONG LOCAL TEAM FOR WONSTON & MICHELDEVER WARD



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